

**Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners**

Artist Name: Melissa Belanger

I enjoy doing art because it allows me to feel free inside of these 4 walls. I find beauty in art. I found myself in some of the paintings I have done. My art work allows me to feel because I leave this place. Doing life has taught me a lot about my self through my art work. Every piece of art I do is out there some place in the world where it is free from these gates, fences and 4 cold walls. I hope you enjoy what you see. allowing me to be free through my art work.  
Belanger Melissa

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