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Some Capacity-Limited Offerings Filled

All available spaces for the following courses and events have been taken. Any further registrations can only be placed on a wait list to await available space.

Italy & the Silver Screen

Great Cathedrals of Europe

Ancient Greek Religion

Severe & Unusual Weather

E Pluribus Unum

Gardening for Fun & Flavor

A Cup of Christmas Tea

If you have signed up for one of these offerings and find you will not be able to attend, please let Laura Anderson (641-3563 / lauraa@usca.edu) know, so that your space may be made available to someone on the wait list.

Edgefield Pottery Course

Due to a scheduling mixup with the instructor, the initial session of the *History of Edgefield Pottery* course did not take place on September 9. The course will now be extended by adding one additional Monday session on October 7. All enrollees were notified by email and postal mail.

Vacant Officer Positions Filled

Current Curriculum Committee Chairman Carl Fields has graciously consented to also act as this year's President-Elect. Carl will then assume the office of President when current President Doug Cook finishes his term in June.

Jan VanSlyke has offered to take our other vacant position, that of Chair-Elect of the Curriculum Committee. She will assist Carl in managing the Committee this year and take over to chair the Committee next year.

Many thanks to both Carl and Jan for being willing to go the extra mile to keep our Academy running smoothly. We will need new people to fill these positions next year. If you value the Academy and all it

does for you, please consider placing your name in nomination for next year's slate of officers.

Courses and Events Beginning in October

Please see the published course catalog for course 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).

GREAT CATHEDRALS OF EUROPE -- AN INTRODUCTION

Date: 4 Mondays, October 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Location: Nursing Bldg., Rm. 121

Class filled; registration closed

BEOWULF

Date: 4 Tuesdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110

THE BIOGRAPHICAL PROCESS -- RESEARCH AND WRITING

Date: 1 Thursday, October 17

Time: 3:05 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 106

ANCIENT GREEK RELIGION: GODDESSES, HEROES, AND TEMPLES

Date: 3 Mondays, Oct 21, 28 and Nov 4

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Location: Nursing Bldg., Rm. 121

Class filled; registration closed

GROWING THE RIGHT TURF

Date: Monday & Wednesday October 21, 23

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110

STUDIO TO STAGE -- THE BALLET DANCER

Date: Tuesday & Thursday, October 22, 24

Time: 1:40 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.

Location: Humanities & Social Sciences Bldg.,
Rm. 116 (Do Not Enter Until Previous Class is
Dismissed!)

SEVERE AND UNUSUAL WEATHER

Date: 1 Wednesday, October 23
Time: 10:00 a.m. -- 10:50 a.m.
Location: Nursing Bldg., Rm. 113
Class filled; registration closed

CONTEMPORARY POETRY OR POETIC FORM

Date: 4 Wednesdays, Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20
Time: 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.
Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 106

FALL STEEPLECHASE

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013
Time: Gates open 9:30 a.m.; First Race 1:00 p.m.
Location: Ford Conger Field, Aiken

Academy Board Meeting, September 13

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 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

Mary Anne distributed the Treasurer's Report. We appear to be in good shape for funding our activities and financial commitments this year.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT – Linda Soyars

Linda brought up the possibility of sponsoring one of the summer concerts at Hopelands Gardens. The attendees are largely our target demographic. Cost is \$225. The motion to do so passed unanimously.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Carl Fields

The *History of Edgefield Pottery* course ran into a snag when the instructor showed up late for a 1pm class thinking it was at 2pm, and from which the attendees had already been dismissed. The class will be extended an extra week to make up for the missed session. All enrollees have been notified via email and postal mail.

The Spring 2014 semester is taking shape. At this point there are 10 courses firmly scheduled with about 15 more that are expected to fall into place by the time the catalog goes to press in October.

How to handle the purchase of materials for the Spring *Great Decisions* course was discussed. We can order participants' books in bulk at a discounted price, but in order to do so the individual participants must reserve and pay for their books by January 15. After this date, participants may order directly from the Great Decisions website at full price. Mary Anne and Laura Anderson will

assemble appropriate wording regarding this for the Spring catalog.

OLD BUSINESS

A revised visual which adds a telephone number at USCA for contact has been submitted to Atlantic Broadband Cable. It has been placed into the rotation of graphics shown on cable channel 12.

NEW BUSINESS

Scholarship Discussion

The Board discussed that the two \$1000 scholarships we have committed to won't really go all that far to help students in this economy. The Board discussed adding to this commitment. Mary Anne will check with the Student Aid group at USCA regarding whether it would be better to increase the number of \$1000 scholarships or to increase the amount given to the existing two scholarships. Jerry cautioned that whatever we do, we need to be sure that it is at a level that can be sustained financially year-to-year.

President-Elect

Carl Fields, current Curriculum Chairman, has agreed to also assume the vacant President-Elect position. He will assume the role of President at the end of current President Doug Cook's term in June 2014. This leaves only the Curriculum Chair-Elect position unfilled. [*Editor's note: Curriculum Chair-Elect has now been filled by Jan VanSlyke.*]

Future Board Meetings

Due to upcoming extended travel plans for Doug Cook, and then Carl Fields, there will be no scheduled Board meetings in October or November. Any issues that arise in the interim will be dealt with via email.

The next Board meeting will be December 6 at 3:00 pm, preceding the *Holiday Wine and Cheese Reception*. Location to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 am.

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Academy Officers: President: Doug Cook; Past President: Gerald McDonald; President Elect: Carl Fields; Secretary: Doug Wilson; Treasurer: Mary Anne Cavanaugh.

Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy:
Board of Directors: Curriculum Chair; Carl Fields; Curriculum Chair-Elect: Jan VanSlyke; 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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A SEPTEMBER PHOTO GALLERY



August Board Meeting



Whit Gibbons and the Hidden Biodiversity Class



Psychology of Political Preference Class



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History of Edgefield Pottery Class

