

ANNUAL REPORT

MASTERMINDS 2020

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The MasterMinds series is an initiative to foster university:community engagement by providing high quality lectures at the University of Victoria to the public. The series has been offered for the past 15 years, delivering over 50 thoughtful and often thought-provoking presentations.

The MasterMinds series is comprised of four lecture presentations, one on each Wednesday evening in April. Each lecture is created and delivered by a University of Victoria retiree on a topic in their area of expertise and of general interest. Each year the series is developed by a collaboration of the UVRA, the Institute of Aging and Lifelong Health, and the University's Media Relations and Public Affairs group. UVRA is responsible for identifying and contacting UVic retirees who can and will develop thoughtful and stimulating presentations that are of interest to the community. The committee to do this consisted of Peter Liddell Margaret Klatt, and me.

The series was fully planned for this year but then the COVID-19 pandemic intervened. The health-related restrictions on social gatherings resulted in the cancellation of this year's MasterMinds series. It will return in 2021.