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### **President's Message**

I wish to apologize to the membership for the very late distribution of the Spring semester catalog of the Academy for Lifelong Learning. Through a series of unforeseen events; the late arrival of room assignments for the classes, followed by a rejection of the catalog cover color resulted in a missed deadline for printing and mailing this catalog to our members. I am truly sorry, and will try to identify steps we can take to prevent this from happening again.

On a happier note, it is apparent that you have gotten the information about the classes, and have responded in force to reserve your place in your preferred classes. We already have 4 classes filled:

*The Great Women of the Bible*

*Exploring the Heavens*

*The Curious Practice of Tea Drinking*

*No Cooking: No Cook Pasta Sauce and No Knead Bread*

This brings up another issue that continues to need our attention. When you are notified that you are on a wait list for a class, please do not try to attend the class, unless Laura Anderson has notified you of an opening in the class, allowing you, and NOT someone else permission to join that class.

Also, if you know you cannot attend a class, PLEASE be considerate of others, and notify Laura so she can make the class available to someone on the wait list.

Laura Anderson contact is: [Lauraa@usca.edu](mailto:Lauraa@usca.edu), or 641-3563.

Thank you, and enjoy this semester!

**Doug Cook, Academy President**

### **Spring 2014 Academy Catalogs Distributed in December**

Your Curriculum Committee has assembled an interesting slate of 21 short courses and 1 special event for the Spring 2014 semester. Delays in receiving classroom assignments for this term disrupted the timely assembly of our Spring catalog, but we were still able to send the final catalog electronically to all members for whom an email address was on file by mid-December. Paper copies were distributed by our printer at about the same time. The catalog also can be obtained from the Academy's website at [www.aikenlearning.org](http://www.aikenlearning.org).

### **Curriculum Committee Seeks New Members**

The Curriculum Committee is the 'heart and soul' of the Academy as they are the ones that work with USCA to put together the wide array of short courses and activities the Academy offers to its members. Additional committee members are always welcome. If you would like to help with this vital Academy function, please contact Curriculum Committee Chairman Carl Fields ([ccf149@bellsouth.net](mailto:ccf149@bellsouth.net)).

### **Academy Wrapped Up 2013 With Wine & Cheese Reception at Pickens-Salley House**

Members of the Academy for Lifelong Learning celebrated the holiday season with a wine and cheese reception in early December. Mary Anne Cavanaugh and Laura Anderson of the Office of Conferences and Continuing Education at the



University of South Carolina at Aiken organized the event. More than forty

Academy members were welcomed at the Pickens-Salley House on the USCA campus, where they enjoyed canapés and a choice of wines and other beverages. The unseasonably warm weather allowed guests to circulate between the lovely interior of the house and the decorated front veranda.

Dr. Deidre Martin, Vice Chancellor of the University's Office of Advancement, presented a history of the

beautiful Pickens-Salley House, which dates from 1829.



### Courses Beginning in January

Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (The Spring 2014 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)).

#### IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

Date: 4 Mondays, January 6, 13, 27 & February 3  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.  
Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110  
Enrollment Limit: 24

#### LIVE FROM THE MET OPERA

Date: 4 Mondays, January 6, 13, 27 & February 3  
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Location: Humanities & Social Sciences Bldg., Rm. 116

#### BIRTH ORDER

Date: 2 Mondays, January 6 & 13  
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.  
Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 106

#### FAIRY GARDENING

Date: 2 Tuesdays, January 7 & 14  
Time: 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110  
Enrollment Limit: 15

#### WICKED COLUMBIA

Date: 4 Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29  
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.  
Location: Humanities & Social Sciences Bldg., Rm. 116

#### ARGENTINE TANGO CONNECTS PEOPLE

Date: 6 Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, & February 5, 12,  
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.  
Location: Business & Education Bldg., 2 nd Fl. Gym  
Enrollment Limit: 30

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

Date: 5 Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, & February 13  
Time: 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.  
Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110  
Enrollment Limit: 45

#### EXPLORING THE HEAVENS

Date: 3 Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28 & observation session February 6  
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., observing session time 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Ruth Patrick Science Education Center, Rm. 131  
Enrollment Limit: 24

#### SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST

Date: 4 Tuesdays, January 28, & February 4, 11, 18  
Time: 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 pm  
Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 106

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – JANUARY 2014						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30-10:50a [P 110]  <i>Live from Met Opera</i> 11:00a-12:30p [H 116]  <i>Birth Order</i> 2:00-2:50p [P 106]	7 <i>Fairy Gardening</i> 12:15-1:30p [P110]	8 <i>Wicked Columbia</i> 11:00-11:50a [H 116]  <i>Argentine Tango</i> 1:00-1:50p [B 2nd floor gym]	9 <i>Women of Bible</i> 10:50a-12:05p [P 110]	10	11
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[Location Codes] B = Bus & Educ Bldg @ USCA H = Hum & Soc Sci Bldg @ USCA RP = Ruth Patrick Sci Ctr @ USCA  
 N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Building