

VOLTS (VALPARAISO ORGANIZATION FOR LEARNING & TEACHINGS SENIORS)

What Is VOLTS? VOLTS *Valparaiso Organization for Learning and Teaching Seniors* is a group of seniors in the area who are intellectually curious and like to learn, particularly with a group of peers. Valparaiso Organization for Learning and Teaching Seniors (VOLTS) was organized in the Spring of 1995 with the support of the Office of Continuing Education at Valparaiso University. VOLTS is directed by its own members. Programs, including guest speakers and lecturers, are chosen by the interests of those involved. Topics include previews of university drama and musical productions, discussion of current events, and presentations by VU faculty or other professionals. As the name implies, the program is designed for seniors who are interested in learning and teaching. Expertise within the group naturally lends itself to an exchange of information within the group. Thus, VOLTS does not replicate a classroom setting in which members are lectured to by a speaker. Rather, VOLTS allows participants to be actively involved in both learning from and teaching fellow members.

Who can participate? The VOLTS program is open to all senior citizens who are excited about knowledge. Participants are retired or above the age of 60.

When can I start? Anytime! A VOLTS schedule is prepared each semester and is included in the current brochure. If you are interested in participating you are welcome to come as a guest or visitor to a session. Virtually all meetings are held on the campus at the University.

What Is the cost? The cost per year is currently \$20 per person or \$35 per couple.

Request information For more information please contact the Office of Continuing Education at Valparaiso University at 219-464-5313, or you may submit an online form requesting more information. To request information about our VOLTS program, [click here](#).

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VOLTS Fall 2009 Program Schedule	
August 31	Selection from the Robert & Ellie Haan Collection of IN Art <i>Speaker:</i> Dr. Laurette E. McCarthy, Independent Scholar <i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm
September 10	Current Events

	<p><i>Location:</i> Harre Union Ballroom A, 9:00 am</p>
September 14	<p>VU Humanitarian Engineering in Eastern Africa <i>Speakers:</i> Dr. Michael Hagenberger (VU's Engineers Without Borders) with students Alex Williams, Rachel Howell, and James Nagel. <i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm</p>
September 24	<p>Current Events <i>Location:</i> Harre Union-Ballroom A, 9:00am</p>
September 28	<p>"Forgoing Promising Futures: The Regional Impact of Adult Education" <i>Speakers:</i> Paula Siminski, Assistant Director and Rebecca Reiner, Director, of Portage Adult Education & Learning Center <i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm.</p>
October 1	<p>Play Review: "Fuddy Meers" <i>Speaker:</i> Dr. Lee Orchard, Director <i>Location:</i> VUCA (Room TBA), 4:00 pm</p>
October 8	<p>Current Events <i>Location:</i> VU Harre Union-Ballroom A, 9:00 am</p>
October 12	<p>Architecture and Archeology in Rome <i>Speaker:</i> Dr. Richard DeMaris, VU Professor of Theology <i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm</p>
October 22	<p>Current Events <i>Location:</i> Harre Union-Ballroom A 9:00am</p>
October 26	<p>Homelessness in Valparaiso (Slide and presentation) <i>Speaker:</i> R.G. Skagberg, Christian Community Action Rep. <i>Location:</i> Harre Union Brown and Gold Room, 3:30 pm</p>
November 2	<p>Looking for Lincoln <i>Speaker:</i> Norm Hellmers, National Parks Service (Retired) <i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm</p>

November 5	<p>Current Events</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Harre Union-Ballroom A, 9:00 am</p>
November 5	<p>Musical Review: Cabaret</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Dr. Andrew White, Director</p> <p><i>Location:</i> VUCA 4:00pm (Room TBA)</p>
November 16	<p>The Bologna Process</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Roy Austensen, VU Dept of History</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm</p>
November 19	<p>Current Events</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Harre Union-Ballroom A, 9:00 am</p>
December 3	<p>Current Events</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Harre Union- Ballroom A, 9:00 am</p>
December 7	<p>A Director Prepares</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Dr. Lee Orchard, Department of Theater</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm</p>
December 10	<p>Current Events</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Harre Union- Ballroom A, 9:00 am</p>

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