

**Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners**

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Lacking enough Christmas cards beyond the usual four provided by prison chaplains (now none at some prisons), I decided to make my own. Then met a watercolor artist named RIK who introduced me to watercolors. He guided me through the basics which allowed me to get started, for which I am thankful.

Beyond being able to provide gifts to family & friends, I enjoy working with watercolors which can provide effects and paintings beyond what other mediums can; they are unique. I also appreciate being able to create, to produce something, to be of service to others who may enjoy what I have made.

It is unfortunate now that watercolor paints in metal tubes are prohibited for some unknown reason, as these soft aluminum tubes are no ~~different~~ different than the toothpaste tubes we've used for decades, as watercolors in tubes are not only better but come in a vast array of

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Colors not otherwise available. They should not be banned.

*John*