

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

Artist Name: The Gentle Giant

ONCE AGAIN, MY ARTWORK DEPICTS THE BEAUTY FOUND IN THE WORLD GOD HAS GIVEN TO US. I HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY BLESSED WITH MANY FRIENDS WHO LOVE TO PHOTOGRAPH THAT BEAUTY. I LOVE TO DRAW AND SHARE THAT BEAUTY WITH THOSE WHO MAY NOT GET TO EXPERIENCE IT IN PERSON. I HAD NEVER KNOWN OF THE FLAME LILY UNTIL I RECEIVED PHOTOS FROM FRIENDS WHO USED TO LIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA. IT IS THE STATE FLOWER OF RHODESIA. WHEN I SAW THE UNIQUE COLORS AND SHAPE I KNEW I HAD TO DRAW THEM. I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED THE OUTDOORS, ESPECIALLY LAKES AND RIVERS, SO MOST OF MY LANDSCAPES INCLUDE WATER. THE DEAD RIVER FALLS ARE IN THE U.P., MY OLD STOMPING GROUNDS. I DON'T KNOW WHERE MY FRIENDS FOUND THE OTHER RIVERS, BUT I HOPE THAT SOMEDAY I'LL BE ABLE TO GET THERE AND PRAISE GOD FOR THE BEAUTY I FIND!! AND WHO WOULDN'T LOVE WATCHING THE ANTICS OF A FEW "CHATTERBOXES" AS THEY ROMP IN THE TREES OF YOUR YARD!! ENJOY THE ART AND GOD BLESS!!

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