

Artist Statement — 30th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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While enrolled as a college student at Eastern Michigan University I took an Intro to Art class to fulfill one of two art requirements. In the class we were introduced to watercolor and used it in many of the projects. I would not consider myself as artistic. I have spent most of my 52 years as an analytical thinker, a numbers girl. After taking ART 101 and through encouragement of some friends and other artists I decided to try my hand at creating a watercolor piece for the PCAP art show. This is something completely out of my comfort zone, however I have found while walking this journey I am currently on I have been stepping outside of that zone quite often.

While thinking about what I could do and feel comfortable with I thought about trying a technique where I dropped water on the paper, added some color to the droplet, and then blow the color around to create unique flower petals. The technique failed, as the watercolor paper absorbed the water droplet too fast. I started playing around on scrap paper to see what other ways I could create some flowers. After 8 or 9 attempts I came up with small, short strokes overlapping each other creating a circle and realized they looked like my favorite flowers, "Shaggy Daisies". I choose pinks & purples too start with and then added the blues. My very first piece of artwork is filled with my favorite colors and flowers.