

May, 2010

President's Message

Greetings,

For those of you who missed it, the General Meeting on April 16th honored Doug Wilson with the Kauffman Award, presented annually to an Academy member for outstanding service to the Academy. We thank Doug for being the editor of *The Spiral* and for assisting with the publicity of Academy events for the past several years. We also thank the Kauffman family for making this award, as well as a special luncheon and speaker, possible. Our featured speaker at the meeting was Mr. Tim Simmons, the Aiken Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year for 2009, whose topic was Aiken, South Carolina - Looking at the Past, Present and Future. The award luncheon was arranged by Larry Peyser, Mary Anne Cavanaugh and Laura Anderson. Thanks for your efforts.

The Curriculum Committee, under the guidance of Dick Baxter, has completed its work for this year and has not only arranged twenty interesting courses for the fall semester but also has gotten a head start on the courses for spring 2011. I also extend my congratulations and thanks to Wesley Sloan who compiled the course description for our portion of the Learning for Life Catalog and to Darcy Funkhauser who proofread and critiqued the course descriptions.

The By-Laws Committee, under the guidance of Glenn Knowles is continuing its work to revise the Policies and Procedures before the end of this term. It is the goal of the Board of Directors to have a revised Membership Manual available for all members next fall.

I've enjoyed serving as your president during this academic year and I wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer. See you next fall.

Vince Coughlin, Academy President

Doug Wilson Honored as 2010 Kauffman Award Recipient

By Larry Peyser, Academy Past President

Each year since 1992 the Academy has presented the Earl Kauffman Award to recognize laudable individual contribution to the organization.



You know this year's honoree Doug Wilson as Editor of *The Spiral*. Do you also know that Doug served on the 2007 Nominating Committee, is a member of the Curriculum Committee, and contributes articles to the *Aiken Standard Mature Times*? During his spare time this academic year he has coordinated and docu-

mented the Academy By-Laws and Policies and Procedures changes. These contributions plus his untiring willingness to help whenever and wherever he is asked to support the Academy and its efforts have all supported the Board's decision to recognize Doug this year.

After graduating from Purdue University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Doug joined and served Dow Chemical Corporation for the next 32 years. He spent his entire career developing, improving and managing foam packaging production and engineering. He worked to become a globally recognized expert in the field of cushioned packaging. As such he was called upon to develop and implement in-house and industry training programs, speak to Government, Industry and Education organizations, and develop computer software to ease the process of engineering and producing environmentally safe packaging materials.

Doug met his wife Sherry while he and she were students at Purdue. His work assignments caused them to live in Michigan and Ohio where Sherry served as a school teacher over a period of twenty-five years.

After retirement they purchased a fifth wheel trailer and toured several areas of the country. They spent one summer working at Yellowstone National Park where they put together a photo album you can view at <http://members.toast.net/fdw/ynp>. They moved to Aiken in 2004 partly on the strength of the fact that the University offered programs in continuing education.

Doug enjoys photography as you will see by visiting the web site cited above. He enjoys music of all genres. Over the years he and Sherry have traveled and hiked the Rockies. As for golf, he readily admits to a 'pathetically high handicap'.

It is just that quality of open honest self deprecation, which endears Doug to all he meets. He is truly a wonderful, genuine, and untiring servant to the Academy for Lifelong Learning. And for his presence among us, the Members of the Academy can be thankful and pleased to recognize him as the Kauffman Award Honoree for the year 2009-10.



Academy Past President Larry Peyser presents the 2010 Kauffman Award to Doug Wilson (right)

Courses and Events for May

With the 2009/2010 academic year coming to a close, there are no courses beginning in May

Fall 2010 Preview

Here are the courses and events on the schedule for the upcoming Fall term. Please consider all dates and times as tentative at this point and subject to change. See the official catalog when it is published in August for final schedules, locations, and full details. Enrollment will begin after the Fall Catalog is published.

- **Listing Format:**
Course Name – [Instructor] Dates and Time
- **Alternative Energy Sources -- Choices and Strategies** – [Karin Willoughby] 4 Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 7 at 9:30 am.
- **Next World Power** - [Tom Wood] 4 Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 7 at 3:00 pm.
- **History of Philosophy** – [Dr. Blanche Primo-Hopkins] 4 Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 8 at 2:00 pm.
- **Arab and Chinese Mathematics** – [Dr. Mohammad Hailat & Dr. Zhenheng Li] 3 Thursdays, beginning Sept. 9 at 12:15 pm.
- **South Carolina's Rich Botanical History** - [Dr. Harry Shealy] 3 Thursdays, beginning Sept. 9 at 1:40 pm.
- **Literature of Espionage** – [Mike Lythgoe] 4 Mondays, beginning Sept. 13 at 1:00 pm.
- **Reading Poetry: Discovering Li-Young Lee** – [Don Blount] 4 Mondays, beginning Sept. 13 at 2:00 pm.
- **The Political Ideas of St. Augustine** – [Dr. Steve Millies] 4 Mondays, beginning Sept. 13 at 3:00 pm.
- **Moses/Egypt/Exodus/10 Commandments** – [Judith Evans] 4 Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 5 at 10:50 am.
- **French Cooking** – [Marie Szilas] 4 Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 5 at 12:50 pm.
- **Canasta** – [Carol Smelzer] 4 Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 6 at 2:30 pm. (Cedar Creek)
- **Circling the Savannah** – [Dr. Tom Mack] 4 Thursdays, beginning Oct. 7 at 12:50 pm.
- **A Random Walk through the Financial Markets** – [Brian Cronin] 4 Mondays, beginning Oct. 18 at 11:00 am. Note: does not meet Oct. 15.
- **Birds of the World** – [Chuck Braun] 4 Mondays, beginning Oct. 18 at 2:00 pm.
- **Indians of Old Edgefield County** – [Bettis Rainsford] Wednesday, beginning Oct. 20 at 3:00 pm.
- **4 Artists and 4 Arts: A Potter, A Poet, A Painter, A Player/Musician** – [Mike Lythgoe] 4 Thursdays, beginning Oct. 20 at 10:50 am.
- **Integrative/Alternative Medicine** – [Laurie de Graaf & Tom Holley] 2 Thursdays, beginning Oct. 21 at 3:05 pm.

- **The 'Isms': Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism** – [Dr. Dillard-Wright] 4 Wednesdays, beginning Nov. 3 at 2:00 pm.
- **The American Revolution in South Carolina and The Swamp Fox** – [Rod Lenahan] 2 Tuesdays, beginning Nov. 9 at 11:00m. (2-hour sessions with lunch break)

Special Events:

- **Aiken Fall Steeplechase** – Saturday Oct.30 at 1:00 pm.
- **Academy Holiday Luncheon** – Friday Dec. 3 at 12:00 noon.

The Spiral Going on Hiatus

The Spiral is not published during the summer months. The next issue will be in September 2010.

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – MAY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5 <i>Younger Next Year</i> 1p [P 106]	6 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2p [P 110]	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Board Meeting 12:30p [P110]	15
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[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