**Tyler C**

Decline to provide statement

**Sarah Garner**

**Joanie Debus**

**Julie Forbes**

During my daily perambulations over the years, I encountered various species of others’ leavings – trash mostly. It failed to speak to me until a broken boom box destined for a methane-spewing landfill leapt upon my imagination. It became my first in a series of 3-D wall pieces, Electronic Viscera. Street pickings became art and thus took a slice off that moldering mountain of junk.

**Chris Regan**

Being a transgender woman, I hide who I am for safety, and my art brings out my femininity to share.

**Nathaniel**

I can say that it was some female art teachers, specifically occupational therapist types, that awakened in me a renaissance of creative activity. There was a time in my early twenties when I recognized that even though I would have to go through some difficult emotions in the coming months and years and face some difficult things, my creativity was certainly something that would help me cope.

Needless to say, I'm grateful for their encouragement: I'm sure they would be glad if they saw my continual work in music, writing, and photography.

And ultimately I'm thankful to God for the opportunity to do and continue to work on these things.

**James Harger Miller**

I have always done art. My mom helped see a different way to study. My wife of 20 years is also an artist, and she I have worked on our artworks for stress and overcoming life challenges.

**Crystal Brady**

Regarding her piece *Flowers:* Women’s Health is picking flowers.

Regarding her piece *Breast Cancer:* The vines coming out are about growing away from breast cancer.