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President's Message

It is fast approaching the holiday season, as I write this note. We want to wish all the members of the Academy for Lifelong Learning happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas holidays. We hope you can all relax and enjoy this time of the year with family, friends, and others.

The spring semester is fast approaching, and at this moment, we are having a problem with a new system at USCA to assign the rooms used for all classes on campus. This is affecting the undergrad students, as well as us. With this issue still causing a problem for the campus, it is entirely possible that our next catalog for the spring semester will be delayed somewhat. We can only send the catalog to the printer when we are granted access to specific classrooms for specific time slots, on specific days of the week. This affects how many people can attend a class (due to classroom size), as well as the actual length of the class – either 55 or 75 minutes. We are sorry to have this issue interrupt the scheduled release of the catalog, but there is no recourse for us, other than patience and understanding.

PLEASE NOTE: We can accept NO registrations for classes until the classroom is defined, which then gives us the permitted number of attendees in each class. You **MUST** have a hard copy of the registration form (from the printed catalog or printed from an electronic copy of the catalog), in order to register for any classes. In order to ATTEND any spring semester classes, it is imperative that you receive a form from Laura, listing the classes you chose, and have been accepted to attend (as in: Not on a waiting list for a class!).

The ONE positive is, that many of you have already sent Laura Anderson your email address, so the new catalog will be emailed as soon as she gets the final settings in place, expediting your receipt. If you would like to

receive an earlier email version of every catalog, then you may send her an email stating that you would like to receive catalogs at your email address, such as: xxx@yyy.com. Laura's email address is: LauraA@USCA.edu

Thank you for your understanding.

Doug Cook, Academy President

Events in December

There are no courses beginning this month, but there is one event. For questions, contact Laura Anderson at USCA (641-3563 / lauraa@usca.edu).

HOLIDAY WINE & CHEESE DROP-IN RECEPTION



Date: Friday, December 6, 2013

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Pickens-Salley House, USCA

Free to Academy Members, **but you MUST pre-reserve your space.** Contact Mary Anne Cavanaugh (803-641-3587 / maryanc@usca.edu).

Sneak Peak at Spring 2014 Offerings

The published calendar will be available later this month, but here is a sneak peek at the interesting variety of courses and events prepared by your Curriculum Committee for Spring 2014. Full descriptions will be found in the Spring Catalog. **All dates and times shown below are tentative and won't**

be finalized until the catalog is published; see the published catalog for final information. To enroll, return the form in the published Spring catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact Laura Anderson at USCA (641-3563 / lauraa@us-ca.edu). **No enrollments will be accepted before the published catalog is released.**

Starting in January

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

Date: 4 Mondays, Jan 6, 13, 27 & Feb 3

Time: 9:30-10:50 am

Instructor: Alan Brooks

WICKED COLUMBIA

Date: 4 Wednesdays, Jan 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 11:00 – 11:50 am

Instructor: Prof. Alexia Jones Helsley

ARGENTINE TANGO CONNECTS PEOPLE

Date: 6 Wednesdays, Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, and Feb 5, 12,

Time: 1:00 – 1:50 pm

Instructors: Steve and Diane Neeley

LIVE FROM THE MET OPERA

Date: 4 Mondays, Jan 6, 13, 27 & Feb 3

Time: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Instructor: Maureen Simpson

BIRTH ORDER

Date: 2 Mondays, Jan 6 & 13

Time: 2:00 – 2:50 pm

Instructor: Doris Hammond

FAIRY GARDENING

Date: 2 Tuesdays, Jan 7 and 14

Time: 12:15-1:30 pm

Instructor: Jacque Rees

THE GREAT WOMEN OF THE BIBLE: LOVE, SURVIVAL, AND MORALITY

Date: 5 Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, and February 13, 2014

Time: 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Instructor: Judith Evans

EXPLORING THE HEAVENS

Date: 3 Tuesdays, Jan 14, 21, 28 + Observing session Feb 6

Time: 2:30 – 3:30 pm, Observing session 7:00 pm

Instructor: Dr. Gary Senn

SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST

Date: 4 Tuesdays, Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18

Time: 12:15 – 1:15 pm

Instructors: Dr. Tom Mack and Dr. Drew Geyer'

Starting in February

THE CURIOUS PRACTICE OF TEA DRINKING

Date: 2 Tuesdays, Feb 4 & 11

Time: 10:50 am – 12:05 pm

Instructor: Amy Neely

CONSTRUCTING OUR WORLD

Date: 2 Tuesdays, Feb 4 & 11

Time: 1:40 – 2:55 pm

Instructor: Dr. Keri Weed

JAMES MATTHEWS LEGARE, AIKEN POET-INVENTOR

Date: 2 Wednesdays, Feb 5 & 12

Time: , 3:00 pm-3:50 pm

Instructor: Dr. Amanda Rachele Warren

NO COOKING: NO COOK PASTA SAUCE AND NO KNEAD BREAD

Date: 1 Thursday, Feb 6

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Location: Cedar Creek

Instructor: Gary Ikens

THE LITERATURE OF ESPIONAGE: MORE CLOAKS AND DAGGERS & SPY MASTERS

Date: 4 Mondays, Feb 10, 17, 24 & Mar 3

Time: 11:00 –11:50 am

Instructor: Mike Lythgoe

FAMOUS AND INFAMOUS AMERICANS WITH ROOTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Date: 3 Wednesdays, Feb 19, 26, and Mar 5

Time: 3:00 – 3:50 pm

Location: Cedar Creek

Instructor: Ken Brace

THE AFRICAN NOVEL

Date: 4 Thursdays, Feb 13, 20, 27 & Mar 6

Time: 1:40 –2:55 pm

Instructor: Dr. William Claxton

WINE TASTING (Event)

Date: February 18, 2014

Time: 2:30-4:30 pm

Location: Riley's Whitby Bull, Aiken

Fee; \$25

APPALACHIAN CULTURE -- CONTINUED

Date: 4 Tuesdays, Feb 25 & Mar 4, 18, and 25

Time: 1:40 – 2:55 pm

Location:

Enrollment Limit:

Instructor: Vicki Collins

Starting in March

DECORATING 101
 Date: 4 Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26
 Time: 11:00-11:50 AM
 Instructor: Sharon Preston

THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE
 Date: 4 Mondays, Mar 10, 17, 24, 31
 Time: 2:00-2:50 pm
 Instructors: Walt Joseph and Art Osborne

GREAT DECISIONS
 Date: 8 Thursdays, Mar 13, 20, 27; Apr 3, 17, 24;
 May 1, 8.
 Time: 2:00-3:30 pm
 Discussion Leaders: Volunteers from the class

ETHNIC CLEANSING IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE
 Date: 4 Wednesdays, Mar 19, 26, Apr 2, 16
 Time: 3:00-3:50 pm
 Instructor: Dr. Samuel Pierce

Starting in April

THE ARTS AND THE ETHEREDGE CENTER
 Date: 4 Tuesdays, Apr 1, 15, 22, 29
 Time: 10:50 am – 12:05 pm
 Instructor: Jack Benjamin

THE NEW MIDDLE EAST: AFTER THE ARAB SPRING
 Date: 4 Wednesdays, 1:00-1:50 pm, April 2, 16, 23, 30
 Instructor: Dr. Thomas Wood

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Holiday</i> <i>Wine&Cheese</i> 4:00-6:00p [Pickens-Salley House, USCA]	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

[Location Codes] B = Bus & Educ Bldg @ USCA H = Hum & Soc Sci Bldg @ USCA RP = Ruth Patrick Sci Cen @ USCA
 N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Building