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*Spiral*

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### **President's Message**

The Academy's Holiday Drop-in Reception is scheduled for December 5, 2014 from 4 PM to 6 PM in USCA's Pickens-Salley House (the white building west of Etheredge Center). All members of the Academy are invited. Some members "registered" or RSVPed for this event on their Academy registration form. However, all members are invited, whether they registered on that initial form or not. If you wish to attend and did not include it among the "courses" on your registration form (or if you are unsure if you did), RSVP by e-mail ([info@aikenlearning.org](mailto:info@aikenlearning.org)) or by leaving a voice mail message at 803-641-3563 by November 26th, 2014.

A continuing issue for the Academy is students who are enrolled in a class, but who do not show up for any of the class sessions. This is a particular concern for classes where the enrollment reaches its limit, resulting in some Academy members' names being placed on a wait list. We understand that sometimes "life intervenes" and members are unable to take part in a course as they had planned. If you will be unable to attend any of the sessions of a course you have enrolled in, please notify the Academy if at all possible. That way another Academy member will be able to attend, for courses with a wait list. You can notify the Academy by e-mail ([info@aikenlearning.org](mailto:info@aikenlearning.org)) or by leaving a voice mail message at 803-641-3563. Thanks in advance for this consideration.

The curriculum committee continues to work on developing classes for Spring Semester 2015 and future semesters. Any volunteers wishing to join this committee can contact Jan Van Slyke (509-430-0824 or [curric@aikenlearning.org](mailto:curric@aikenlearning.org)).

The Academy currently has two vacant officer positions and will soon be looking for members for the nominating committee for the election of 2015-2016 officers (and that nominating commit-

tee will begin looking for candidates for 2015-2016 officers). If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact Carl Fields (803-641-0637 or [pres@aikenlearning.org](mailto:pres@aikenlearning.org)).

*Carl Fields, Academy President*

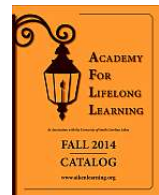
### **Last Chance: RSVP needed for Holiday Reception on December 5**

The Academy's Second Annual Holiday Reception will be held at the Pickens-Salley House on the USCA campus December 5. Note that some editions of the published catalog gave conflicting times for this event. It will be held from 4:00-6:00 pm.

There is no charge for Academy members to attend the Reception, but an **RSVP is required by November 26**. Contact Laura Anderson at [info@aikenlearning.org](mailto:info@aikenlearning.org), or leave a voice message at 803-641-3563.

### **Courses Beginning in November**

Our last two courses for the semester begin this month. Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can find the Fall 2014 catalog on the Academy website at <http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/>). To enroll, return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact USCA Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3563 / [info@aikenlearning.org](mailto:info@aikenlearning.org)).



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Do NOT attend these classes unless you have BOTH pre-registered AND received written confirmation of your registration from USCA.

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW: THE GOOD, BAD & THE UGLY

Date: 2 Thursdays, Nov. 6, 13

Time: 1:40-2:55 PM

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

**UNDERSTANDING JUDAISM**

Date: 4 Fridays, Nov. 7, 14, 21, & Dec. 5

Time: 11:00-12:15 P.M.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106 (for first 3 sessions)

Note: December 5 session will be at Adath Yeshurun synagogue, 154 Greenville Street NW, Aiken (corner of Greenville Street and Barnwell Avenue)

Enrollment Limit: 150

**Donations to the University**

There are a number of Academy members who have made one time or recurring donations to USCA. Most recently one of our members donated \$400 to the fund used by the Academy for awarding scholarships to USCA students.



When making a donation to USCA you are given the option of specifying how the University uses the money. Our Academy has several funds you may specify your contribution to be used for if you so choose. Just let the school know you'd like to donate to an Academy for Lifelong Learning fund and they will show you the available options.



**Field Trips to Endangered Red Cockaded Woodpecker Habitat**

Red cockaded woodpeckers inhabit mature pine forests in the southeast United States. As this section of the environment has increasingly given way to industry, homes, and agriculture, the species has become endangered. One surviving group is located on the Savanna River Site (SRS), where the US Forest Service, in conjunction with SRS are actively protecting and enhancing this environment. The Academy conducted two field trips to this area in October.

Red cockaded woodpeckers nest in holes they bore into mature pines, with long leaf pines being the preferred species. A video camera on a long pole allows workers to check the nest status from the ground with minimal disruption to nesting activities.



The Forest Service encourages nesting by inserting man-made nesting boxes into holes cut into these trees.



An Academy group watches as the USFS demonstrates the creation of a red cockaded woodpecker nesting site high in a long leaf pine.

**Croquet, Anyone?**



Academy members learn about the sport of croquet from Rich Watson at the Green Boundary Club as part of the Get a Move On course.

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### A Day at the Races

Hugo Z. Hackenbush\* wasn't there but a bunch of Academy members were as we again held our annual event at the Aiken Fall Steeplechase, under dazzlingly blue October skies.



*Our crack group of retired engineers finally had to resort to reading the directions to put up our canopy.*



*The chow line for shared dishes brought by the attendees.*



*Two railside spaces provided plenty of room to enjoy the event.*



*The party was occasionally interrupted by horses running by.*



*The group crowds to the rail to encourage their choice of horses.*



*As the day progressed, the shade of our canopy became the preferred spot for some..*

This is one of the events offered in the Fall Catalog. We'll be doing it again next year, why not join us?

\* Hugo Z. Hackenbush is Groucho's character in the Marx Brothers' film *A Day At The Races*.

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**ACADEMY CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2014**

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2	3 <i>POLARIZED</i> 11:00-12:00n [P 110]	4 <i>ICELANDIC SAGA</i> 9:00-10:15a [P 110]  <del><i>DIVINE COMEDY</i></del> [No Class]	5 <i>WRITING THE MEMOIR</i> 12:00-1:00p [P 110]	6 <i>SC LAND &amp; CONSERVATION</i> 10:50a-12:05p [H 116]  <i>TENNESSEE WILLIAMS</i> 12:15-1:30p [P 110]  SC LAW: GOOD/BAD/UGLY 1:40-2:55p [P 106]  <i>ETH. CLEANSING</i> 3:20-4:20p [P 106]	7 <i>UNDERSTANDING JUDAISM</i> 11:00a-12:15p [P 106]	8
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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