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The
Spiral

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President's Message

Hi everyone,

The Academy for Lifelong Learning at USC Aiken is off to a roaring start with the released its Fall "orange" catalog of classes. The full catalog can be obtained online at www.aikenlearning.org, or picked up at the Department of Continuing Education at USCA and at various senior organization outlets throughout Aiken.

This Fall the Academy is offering a diversity of intellectually stimulating classes. Some of the classes offered this Fall include: Movers and Shakers of South Carolina, Germanic and Scandinavian Mythology, The Essentials of Financial Planning, Early History of South Carolina, Human and Animal Natural Well Being, Bella Italia (Language and culture of Italy), 4 Artists, Acrylic Painting, Dixie Fish, Comparative Religion, Exploring the Heavens, 4 Mondays with Arturo Perez-Reverte, Birds, Birds, Birds, Healthy for Life, Cooking Class on Paella, and How to Dress over the Age of 50. Also, a short trip is planned to Hopeland Farms,

Fall classes begin on September 6 and you may register for classes by mailing in the form from the catalog. Participants may attend as many classes as they like for a membership fee of \$70 for the semester or \$140 for the year. Classes run from September - May. Some classes have a limited enrollment due to room size or instructor request, so early registration is advised. The membership includes use of the Campus Library, including book borrowing privileges and Internet access, student rates for University productions, sports events, lectures, and free parking on campus.

Enjoy the Semester!

Gerald McDonald, Academy President

Academy Website

Don't forget the Academy for Lifelong Learning has its own website at www.aikenlearning.org.

The current catalog and registration form are always available there, as well as additional information that will usually appear there before arriving with your monthly issue of *The Spiral*. As this is a work in progress, check back often to see the latest additions.

Did You Receive a Paper Copy of the Fall Catalog in the Mail?

To help control distribution costs, electronic copies of the Fall Catalog were sent to all previous members for whom a valid email address was on file. Paper copies were mailed only to those without a valid email address on file. If you received a paper copy and are able to receive documents via email, please help us keep our future distribution costs to a minimum by making sure the USCA office has your email address. Contact Laura Anderson at USCA (641-3563 / lauraa@usca.edu).

Vacant Officer Positions

Following last March's election of officers, three positions still remain to be filled. They are:

President-elect – The holder of this position assists the President, as needed, while "learning the ropes" of the Presidential position. The President-elect is also responsible for forming and managing the Nominating Committee to obtain candidates for next year's officers. The President-elect then serves as President the next year, assuring an orderly transition for this vital office.

Curriculum Chair-elect – The holder of this position sits on the Curriculum Committee to assist the Committee Chair, while becoming familiar with the operation of the committee. The Chair-elect then moves up to the Committee Chair position the next year, assuring an orderly transition for this vital committee.

Publicity Chair – The holder of this position is in charge of publicizing the Academy and its activities.

Remember, the Academy is a volunteer-run organization. If nobody steps up to help, nothing happens. If you would be willing to serve in any of these posi-

tions, please contact Academy President Jerry McDonald (Gerald21@me.com).

Catalog Updates

Please note that the *Three Women of Science* and *John James Audubon and South Carolina* courses listed in the published Fall Catalog have been canceled.

Courses Beginning in SEPTEMBER 2012

Please see the published course catalog for course descriptions and additional information. (The Fall 2012 catalog is available on the web at <http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/>). 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).

BIRDS, BIRDS, BIRDS!

Date: 4 Thursdays, September 6, 13, 20, October 4 (N.B. no class on 9/27)

Time: 1:40 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

Enrollment Limit: 150

Instructor: Chuck Braun

FOUR MONDAYS WITH ARTURO PEREZ-REVERTE

Date: 4 Mondays, September 10, 17, 24, October 1

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg., Rm. 140

Enrollment Limit: 88

Instructor: Mike Lythgoe

HEALTHY FOR LIFE

Date: 7 Mondays, September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

Enrollment Limit: 150

Instructor: Mila Padgett

COOKING CLASS

Date: 1 Wednesday, September 12

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Café Rio Blanco, 148 Laurens St.

Enrollment Limit: 28

Cost: \$15 per person

Instructor: Debbie Pinero

GERMANIC & SCANDINAVIAN MYTHOLOGY

Date: 4 Tuesdays, September 18, 25, October 2, 9

Time: 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

Enrollment Limit: 150

Instructor: Dr. Eric Carlson

MOVERS AND SHAKERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Date: 2 Thursdays, September 20, 27

Time: 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

Enrollment Limit: 20

Instructor: Dr. Tom Mack

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