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### **Topper Archeological Site Field Trip is CANCELED.**

As this issue went to press, the Academy was contacted by the SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of South Carolina regarding the severe medical issues, hospitalization, and rehab of a key member of their staff. It has been determined that field work at the Topper Site cannot be carried out effectively and safely under the current circumstances, and field activities at the Topper Site, including visits like ours, are being canceled for the remainder of the year.

This has been a difficult scheduling year for the Academy as external factors have forced the cancellation or rescheduling of a number of planned courses and activities for the 2012-2013 academic year.

### **Email Delivery Problems**

If you are reading a copy of *The Spiral* copy you received in any means other than in your own personal email, please contact Laura Anderson (641-3563 / [lauraa@usca.edu](mailto:lauraa@usca.edu)) to be sure we have your correct email address in our distribution list. Also, please add Laura's email address to *your* email address book to make sure our mailings don't get classified as spam or junk when they arrive at your email inbox.

### **Academy General Business Meeting scheduled for March 15.**

The annual Academy Business Meeting will take place March 15 at 11:00 am, in Room 110 of the Penland Administration Building on the USCA campus. The election of officers for the 2013-2014 academic year will take place at this meeting. Light refreshments will be available prior to the meeting.

### **Academy Officer Candidates**

Officer candidates for the next academic year are:

- *President:* Doug Cook

- *Treasurer:* Mary Anne Cavanaugh (USCA, incumbent)
- *Secretary:* Wesley Sloan (incumbent)
- *Curriculum Committee Chair:* Carl Fields

Current President Gerry MacDonald moves into the Past President position.

Current Past President Dick Baxter retires from the board.

Still needed are people willing to serve in the following elected positions:

- *President-elect:* Assists the president in managing the Academy and assumes the president position the following year. Primary responsibility is forming and managing the Nominating Committee.
- *Curriculum Chair-elect:* Assists the Curriculum Chair in directing the activities of the Curriculum Committee and assumes the Curriculum Chair position the following year.
- *Publicity Chair:* Promotes the Academy to the community.
- *Membership Chair:* Primary responsibilities are management of the two member functions during the year – the Fall Steeplechase and the Holiday Luncheon.

Doug Wilson will continue as Editor of *The Spiral* newsletter (incumbent, non-Board position).

If you are willing to give a little of your time helping your Academy to serve our community by filling one of these open positions, please contact Laura Anderson at USCA, (641-3563 / [lauraa@usca.edu](mailto:lauraa@usca.edu)).

### **Courses and Events Beginning in March**

Please see the published course catalog for course descriptions and additional information. (The Spring 2013 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](mailto:lauraa@usca.edu)).

### **ACRYLIC PAINTING**

Date: 4 Tuesdays, March 5, 19, 26, April 2

Time: 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.  
 Location: Etherredge Center, Room 140 (Art Studio)  
 Enrollment Limit: 12

### **CLASSIC SOUTHERN FICTION**

Date: 4 Tuesdays, March 5, 19, 26, April 2  
 Time: 1:40 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.  
 Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106  
 Enrollment Limit: 150  
 Instructor: Dr. William Claxon

### **SALAD DRESSING: LET'S MAKE YOUR SALADS TASTE BETTER, BE HEALTHIER AND REDUCE YOUR COST**

Date: 1 Thursday, March 7  
 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
 Location: Cedar Creek Community Center  
 Enrollment Limit: 75  
 Instructor: Gary Ikens

### **GREAT DECISIONS**

Date: 8 Thursdays, March 14, 21, 28; April 4, 18, 25; May 2, 9  
 Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. [NOTE: this is a change from the catalog listing which only shows the session going to 3:00]  
 Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 110  
 Enrollment Limit: 40

### **WRITING THE MEMOIR**

Date: 3 Thursdays, March 21, 28, April 4  
 Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
 Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106  
 Enrollment Limit: 150  
 Instructor: Vicki Collins

### **EXPLORING THE TOPPER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE**

Date: 1 Wednesday, March 27  
 Time: 9:45 a.m. – approximately 4:00 p.m.  
 Location: Topper Site - Allendale County SC  
 (Bus from USCA Parking Lot C @ 9:45a)  
 Enrollment Limit: 50  
 Instructor: Dr. Albert Goodyear

### **January Board Meeting**

President Gerry McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Those present were Dick Baxter, Mary Anne Cavanaugh, John Meinhardt, Nancy Meinhardt, Doug Wilson, and Wesley Sloan. Kathy Schulz and Faculty Liaison Dr. Kathleen Kalpin-Smith were not in attendance

The Academy has received thank you notes from Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Laura Anderson, and a scholarship recipient.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Academy currently has \$23,502.81 in the University account. Having paid for two previously approved scholarships, holiday luncheon, etc. there is \$451.10 in the checking account.

The Academy also has three endowment funds. Mary Anne will get clarification on what each may be used for and whether the amount available to be used is the total for each endowment or merely the income. The Funds are:

Julia Thurlow Watson Endowment -- \$1,362.26  
 Earl F. Kauffman Memorial Lectureship -- \$3,296.76  
 Academy for Lifelong Learning Program -- \$3,324.34

### **Membership**

A total of 118 students registered for the Spring 2013 Semester. This combined with 34 previously registered for the full academic year brings the total to 152. This is down from Spring 2012.

### **Curriculum**

Most limited courses are full including 25 students for Salad Dressing and 40 students for Islamic Art and Architecture.

There have been an unusual number of scheduling changes.

*Chocolate Shop Tour* had been rescheduled for January 28.

*Spring Beauty Workshop* has been canceled.

The time for *Islamic Art* has been changed to 10:00 AM – 10:55 AM.

*Human Nature – Commonalities and Variations* has been changed to 3 Thursdays, February 14, 21, and 28.

*Salad Dressing: Let's Make Your Salads Taste Better, Be Healthier, and Reduce Your Cost* was listed in the catalog with an enrollment limit of 75. The actual enrollment limit is 25. For some of the people on the waiting list this was the only course they signed up for.

*Exploring the Topper Archaeological Site* had an enrollment limit of 20 based on the availability of parking. Mary Anne is looking into making it into a bus trip, possibility using the sponsor fee from Money\$MD.

There are currently 20 short courses in the works for Fall 2013.

### **Board Nominations**

In the absence of a President-elect, Past President Dick Baxter is heading up nominations for members of the Academy Board of Directors for the 2013 – 2014 academic year.

### **Kauffman Recognition Day**

USCA Chancellor Sandra J. Jordan will be the featured speaker. An invitation list of approximately 100 persons will be developed.

### **Publicity**

There were articles in the *Mature Times* supplement to the *Aiken Standard* in December and January.

### **New Business**

Results of Discussion on Clarifications to Policies and Procedures:

Membership fees for all active members are collected at the start of each academic semester in the amount specified by the Board. Members may opt to pay both semester fees at one time.

An honorarium of \$50.00 per short course lecture is paid to each instructor with a maximum of \$300 for the course. The Board must approve additional material/travel expenses or honoraria beyond \$300.

Generally a minimum of ten enrollees is required for a course to be presented, however this number might be either increased or decreased on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Board as the situation dictates.

The *Policies and Procedures* document has been revised accordingly

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00. Date and time of the next Board Meeting TBA.

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**Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy:**  
**Board of Directors:** John and Nancy Meinhardt, Curriculum Co-Chairs; (Vacant), Curriculum Chair-Elect; (Vacant), Publicity Chair; (Vacant), Membership Chair.

**Non-Members:** Dr. Kathleen Kalpin-Smith, Faculty Liaison; Dr. Deidre Martin, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – March 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 <i>Acrylic Painting</i> 10:50a – 12:05p [E 140 Art Studio]  <i>Southern Fiction</i> 1:40 – 2:55p [P 106]	6	7 <i>Salad Dressing</i> 11:00a – 12:30p [CC]	8	9
10	11	12 <i>Acrylic Painting</i> 10:50a – 12:05p [E 140 Art Studio]  <i>Southern Fiction</i> 1:40 – 2:55p [P 106]	13	14 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00 – 3:30p [P 110]	15 <i>Board Meeting</i> 9:30a [P 110]  <i>Academy Business Meeting and Election of Officers</i> 11:00a [P110]	16
17	18	19 <i>Acrylic Painting</i> 10:50a – 12:05p [E 140 Art Studio]  <i>Southern Fiction</i> 1:40 – 2:55p [P 106]	20	21 <i>Writing the Memoir</i> 1:00 – 2:00p [P 106]  <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00 – 3:30p [P 110]	22	23
24	25	26 <i>Acrylic Painting</i> 10:50a – 12:05p [E 140 Art Studio]  <i>Southern Fiction</i> 1:40 – 2:55p [P 106]	27 <del>Topper</del> <i>Archeological Site</i> [Canceled by Topper Site]	28 <i>Writing the Memoir</i> 1:00 – 2:00p [P 106]  <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00 – 3:30p [P 110]	29	30
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 N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Building