

Curator's Statement

The artists whose work was selected for this show answered the following call: How do you see aging as an experience, as a concept, and as a cultural phenomenon? The resulting artwork, submitted by artists from Washtenaw County, greater Michigan, and around the country, tackles the diversity of our individual and collective responses to growing older.

As you move through the exhibit, we hope you find yourselves intrigued, challenged and even provoked. Whatever your responses to various artworks, we encourage you to share them—with the stranger next to you, with your friends and family, in the exit questionnaires, at upcoming brown bag discussions and in the blog the Ann Arbor Public Library has created especially for *Aging with Attitude*. (<http://www.aadl.org/node/10008>)

The Blueprint for Aging is a collaborative of consumers, public, private, non-profit agencies and donors working to build systems that will make Washtenaw County a great place to age. One strategy involves expanding our shared viewpoint about the possibilities and potential of aging residents—for leadership, for community development, and in families and in neighborhoods. How will we as a county tap our social capital and respond to significant cultural change? These questions are ones that artists are able to address effectively, through the intuitive and direct nature of visual art. These works may help us free up our thinking and question assumptions we made have made about the process of aging. Join with us to explore the uncharted territory these artists propose, and use it to stimulate growth and change in our community. After all. . .

assuming that you are growing older, what will you future be?

For more information about the work of the Blueprint for Aging, please pick up our Blueprint Case Statement or find us on the web: www.BlueprintForAging.org .

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