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President's Message

The fall semester is well underway, with a great curriculum assembled by the dedicated volunteers on the Curriculum Committee in collaboration with the USCA faculty and some outstanding topics. We have 27 courses, 4 events, and a range of topics that inspire all of us to learn more! At this writing, we also have over 220 members participating in the courses, (more than any fall semester in recent memory) with more still registering every day.

With such a large number of courses and participants, we have had to find larger venues for many courses to accommodate everyone. Be sure and check the current list of classes moved to a different location in a separate article in this edition of *The Spiral*. Our administrative assistant, Amy Westra, has done a masterful job of identifying optional rooms to accomplish all this.

Unfortunately, we have had some unforeseen circumstances, and had to cancel "Introduction to Poetry Writing" this semester. But, it has already been placed into the curriculum for the spring 2016 semester. We are sorry for any inconvenience it caused.

With the return of cooler temperatures, our thoughts turn to the Fall Steeplechase, with many members participating in that activity at the Academy railside on October 31.

Finally, on October 15, we will join in celebrating the first annual National Life Long Learning Day. All classes held that day will be treated to a surprise during the class time.

So, enjoy this semester and the 25th anniversary of the Academy for Life Long Learning in 2015-2016!

Doug Cook, Academy President

CLASSROOM CHANGES

Now that registrations are in we've been able to assess which courses are proving most popular. Our USCA Administrative Assistant Amy Westra has done a great job of relocating classroom assignments to

larger rooms where needed. At this writing, this has enabled us to get nearly everyone into the classes they've requested and greatly reduced the wait lists.

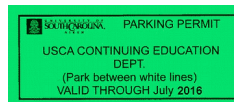
Please note the following relocations, and update your catalog as necessary.

- History in Headstones – B&E 124
- The Anatomy of Aging – B&E 124
- Whatcha Gonna Do With the Stuff – B&E 124
- Creative vs Critical Thinking – Nursing 120
- The Mindfulness Revolution – B&E 124
- Immigration & Ellis Island – B&E 124
- The 100th Anniversary of WWI – Penland 106
- History of December Rituals – Nursing 121

B&E ROOM 124

This year, like last year, a number of our classes have been scheduled in Room 124 of the Business and Education Building. Due to the tiered seating in this room, we request our less encumbered members to please leave the first row or two for those who would find it difficult to climb up to a higher row.

USCA CAMPUS PARKING REMINDER

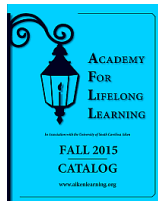


All registrants should have received a USCA parking permit on colored card stock when they registered for their fall Academy classes. If you did not receive a parking permit, you may request one from Amy Westra at USCA (803-641-3741 / info@aikenlearning.org).

Our permits entitle us to park in the WHITE-lined spaces in USCA parking lots. Spaces outlined in yellow are reserved for USCA Faculty and Staff.

A few Academy members have been cited with parking violations on campus in the past, so please be sure to park only in the white-lined spaces and to display your parking pass on your car's dashboard.

Courses Beginning This Month



Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can find the current 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 at USCA (803-641-3741 / info@aikenlearning.org).

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

KENYA: PEOPLE, CULTURE AND WILDLIFE

Date: 2 Thurs., Oct. 1, 8

Time: 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Business & Education, Rm. 124

DRAWING PERSPECTIVE

Date: 5 Fri. sessions, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Etherredge Center, Rm. 141

COMPUTERS AND YOU

Date: 4 Fri. sessions, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Location: Alan B. Miller Nursing Bldg., Room 121

CREATIVE VS. CRITICAL THINKING

Date: 3 Mon. sessions, Oct. 5, 12, 19

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

Location: Alan B. Miller Nursing Bldg., Room 120

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

THE MINDFULNESS REVOLUTION

Date: 4 Tues., Oct. 6, 13, 20, and 27

Time: 12:00 – 12:50 p.m.

Location: Business & Education, Rm. 124

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

FROM WHERE DO OUR WEATHER FORECASTS COME?

Date: 4 Tues., Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110

IMMIGRATION & ELLIS ISLAND'S IMPACT ON OUR NATION'S CONTINUING STORY

Date: 4 Wed. sessions, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Business & Education, Rm. 124

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

WALK WITH THE SPIRITS

Date: Saturday, Oct. 10

Time: Car Pool meets 2:30 p.m. in rear area of Parking Lot C, USCA

Return: Approximately 5:00 p.m.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: ANSWERING YOUR BIGGEST DIET & NUTRITION QUESTIONS

Date: 4 Mon. sessions, Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 16

Time: 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR I AND ITS IMPACT UPON TODAY'S WORLD

Date: 4 Tues. sessions, Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10

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

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 106

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

REIN IN ON CARRIAGE DRIVING IN AIKEN

Date: 2 Thurs. sessions, Oct. 22, 29

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

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110

LEE SMITH: VISITING AUTHOR FOR THE OSWALD WRITERS SERIES

Date: 4 Fri sessions., Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13

Time: 2:00-2:50 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

A PEEK INTO THE WORLD OF DULCIMERS

Date: 1 Mon. session, Oct. 26

Time: 3:00 – 3:50 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110

CORRIDOR OF SHAME: EDUCATION IN THE RURAL SOUTH

Date: 2 Thurs. sessions, Oct. 29, Nov. 5

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

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

MUSLIM WOMEN THROUGH THE AGES

Date: 4 Fri. sessions, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20

Time: 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

September 18 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by President Doug Cook.

Present: President Doug Cook, Past President Carl Fields, Secretary Doug Wilson, Treasurer Amy Westra, Curriculum Chair Jan VanSlyke

Absent: Publicity Chair Nancy Meinhardt

MINUTES

Minutes of the prior Board meeting, held August 12, 2015, were approved without change.

TREASURERS REPORT – Amy Westra

USCA has gone to new accounting software beginning the fall term. The new system failed to carry our USCA account balance over from last spring to the new system. Amy expects this oversight to be corrected shortly, as we finished the spring semester with a healthy balance.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Jan VanSlyke

The catalogs have been printed and distributed. At the present time we have 200 registrants for the fall semester.

Academy volunteers were on hand to help receive registrations for the first four days after the catalogs were released. This was a great help to Amy, and the volunteers were kept busy for the first three days. Very few registrations were brought in on day four, so it probably will be sufficient in the future just to cover the first three days with volunteers.

Several people volunteered to assist Amy in entering registrations into the USCA computer following receipt of the registration forms. She and Doug Cook were able to enter them all without tapping additional volunteers.

Once the registrations were in, Amy was able to get all over-subscribed classes reassigned from Penland 110, as shown in the catalog, to larger classrooms, thus eliminating most of the wait lists. All members with email addresses have been emailed the classroom changes. The changes also are posted on the Academy's website, and an article has already been placed in *The Spiral* for October. In addition, Doug W has provided Amy with "This class has been relocated" signs to be posted at Penland 110 for each of the relocated classes. As of this date only two classes had very short wait lists: The Mindfulness Revolution and The Anatomy of Aging.

Harriet Haynes has agreed to fill the vacant Curriculum Chair-Elect position this year and progress to Curriculum Chair next year. The Board unanimously approved Harriet for this position and welcomes her to the Board.

To better accommodate members' schedules, meetings of the Curriculum Committee are being changed from the second Friday of the month to the first Friday of the Month. Jan requested Amy to change our room reservations for the rest of this semester.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

In the week following the Academy-sponsored Hopelands Gardens Concert on August 17, Amy received over a dozen inquiries. The board deems this to be positive verification that this is a good vehicle for getting our message out to the community. A motion was moved, seconded, and approved that we continue to sponsor a Hopelands Concert in August annually.

Nancy submitted an article to both the regular Aiken Standard and the Mature Times section of the Standard. The article was about the fact that the 2015/2016 academic year marked the 25th Anniversary of our Academy. The article quoted Trudy Henson, one of the individuals who helped form the Academy, and the fact that she is now retired and enjoying classes. That article was printed as written in the September 15th issue of the Mature Times section under Nancy's byline along with a photo of Trudy Henson.

In addition, Rob Novit, Education Reporter for the Aiken Standard, called Nancy as well as Dr. Kauffman's son and Trudy Henson and wrote an article of his own using information gained from his phone calls to Nancy and the others. His article appeared on page 5A of the September 14th issue of the Aiken Standard along with photos of Dr. Alexander and Trudy Henson.

Nancy is planning to submit another article regarding National Lifelong Learning Day which will be celebrated on October 15th. That article will contain information on the origin and history of lifelong learning

programs as well as photos from our October 15th celebrations.

We submitted an article to *Life in Woodside* magazine at their request as they were seeking content for September. The article was not included in the September issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Checking Account

Doug Cook, Laura Anderson, and Mary Anne Cavanaugh met with Security Federal to update our account. The outdated signatories were removed (Laura, Mary Anne, and Norb Denil, who served very briefly as Treasurer in 2010) and replaced with Doug Cook and Doug Wilson, either of whose signatures will be sufficient for approval. Ours is a low volume community service account and they are still trying to determine if it is eligible for Security Federal's online bill pay service, which could eliminate our need to write checks at all.

Thanks to the ability to handle all instructor payments through the USCA system (see NEW BUSINESS), we will not be using the checking account to pay instructors, as we thought might be necessary for some non-faculty. As a result, the checking account will only be used for small "petty cash" disbursements.

National Lifelong Learning Day

October 15 has been designated as National Lifelong Learning Day. Last month we asked Amy to check with Aramark, USCA's catering vendor, what it would charge to serve cupcakes at the two Academy classes meeting that day. The cost was under \$3/cupcake, including setup, and the Board approved the expenditure.

Scholarships

As specified in our Policies and Procedures, planning for the scholarships we traditionally have provided for USCA students is to be done in conjunction with USCA's Advancement Department after the fall registrations are received and we thus have a good idea of our finances. Typically we commit funds in one academic year which are awarded to recipients in the Spring for disbursement the following academic year. Last year we funded two \$1500 scholarships to USCA students. We requested Amy to invite Judy Waters of the Advancement Department or her representative to attend our October Board meeting to assist in our planning for this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Instructor Payments

After researching past practice, and investigating new software and procedures USCA is inaugurating this fall, Amy recommends that all instructors be paid through the normal USCA accounting systems. In addition to being the cleanest way to handle payments to instructors on the USCA faculty, the system also can handle non-faculty instructors as "vendors" with the payments designated as "honoraria". To be paid by the system, instructors will have to fill out some simple forms. Amy can send and collect the forms for USCA faculty electronically. For non-faculty instructors, Amy will include the forms and instructions for filling them out in a packet of information for the class liaisons when they pick up their class roster sheets from Amy.

Academy Logo Wear for Curriculum Committee

The Board approved the purchase of one piece of Academy apparel

from our Logo Shop for each Curriculum Committee member. These items could then be worn when acting as Liaison in a class to identify themselves as representatives of the Academy. They may get a long or short sleeve tee shirt, golf shirt, or baseball cap, in their choice of available color as shown on our Cafepress page, accessible from the Logo Shop page on the Academy website. Doug C will inform the committee members and collect their choices so that we can place a bulk order.

Holiday Drop-In

Amy had a request from one faculty instructor who is not an Academy member but would like to attend our Holiday Drop-In in December. The Board agreed that all instructors would be welcome at the event, whether Academy members or not.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16. Amy will check what room and time were reserved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 am.

Corrections: In the September issue of *The Spiral* the captions under two pictures misidentified John Meinhardt as Bill Meinhardt. *The Spiral* apologizes to John and regrets the errors.



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ACADEMY CALENDAR – OCTOBER 2015						
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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 E = Etherredge Center @ USCA						