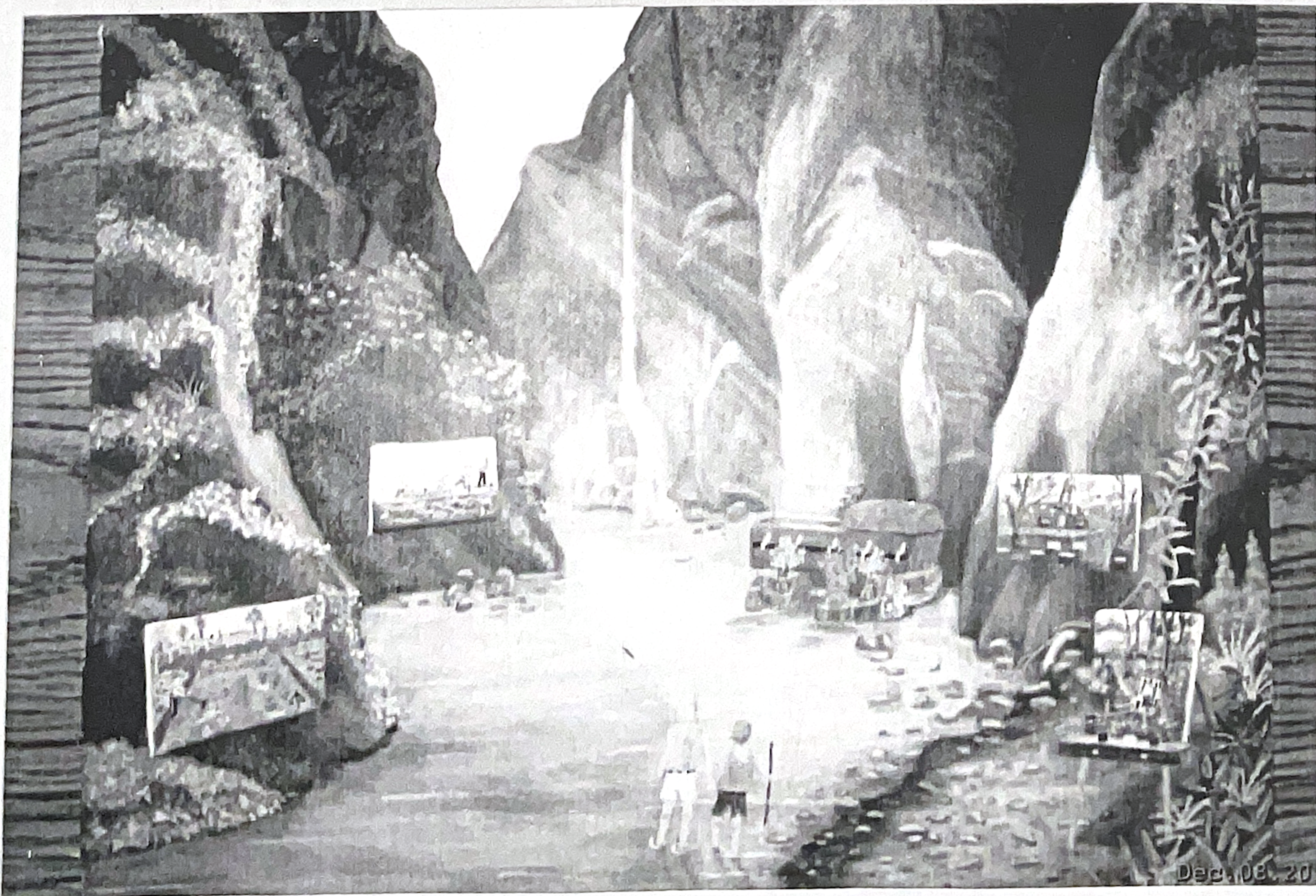


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FINAL ESCAPE

I have enjoyed the last several years participating in the prison creative arts project. It gives me the opportunity to express myself and tell part of my journey through life, some good things some bad. I am currently serving 2 life sentences. The focus of most of my paintings have been doing activities with my children, things that I can no longer do, and ways I can leave prison while still being incarcerated. All of my past paintings have lead up to this most recent one "Final Escape". I have accepted the fact, that the only way I can leave prison is through my death. So I have painted my funeral. I have incorporated some of my most favorite paintings. Broken Hearts, Mushroom Delight, My Escape, and forgotten Souls. If the canvas was bigger I would have added Wolverine country, Crossroads To Peace Or Misery, Lost Souls Swimming in a Fish Bowl and Hand out.

The starting point for this painting is "Broken Hearts", me wanting to go fishing with my children, but instead being taken away by a guard to prison. "Mushroom Delight" is a dream of me trying to go moral mushroom hunting. Then it's "My Escape", me in my garden at the prison I am currently at. I wish my garden was ~~that~~ that big. "Forgotten Souls" is a cemetery in Jackson where unclaimed inmate bodies go. In the "Final Escape" painting the prison bars on the coffin are open with the sun shining on them. I am finally free! My children Amber and Tanner are wading in the water viewing the casket and beautiful scenery. They are wearing the same clothing that is in the Broken Hearts painting. Tanner is also holding the staff ~~from~~ that was in the Crossroads to Peace or Misery painting. The sky is yellow and the water is blue. I felt a maize sky would have been to much. The reality of the painting is that Michigan does have a death sentence for first degree murder. It just takes alot longer & for most to get there.

I hope you enjoy my paintings!





Artist Name: Tim Brownell Title: GARDEN ESCAPADES

Rabbits, Rabbits everywhere, pretty little creatures. If we could train them to just eat grass, and leave our vegetables alone! They all have different personalities. So, we have named a few of them Peppers, Cruncher, Bully, Balls and Runner. We chase them out of the garden area when we can. They are in prison with us, so we are stuck with them and they with us. The rabbits do have an advantage. When the guards sound the tone it is time for us to go back inside. guess what happens then? Normally we keep the gardens clean, but someone has left empty jars of peanut butter, straws, string and jelly cups laying around. I was going to throw them away. My friend had an idea to repurpose the garbage. He wanted to somehow make hummingbird feeders. We were trying to get the birds to come back. There used to be three families of hummingbirds here. There used to be 100-150 year old oak trees behind the shed. When they cut the trees down last year the birds left. Hopefully the feeders will bring them back. They were fun to watch. We will have to wait and see!



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Artist Name: Tim Brownell

Title: "Heavens Door" This painting is a follow up to the painting "Final Escape", which I painted for the 22nd Art show. That painting was of my children going to my outdoor funeral. My casket is surrounded by mountains and a waterfall, with previous paintings displayed on the mountain slopes. Amber and Tanner are walking in the water up to the open casket with sunrays shining on it. The painting "Heavens Door" shows me in heaven. I have passed through the pearly gates and I am trying to get a room in the mansion. For some reason they will not let me in! I am a follower of Jesus Christ and have asked for forgiveness of my sins. I do not understand why I am not welcomed in the house. Are all sins forgiven or just some? Can someone go to heaven but not allowed to stay in the house? Please let me know. For now I will have to sit on the bench and wait. I can only imagine what is behind the door! There is a symbol above the door. A seashell with to dots above it. What is the message?

