

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

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ARTISTRY IN PRISON REALLY GIVES ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESCAPE THE CONFINES THAT SURROUND ME ON A DAILY BASIS DURING MY TIME AWAY FROM THE "FREE" WORLD, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ALLOWING ME A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE MYSELF FROM THE INSIDE OUT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND "ME". I LOVE TO WRITE, DRAW, PAINT, BUILD JEWELRY BOXES USING POPCYCLE STICKS OR TOOTHPICKS, AND I FIND ALL OF THESE MEDIUMS TO BE A FORM OF MEDITATION FOR ME. BUT MY GREATEST REWARD FROM MY ART IS BEING ABLE TO EXPERIENCE SOMEONE ELSE'S PLEASURE WHEN THEY EXAMINE WHAT I HAVE CREATED.

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