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The  
*Spiral*

SEPTEMBER, 2013

### **President's Message**

Welcome, everyone to another exciting semester of the Academy for Lifelong Learning. This semester offers our members a broad spectrum of topics in 21 classes, plus 3 additional events on the calendar. If you have not yet sent in your registration, do it today, because...

As of 8/20/2013 we have over 170 participants in the Academy programs, an exceptional number of members for a fall semester!

This semester has become so popular that we already have several classes and events filled, and waiting lists developed. These include:

*The Psychology of Political Preference*  
*The History of Edgefield Pottery*  
*Discovering Hidden Biodiversity*  
*Great Cathedrals of Europe*  
*Ancient Greek Religion*  
*Severe and Unusual Weather*  
*A Cup of Christmas Tea*

Also, please note that "Acrylic Painting" has been canceled for this semester due to a family emergency.

The Curriculum Committee has worked diligently to develop the current list of offerings, and is already working on an even larger array of topics for the 2014 winter/spring semester.

New this year will be a "Holiday Wine & Cheese Reception" scheduled for 4pm-6pm at the USCA Pickens-Salley House (behind the Etherredge Center), on December 6, 2013. This event is free to current members, BUT an RSVP is required prior to November 26, 2013 by contacting Mary Anne Cavanaugh at [maryanc@usca.edu](mailto:maryanc@usca.edu), or 803-641-3587. This reception will offer those attending the opportunity to tour the house, with all its history, and see how USCA has made use of this gift! This will replace the Annual Holiday Luncheon.

Another new addition has been the volunteering of Linda Soyars to increase publicity for the Academy in our local area. She has already implemented several points of contact for the general public,

which we hope will draw more people to participate in our membership. We have also placed current catalogs at many places in the community.

If you have any ideas for additional classes, especially with instructors in mind, we encourage you to contact our current Curriculum Chair, Carl Fields, at [ccf149@bellsouth.net](mailto:ccf149@bellsouth.net), or better yet!! – volunteer to serve on our Curriculum Committee! We meet monthly, and develop the class list offered for each semester. This is the "workhorse" of the Academy, and is always looking for fresh ideas and concepts for classes!

Enjoy this 2013 Fall Semester!

**Doug Cook, Academy President**

### **Catalog Updates**

After the Fall catalog went to press, USCA changed the room assignment for *Italy and the Silver Screen*, which will now meet in Penland 110 instead of Nursing 120. The smaller room reduces the course capacity from 65 to 45.

Also the *Acrylic Painting* class has been withdrawn due to a family emergency.

### **Courses Beginning in SEPTEMBER**

Please see the published course catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (The Fall 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)).

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF POLITICAL PREFERENCE  
Date: 4 Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, 30  
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.  
Location: Nursing Bldg., Rm. 121

HISTORY OF EDGEFIELD POTTERY  
Date: 4 Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, 30  
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110

### DISCOVERING HIDDEN BIODIVERSITY IN THE WORLD AROUND US

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

Time: 9:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110

### ~~ACRYLIC PAINTING – NEXT LEVEL~~

*Class withdrawn due to family emergency.*

### "I DON'T LIVE THERE ANYMORE"

Date: 1 Tuesday, September 10

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 106

### AMERICAN RELIGIONS

Date: 4 Wednesdays, September 11, 18, 25, October 2

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Location: Nursing Bldg., Rm. 113

### APPALACHIAN CULTURE

Date: 4 Thursdays, September 12, 19, 26, October 3

Time: 1:40 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 106

### SRS – 60+ YEARS OF RESEARCH OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES, FLORA & FAUNA

Date: 4 Tuesdays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8

Time: 3:05 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 106

### THE OLD TESTAMENT

Date: 4 Fridays, September 20, 27, October 4, 11

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 106 (Do Not Enter Until Previous Class is Dismissed!)

### THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR AND THE ORIGINS OF FRANCOISM

Date: 4 Wednesdays, September 25, October 2, 9, 16

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 106

### ITALY AND THE SILVER SCREEN

Date: 5 Thursdays, September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110

**Note location change from published calendar.**

## August Board Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Doug Cook.

Present: President Doug Cook, Past President Jerry McDonald, Treasurer Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Secretary Doug Wilson, Curriculum Chair Carl Fields, Publicity Chair Linda Soyars

Absent: Membership Chair Sherry Wilson

### TREASURERS REPORT – Mary Anne Cavanaugh

The balance in our USCA account is sufficient to fund activities until this year's enrollment fees start coming in.

The Academy checking account, used essentially for petty cash, is funded by the membership dues of the Board members.

We also have three endowments:

Julia Thurlow Watson Endowment<sup>1</sup>  
Academy for Lifelong Learning Program

Endowment<sup>2</sup>

Earl F. Kauffman Memorial Lectureship Fund<sup>3</sup>

As endowments, we cannot touch the capital of these funds; only the income produced by the capital can be spent. In the past we have used these funds to pay for such things as the flag and flagstaff, wireless microphone system and podium for Penland 106, purchased books for the incoming student reading program at USCA, and scholarships for USCA students.

<sup>1</sup> Funds from the Watson Endowment can be spent at the Academy's discretion.

<sup>2</sup> Funds from the Academy Endowment are spent by the University, with input from the Academy.

<sup>3</sup> The Kauffman Fund is used to finance the annual Kauffman Award recognition and celebration. The tab last year ran \$1187.32 vs. an annual spendable income to the fund of around \$1200.

### CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Carl Fields

*Italy and the Silver Screen* will meet in Penland 110 instead of Nursing 120, due to a last minute room assignment change by USCA after the catalog went to press. The smaller room reduces the course capacity from 65 to 45. Doug will update the website with this information.

The Spring 2014 schedule tentatively has 39 courses; 2 are scheduled definitely, and 37 are still in the planning stage. Based on past experience, about 1/3 of the ones in the planning stage will likely drop out before the schedule is finalized, leaving us with likely total in the neighborhood of 25 courses for the Spring.

Hearing Associates has approached us through USCA to sponsor and present a course about seniors' hearing, which would include hearing screening tests. A sponsorship fee has been discussed between Hearing

Associates and USCA. After a lengthy discussion the Board decided we would like to proceed, as this should be a topic of interest and utility for our members, provided it is presented from an industry perspective and not as a commercial promotion. Hearing Associates will be asked to submit a proposal which can be presented to the Curriculum Committee.

#### **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT – Linda Soyars**

The Aiken Chamber of Commerce was approached to see if we could get a link to our web page on their website. The CofC will only provide links to organizations' Facebook pages. At the present time we have no plans for a Facebook page as it is feared it would be too static for social media and therefore of little interest.

At Linda's request, Doug Wilson prepared an Academy slide for submission to Atlantic Broadband. It already has been inserted in AtlanticBB's rotation of local interest slides shown on cable channel 12. It was suggested that the slide be modified to include a telephone contact number in addition to the current website address. Doug agreed to update the slide and send it to Linda.

Linda plans to have a submission for the Aiken Standard's *Mature Times* supplement every month.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business this month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### *Scholarships*

In the past the Academy has provided scholarships to USCA students when available funds permitted. After

a short discussion, Jerry McDonald moved and Doug Wilson seconded, that this year the Academy would fund two \$1000 scholarships and direct the University to award them to deserving non-traditional students (older students, veterans, etc.).

##### *Steeplechase Event*

Jerry reported we have two railside spaces reserved for this event. The Wilsons have the Academy canopy and will bring it to the event. As Membership Chair, Sherry Wilson is responsible for purchasing any needed materials (cups, plates, tableware, etc.), to be reimbursed from the Academy Checking Account.

##### *Future Board Meetings*

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for September 13 and November 15 at 10:00 am.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am.

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**Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy:**  
**Board of Directors:** Curriculum Chair; Carl Fields; Curriculum Chair-Elect: (Vacant); Publicity Chair: Linda Soyars; Membership Chair: Sherry Wilson

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

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## USC Aiken Holiday Trip to New York

Anyone can be part of this exciting excursion to New York during the holiday season! See a Broadway show, visit Radio City Music Hall, and still have time to shop and dine. For more information on this fun-filled opportunity or to reserve a space, please contact

**Mary Anne Cavanaugh** at (803) 641-3587 or [Maryanc@usca.edu](mailto:Maryanc@usca.edu)  
or **Laura Anderson** at (803) 641-3563 or [Lauraa@usca.edu](mailto:Lauraa@usca.edu).

**December 15th - 18th, 2013**

Non-stop flights  
Transportation from airport to hotel/hotel to airport  
Hotel accommodations - Sheraton New York Theatre District  
Ticket to Broadway Play - *Jersey Boys*  
Ticket to Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular

**Cost**

\*Single Occupancy - \$2,015.00  
\*Double Occupancy - \$1,515.00  
Registration Deadline - **September 16, 2013**  
Non-refundable deposit - **\$500.00 by September 16, 2013**  
Full Balance Due - **October 30, 2013**

