

“Freedom”

This piece of fan art was created for a group art show based on video games. I grew up playing the original Atari, with the simple joystick type controller, which was the inspiration for the piece.

The Atari joystick control was invented by James C. Asher, who received the patent September 14, 1982.

For this piece, the joystick was constructed of metal, and then bolted on the painting. Instead of the parts and cogs of the original joystick, we used minions (because we all became a follower of Atari, dependent on the games they produced).

Knowing there is more to life than being hooked to a video game, one minion broke free to enjoy the other things life has to offer. This minion features the face-paint used by William Wallace (Braveheart), as he led his people in a rebellion against the tyranny of the English King.

Freedom (Original 20” x 16” – Acrylic and Metal on Birch Panel)