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Academy Enrollment Up

As this is written, the number of people that have enrolled in the Academy for the Fall term is 162, compared with 133 last year, for an increase of 22%. So if you see some unfamiliar faces at some of your classes, please say hello and make them feel welcome.

Classes With Limited Enrollment Capacity Fill Up Fast

Several of the classes offered this month had limited enrollment capacity due to facility limits or request by the instructor. The following classes have filled their allotment and registration is closed: *Bella Italia*, *Acrylic Painting*, *Comparative Religion*, and *Exploring the Heavens*.

Catalog Update – Course Cancellation

The Academy regrets that the course entitled *John James Audubon and South Carolina* is being withdrawn by its instructor and will not be held this semester.

Courses/Events Beginning in OCTOBER

Please see the published course catalog for course and event 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).

EARLY HISTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Date: 4 Tuesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 9:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

Enrollment Limit: 150

Instructor: Dr. Jim Farmer

THE ESSENTIALS OF FINANCIAL PLANNING

Date: 5 Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 21, 31

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 110

Enrollment Limit: 40

Instructor: Greg Roberts

CRIMINOLOGY AIKEN STYLE

Date: 4 Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Cedar Creek Community Center

Enrollment Limit: 95

Instructors: Aiken Law Enforcement Officers

BELLA ITALIA (Language)

Date: 5 Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1

Time: 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 110

Enrollment Limit: 25 – FULL, enrollment closed

Instructor: Dr. Valerie Mirshak

HUMAN AND ANIMAL NATURAL WELL BEING

Date: 3 Thursdays, October 11, 18, 25

Time: 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

Enrollment Limit: 150

Instructor: Claire-Helene Horne

4 ARTISTS – A QUARTET

Date: 4 Mondays, October 15, 22, 29, November 5

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

Enrollment Limit: 150

Instructors: Malaika Favorite, Jennifer Onofario, Dr. Donald Blount, Mike Lythgoe

ACRYLIC PAINTING

Date: 4 Tuesdays, October 16, 23, 30, November 6

Time: 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Location: Etheredge Center, Rm. 140 (Art Studio)

Enrollment Limit: 12 – FULL, Enrollment closed

Instructor: Sharon Padgett Taylor

TOUR OF HOPELAND FARMS (EVENT)

Date: Thursday, October 18

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Carpool from USCA

Enrollment Limit: 25

COMPARATIVE RELIGION

Date: 4 Wednesdays, October 24, 31, November 7, 14

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 110

Enrollment Limit: 40 – FULL, Enrollment closed

Instructor: Judith Evans

DIXIE FISH

Date: 3 Fridays, October 26, November 2, 9

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg., Rm. 140

Enrollment Limit: 88

Instructor: Dr. Andrew Geyer

FALL STEEPLECHASE (EVENT)

Date: Saturday, Oct. 27

Time: Gates open at 9:30 a.m. The first race is at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Ford Conger Field, Aiken

EXPLORING THE HEAVENS

Date: 3 Wednesdays, October 31, November 7, 14 (N.B. 4th session will be an evening observation session on Monday, November 19 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This evening session will be held in the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center Observatory and will take advantage of the 16-inch Bechtel Telescope.)

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: RPSEC, Rm. 131

Enrollment Limit: 40 – FULL, Enrollment closed

Instructor: Dr. Gary J. Senn

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

President Gerry McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM, September 14. Those present were Dick Baxter, Mary Anne Cavanaugh, John Meinhardt, Nancy Meinhardt, Doug Wilson, and Wesley Sloan.

Faculty Liaison Dr. Kathleen Kalpin-Smith and Kathy Schulz were not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Financially the Academy has improved dramatically over the last two years. From a time when there were not enough funds available to pay our obligations to USC Aiken nor fund scholarships for USCA students, both the University account and the checking account now have adequate balances. The Board is now considering either reinstating scholarship money or again providing funding for the university's "First Year Reading Experience" program.

Committee Reports

Curriculum – The next meeting is scheduled for October 5 with final course schedule and descriptions due by October 8.

For the current semester there were five courses with waiting lists: Acrylic Painting, Bella Italia, Comparative Religion, Exploring the Heavens, and Movers and Shakers of South Carolina. In some cases the class size was limited by request of the instructor. In other cases the class size has been limited by classroom availability. This is the second time we have offered Exploring the Heavens, the last time being February 2011. Each

time it has been closed out. If Dr. Gary Senn is willing to repeat the course we should consider offering multiple sections.

In addition to the five courses with waiting lists two classes, John James Audubon and South Carolina and Three Women of Science, were cancelled because of last minute unavailability of the instructors. Each of these instructors has been extremely popular in the past and we hope they will be able to teach in the future.

The Healthy for Life class was scheduled for Penland 110, but appeared in the catalog in Penland 106. When a handful of people did not attend the first class, email was sent to them explaining the room change.

In past surveys personal finance had been one of the top vote getters. However during the current semester Essentials of Financial Planning is scheduled for Penland 110 and is only about half full. Another personal finance class has been proposed for next semester. It passed the initial cut in the Curriculum Committee. The topics of the proposed class are different from the current class. This leaves a dilemma. Our target is 20 classes for Spring. We are only slightly over halfway there. Do we want to have an additional personal finance to bring or total closer to 20 even though there was not enthusiastic support this semester? President Gerry McDonald is doing some research and promised to have information available before October 8.

Membership – Kathy Schulz was unable to be present. Sadly because of health reasons Kathy and her husband will be moving to the other side of the Savannah. Both Kathy and her husband have been tremendous assets to the ALL. As of the Board Meeting membership stands at 162. This compares with 133 for the previous Fall Semester and 199 for Spring Semester 2012 total.

Publicity/Marketing – A draft newspaper advertisement was presented for the semester starting in January, 2013 to the Board. With minor corrections it was approved.

In a discussion about the Senior Extravaganza at Odell Weeks it was determined that it was a lot of work with little or no return on our investment of effort.

New Business

President Gerry McDonald met with Dr. Sandra J. Jordan, the fourth chancellor of USC Aiken. Dr. Jordan is a graduate of the University of Georgia where she earned her doctorate in art history with a specialty in Baroque period iconography. Art and Art History are popular with Academy members, but it is often difficult finding instructors. The Academy for Lifelong Learning looks forward to working with Dr. Jordan as she leads USC Aiken into the future.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50. The date of the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be determined as the need arises.

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – OCTOBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Healthy for Life</i> 10:00a [P 110] <i>Perez-Reverte</i> 11:00a [B 140]	2 <i>Early History of SC</i> 9:25a-10:40a [P106] <i>G&S Mythology</i> 10:50a-12:05p [P106]	3 <i>Financial Planning</i> 10:00a 10:50a [P110] <i>Criminology</i> 1:00p-2:00p [CC]	4 <i>Bella Italia</i> 10:50a-12:05p [P110] <i>Birds Birds Birds</i> 1:40p-2:33p [P 106]	5 <i>Curriculum Comm.</i> 9:30a [B 102]	6
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 E = Etherredge Center @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Building