

Artist Statement: 27th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

Artist Name: Brian Boody

My name is Brian Boody. I grew up in rural south-west Michigan. I had many hobbies growing up including hunting, fishing, operating recreational vehicles, and drawing. I bought my first set of acrylic paints while incarcerated in 2017 and have been painting ever since. Art has not only been an excellent coping mechanism for me but has brought me closer with my family and friends. I have found the real joy in painting to be in the joy it brings to others. While I enjoy painting country and wildlife scenes that remind me of my youth I have experimented with a variety of themes and subjects in recent years. I never went to art school but have done some personal study to learn some art theory. I would say that my style leans toward realism but I do mix in some impressionist and even surrealist elements. I like paintings that tell a story but I don't like being obvious about it. I prefer to employ everyday objects, allegorical figures, and symbolism to let the viewers imagination do some work. Thank you for attending this years PCAP exhibit. I hope my work has brought you joy.

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