

Artist Name:

"Bloom" was inspired by the phrase "Bloom where you're planted". I am the drawing and painting instructor at the Milan Facility Hobby craft department. I always tell my art students to bloom where they're planted. Although we don't have a choice as to where we are placed in the incarceration machine, we need to learn how to make the best of a bad situation. We need to bloom, to blossom creatively, intellectually and spiritually if we are to make it out of this system better than when we got here. I chose a picture of one of my mother's flowers to use in the artwork. I liked the juxtaposition of the reds and greens which are opposites on the color wheel. I was originally going to paint the piece but chose colored pencil and pen instead. I am moved to create art out of instinct and have been painting and drawing as long as I can remember. Teaching art has opened up even greater creativity in my art works. Being able to share the creative experience has been one of the most liberating experiences of my artistic career.