

Citizenship Project Bi-Lingual International Assistant Services is involving our clients in a new project: ArtAGE. Created by Maturity and Its Muse, ArtAGE allows seniors to engage in an activity that not only inspires them and their creativity, but also gives them an opportunity to show off their artwork to people across St. Louis and create a lasting memory for family members.

On Thursday, April 27 at 1:00 p.m. our clients from Albania will be participating in ArtAGE at the St. Louis Artists' Guild. 25 seniors new to St. Louis will, with the aid of St. Louis Artists' Guild's volunteers and staff, create portraits of themselves illustrating the way they visualize themselves in today's world. The St. Louis Artists' Guild is located at 12 N. Jackson Ave. Clayton, MO 63105.

“As we welcome newcomers to full participation in our community, the arts provide key ways to share experiences and bridge cultures. This is why the ArtAGE experience that involves refugees and immigrants in the community is so important. “ Betsy Cohen, Executive Director, St. Louis Mosaic Project of the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership.

“ArtAGE is an extension of the Celebrating Art for Senior Engagement event we began last year,” said Lynn Hamilton creator of ArtAGE through the nonprofit Maturity and Its Muse. “Not only are we creating a festival about arts for an important population in St. Louis, we're also now engaging them in their own art project.”

Eli Hoxha, BIA, Citizenship Project/ Senior Center Coordinator, Bi-Lingual International Assistant Services” says that, “her group is very excited to participate in ArtAGE!”

Celebrating Art for Senior Engagement festival, presented by Maturity and Its Muse, will take place April 20 - 30, 2017 at dozens of locations throughout St. Louis. This 10 day event will be full of exhibits and art-related events to highlight how art improves the aging experience. As events are continuously being added and updated, you can find an up-to-date calendar online: maturityanditsmuse.org/calendar/.

In its second year, Celebrating Art for Senior Engagement is the only area-wide festival dedicated to the St. Louis region's older adult population.

About Maturity and Its Muse

The mission of Maturity and Its Muse, a 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization, is to promote positive, productive aging through the arts. It explores and helps answer the question of how the resourceful, energetic lives and experiences of mature, seasoned artists can serve as positive, productive examples of aging for all of us. maturityanditsmuse.org. Facebook. Maturity and Its Muse Twitter: @maturitymuse.