

March, 2010

President's Message

Greetings,

The Nominating Committee has completed its work and a full slate of officers have been proposed for election at the general membership meeting on March 12th at 2:00 PM in Penland 106. A list of candidates is listed elsewhere in *The Spiral*. The meeting agenda also includes a vote on proposed changes to the by-laws. The proposed changes to the by-laws were published in the February issue of *The Spiral*. Our speaker at the March meeting will be Dr. Ted Motyka, who is currently serving as the Hydrogen Program Manager for the Savannah River National Laboratory. During the past 15 years, Dr. Motyka and his team have been actively involved in the development and demonstration of hydrogen as an alternative energy carrier. Dr. Motyka has led several state initiatives for hydrogen energy including an organization that led to the South Carolina Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Alliance.

Vince Coughlin, Academy President

Nominating Committee Announces Slate of Officers for 2010/2011 Academic Year

Election of next year's officers will take place at the March 12 General Meeting of the Academy. The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of candidates:

President-Elect:	Dick Baxter
Secretary:	Larry Peyser
Treasurer:	Richard Arkin
Membership Chair:	Kathy Schulz
Publicity Chair:	LaVerne Specca
Curriculum Chair-Elect:	Marcia and Jerry McDonald

Bylaws Revision

The Bylaws Committee has proposed revisions to bring the Academy Bylaws up to date with respect to current needs and practices. The proposed revisions were included with last month's issue of *The Spiral*. An approval vote on this update will be held at the March 12 General Meeting.

Hydrogen Technology to be the Topic of the March 12 General Meeting

Ted Motyka, a member of the speaker's bureau of Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness will present *The Latest on Hydrogen Technology*. The meeting will be held at 2 pm in room 106 of the Penland Administration Building on the USCA campus. As always, non-Academy visitors are welcome. A reception with refreshments will follow the meeting.



Reminder: Course Schedule Change

Dr. David Andrews' *Intelligence: What it is, How it Works and Doesn't* course will begin one week earlier than is indicated in the published catalog. The new dates are March 4, 11, 25 and April 1. The class will not meet March 18.

Special Event: Mepkin Abbey Bus Trip

The Spring Academy bus trip will be to Mepkin Abbey, an active Trappist Order monastery founded in 1949 on the Cooper River near Charleston. There will be a guided tour of the church and the Nancy Bryan Luce Gardens.

Lunch will be at Gilligan's, on the waterfront in Moncks Corner. Academy members will have a private room and be able to choose from three seafood entrées and one chicken entrée.

The trip is attractively priced at \$23 per person, **not including payment for lunch**, which will vary according to your choice of item.

Date: Friday March 26
Time: 7:30 boarding to leave at 8:00 a.m. (We plan to return to campus between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.)
Location: Parking Lot A, USC Aiken
Cost: \$23
Note: Group size limited to 52

Special Event: African Museum

The Sharon M. Brown Museum at Idylwood is the collection of the late Rev. Badon H. Brown. It is an exhibit of a lifetime of collecting from several continents, featuring animal mounts, decoys, African Art, spiders and shells. "This is truly a hidden local treasure that most people are unaware of, and it is a real treat that the Academy has been invited to experience it." **Class is limited to 25.**

Date: Tuesday March 9
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: 718 Hayne Ave. SW. Park on Chafee by the iron gates. (Only the carriage house will be open for the visit.)

Courses Beginning in March

Please see the published course catalog for more complete descriptions. To enroll, return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact Laura Anderson at USCA (641-3563 / lauraa@usca.edu). The Spring 2010 catalog is available on the web at: <http://web.usca.edu/dotAsset/43789.pdf>

Intelligence: What it is, How it Works and Doesn't - (Dr. David Andrews) This course will examine the concept of intelligence, where it comes from, what we mean by it, how it is measured, various components that contribute to its work, the role of language, and areas where intelligence seems to not work well (e.g. learning disabilities). Genetics and experience (including pre-natal) will be considered, as well as the relationship between intelligence and emotion and motivation. **Note the date changes from the published catalog:**

Dates: 4 Thursdays, Mar 4, 11, 25, Apr 1
 Time: 10:50 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Great Decisions/Discussions - Participants are expected to purchase the Great Decisions 2010 Briefing Book, which will be available through USCA Continuing Education. Class members are asked to read the first chapter prior to the first class in order to facilitate discussion of the first topic. The remaining topics in the briefing book will be discussed in subsequent weeks with the discussion led by a class member. **Class size will be limited to 35.**

Dates: 8 Thursdays, Mar 11, 18, 25, Apr 1, 15, 22, 29, May 6.
 Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 Location: Penland 110

The Hydrogen Economy as a Fuel Source - (Dr. Ragaizy Zidan) Topics will include hydrogen production, storage, and utilization, and comparison of hydrogen to fossil fuels and other alternatives. The research work at SRNL will be discussed in detail.

Dates: 3 Tuesdays, March 16, 23, 30
 Time: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Carolina Bays – (David Scott) Carolina bays are elliptical depressions concentrated along the Atlantic seaboard from Delaware to Florida. David Scott from Savannah River Ecological Laboratory will share his knowledge about the plants and animals of these bays and the ecology of these vanishing wetlands. The first class will be at USC Aiken. The second class will meet at the Carolina Bay Nature Reserve in Aiken. **Class is limited to 25 students.**

Dates: 2 Wednesdays, March 17, 24
 Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Making of Edgewood: Stage of Southern History - Associate Professor of History, Dr. Maggi Morehouse, served as historical consultant and assistant producer/director for a recent docudrama produced by USC Aiken which will premier March 30th. Dr. Morehouse will lead a discussion of the film, which features the Pickens-Salley House, now located on the USCA campus, and tells the story of two influential women that lived there: Lucy Pickens, wife of South Carolina's secessionist governor, and Eulalie Salley, a suffragist and pioneering businesswoman. The course will highlight the "behind the scenes" research, history, and storyline crafting that went into the production. The film itself will not be shown during the class.

Dates: 2 Mondays, March 22, April 12
 Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Criminal Procedures – Academy President and retired attorney Vince Coughlin returns with another of his popular excursions into the Constitution and legal matters, this time concentration on criminal procedures, such as the Miranda ruling and 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendment issues.

Dates: 4 Wednesdays, Mar 31, Apr 14, 21, 28
 Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Location: Cedar Creek Community Center

February Board Meeting

Minutes of the February Academy Board meeting were not received in time for inclusion in the March issue of *The Spiral*.

The Spiral is published monthly during the academic year by the Academy for Lifelong Learning, University of South Carolina – Aiken, 471 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29801. 803-641-3587. Doug Wilson, Editor

Academy Officers: Vince Coughlin, President; Larry Peyser, Immediate Past President; Glenn Knowles, President Elect; Erna Arkin, Secretary, and Jane Friis, Treasurer.

Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy:
Board of Directors: Richard Baxter, Curriculum Chair; Susan Sadowski, Curriculum Chair-Elect; Gladys Olson and LaVerne Speca, Publicity Co-Chairs; Kathy Schulz, Membership Chair.

Non-Members: Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Director of Conferences & Continuing Education; Dr. Elaine Lacey, Faculty Liaison; Dr. Deidre Martin, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.

Academy on the Web: <http://web.usca.edu/conted/academy/>

ACADEMY CALENDAR – MARCH 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Frank Lloyd Wright</i> 10:50a [P 106] <i>Planning for Later Years</i> 1p [P106]	2	3 <i>Curric. Committee</i> 9a [B conf]	4 Intelligence 10:50a [P106] NEW DATE	5	6
7	8	9 <i>African Museum</i> 2p [718 Hayne Ave]	10	11 <i>Intelligence</i> 10:50a [P106] <i>Great Decisions</i> 2p [P 110]	12 <i>General Meeting</i> 2p [P106]	13
14	15	16 <i>Hydrogen Economy</i> 12:30p [P 106]	17 <i>Carolina Bays</i> 3pm [P 110]	18 Intelligence 10:50a [P106] <i>Great Decisions</i> 2p [P 110]	19	20
21	22 <i>Making of Edgewood</i> 1p [P 106]	23 <i>Hydrogen Economy</i> 12:30p [P 106]	24 <i>Carolina Bays</i> 3pm [Carolina Bay Nature Preserve]	25 <i>Intelligence</i> 10:50a [P106] <i>Great Decisions</i> 2p [P 110]	26 <i>Mepkin Abbey Bus Trip</i> 7:30a [USCA Lot A]	27
28	29	30 <i>Hydrogen Economy</i> 12:30p [P 106]	31 <i>Criminal Procedures</i> 3:30p [CC]			

[Location Codes] B = Business & Education Bldg @ USCA H = Humanities & Social Sciences Bldg @ USCA
 N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Building