



Helping Older Adults Find a Voice

Presented by Bonnie L. Vorenberg

Take the mystery out of drama! The Age on Stage™ workshop is action-packed and filled with all things Senior Theatre. Attendees will learn:

- The benefits of performing in later life
- The many ways to use this art form
- How to start a drama program
- Useful plays, books, and materials
- How to create productions that leave audiences begging for more.



The workshop helps drama and aging specialists, activity directors, senior center staff, adult education instructors, retirement community staff, seniors, and other explorers of creativity. Senior Theatre has been proven to improve overall health, increase socialization, promote brain fitness, and improve self-esteem. It is successful with older adults, from frail to active.

The goal of the workshop is to teach the basic drama skills that work well with older performers. The sessions are a combination of active participation, stories, hints, and insights. Attendees will find that drama is affordable, easy, and a perfect way to fulfill theatrical dreams.

Learn from Bonnie Vorenberg, an expert in the Senior Theatre. Her balance of practical ideas and passion has helped thousands of older adults discover the joy of performing. She will inspire you!



"Bonnie is the Guru of Senior Theatre."

Paula Terry, National Endowment for the Arts

"Bonnie presents a wealth of information in an entertaining, gentle, and very clear manner. We got sooo much good stuff from her."

Liz Lipka, Etc. Senior Theatre

"Bonnie is such an excellent speaker, enthusiastic and inspiring. She's a breath of fresh air!"

Participant

Bonnie is also available for keynotes and seminars on related topics such as arts and aging, and how to live creatively in your older years.

Bonnie Vorenberg (B.A., M.S. Theatre) is a nationally recognized expert and pioneer in Senior Theatre who has created groundbreaking work as a teacher, director, speaker, and author in the field. As President of ArtAge's Senior Theatre Resource Center, the central information source for plays, books, and information for the field, Bonnie has the pulse on the field.



Bonnie's work has been featured in *TIME* Magazine, CNN.com, *Modern Maturity*, and she has worked with NBC, VH-1, The Onion, and many other media sources. Bonnie served as the National Enrichment Director for Hillhaven Corporation with facilities in ten states. Bonnie founded and directed Arts for Elders, an arts academy for seniors and a professional performing company which received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and others.

Bonnie's extensive writing includes the award-winning *Senior Theatre Connections: The First Directory of Senior Theatre Performing Groups, Professionals, and Resources*. She edited the first anthology of new Senior Theatre scripts, *New Plays for Mature Actors*, and wrote the handbook, *Enriching an Older Person's Life Through Senior Theatre*. Ms. Vorenberg wrote *Simple and Useful Activities in Adult Care Homes*, which is used by the State of Oregon. She has written numerous articles on Senior Theatre and is a nationally syndicated columnist.

Bonnie is a founding member and serves on the Council for Senior Theatre USA and a Past Chair/Conference Planner for the Senior Theatre Focus Group for the Association of Theatre in Higher Education.

Bonnie's enthusiastic and passionate speaking abilities have brought her acclaim from audiences around the nation. Known for practical and creative ideas, she has inspired attendees at meetings of the:

- MN Creative Aging Network
- American Association of Community Theatre
- National Council on Aging
- Association for Theatre in Higher Education
- National Park and Recreation Association and
- Many others.

**To bring Bonnie to your organization, contact her at
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