



Meeting of Minds

Presenter: Ray Stone

Monday, September 21
9:30-12:30

Valle Verde Social Room
800 Calle de Los Amigos

VISTAS members who recall the early days of television will recall with pleasure the *Meeting of Minds* series written and produced by Steve Allen that aired on Public Television during the 1970s. The programs featured conversation between guests who played important roles in the course of history. Among those who appeared in conversation were Plato, Socrates, Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, Queen Cleopatra of Egypt, Marie Antoinette, Florence Nightingale, Thomas Paine, Francis Bacon, Thomas Jefferson, Voltaire and Charles Darwin.

A typical program consisted of four of these luminaries in conversation with Steve Allen who acted as moderator; a second show with the same cast followed a week or so later. Insofar as possible the words spoken by these famous people were taken from their own writings, or other original sources.

It took Allen some 18 years to bring this project to fruition. Critics called these programs "the ultimate talk show," and it received a multitude of awards, among them the Peabody Award, one national Emmy, three national Emmy nominations, a TV Critics Circle Award, the Encyclopedia Britannica Award and the Film Advisory Board Award.

The series encouraged viewers to become more familiar with the great thinkers and doers of the past and to whet their appetites for more study. It was, (and still is, through audiocassettes, videocassettes and books), an exciting classroom tool for students of history and philosophy.

Last January, two of these sessions were presented by VISTAS members at our annual gathering. The favorable response led the program committee to plan a series of these programs, the next to appear this September.

ENROLLMENT FORM: *Meeting of Minds*

VISTAS Members \$15 per person — Non-members \$15 per person

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Deadline for registration: September 1, 2009

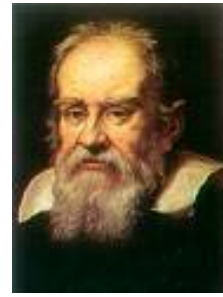
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Charles Darwin
played by Phil Wilcox



Emily Dickinson
played by Jan O'Dowd



Galileo
played by Dwight Coffin



Barbara Walters
(aka Steve Allen)
played by Sue Mellor



Attila the Hun
played by Ray Stone

VISTAS Fall 2009 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
VISTAS Fall Picnic	Sunday, September 13	1:00 PM	Manning Park
Climate Change	Tuesday, Sept 15, 22, 29	9:30AM	Valle Verde Social Room



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