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The  
**Spiral**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

JANUARY, 2016

### President's Message

Well, the winter holidays are upon us as I write this, but the weather feels more like what we were hoping for in October. The catalog has been mailed, emailed, posted on the website, and distributed through the outlets like the Aiken Library, in near record time. The printer has expedited our process, and even the Post Office delivered the goods in one day to some members! We did everything we could to get the catalog in your hands as soon after December 1 as possible.

I hope you all will appreciate the very hard work of the Curriculum Committee again this semester, as they developed a spectrum of courses to interest our members. The resources within Aiken often bring them difficult choices of selecting topics and courses for each semester.

The Spring semester again has had its challenges, however. Our classroom space at the days and times convenient for instructors and members is very restricted. We have had to move several courses from their original schedules, and we are already finding a few courses with waitlists. In the next term, will be changing the techniques to better identify open classrooms when building the Fall 2016 catalog. We will also strive to identify possibilities for solving the current waitlists – stay tuned! **This means checking your emails and our website ([aikenlearning.org](http://aikenlearning.org)) to check for changes/updates prior to the first session of each course in which you are enrolled.**

Thank you for supporting the Academy for Life Long Learning, and have fun in our Spring 2016 semester!

**Doug Cook, Academy President**

### Catalog Updates

The following changes have occurred since the Spring 2016 catalog was sent to the printer. Please be sure your catalog copy reflects these changes:

- **Acrylic Painting** – date change:  
Jan. 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2
- **Emperors of Rome: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly** – date, time, and location change:  
Time changed to 11:00 – 11:50 am  
Feb. 3 - Business and Education 122  
Feb. 10, 17, 24 - Business and Education 124  
[Note that the time change was omitted from earlier announcements.]
- **Field Day at the Dairy Goat Farm** – time change:  
9:00 – 10:30 am

### Holiday Reception

The Academy held its third annual Holiday Reception December 4 at the Pickens Salley House on the USCA campus.



*About 40 Academy members dropped by to enjoy delicious appetizers and Holiday beverages, and fellowship of other Academy members*



*Michelle Hodge, Alumni Affairs Administrative Specialist, related historic Pickens Salley House's interesting past*

The reception was free to all Academy members but did require an RSVP in advance. If you missed the event this year, be sure to watch for it in next year's Fall catalog.

### 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](mailto: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.

#### LIVE FROM THE MET OPERA

Date: 4 Mondays, January 11, 25; February 1, 8  
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Location: Humanities & Social Sciences Bldg., Room 116

#### ACRYLIC PAINTING

##### NOTE DATE CORRECTION

Date: 4 Tuesdays, January 12, 19, 26; February 2  
Time: 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.  
Location: Etherredge Center, Room 141  
COST: \$23 due at first class

#### MOVEMENT THAT MATTERS: DEVELOPING FUNCTIONAL FORM FOR EXERCISE

Date: 4 Tuesdays, January 19, 26; February 2, 9  
Time: 9:25 - 10:40 a.m.  
Location: Business and Education Bldg., Rm. 124

#### AMERICAN LITERATURE: CHARLOTTE PERKINS GILMAN

Date: 2 Tuesdays, January 19, 26  
Time: 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.  
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Rm. 124

#### INTRODUCTION TO POETRY WRITING

Date: 4 Wednesdays, January 20, 27; February 3, 10  
Time: 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.  
Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 110

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT

Date: 4 Fridays, January 22, 29; February 5, 12  
Time: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.  
Location: Alan B. Miller Nursing Bldg., Room 121

#### MUSEUM COLLECTIONS: CARE AND PRESERVATION

Date: 4 Thursdays, January 28; February 4, 11, 18  
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Location: Aiken County Historical Museum

#### Board Meeting

The Academy for Lifelong Learning Board did not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15.



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| ACADEMY CALENDAR – JANUARY 2016   |  |  |   |  |   |          |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|----------|
| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY |
|   |  |  |   |  |  | 2        |
| 3   | 4  | 5  | 6   | 7  | 8<br><i>Curric. Committee'</i><br>10:00a [B 102]                                    | 9        |
| 10  | 11<br><i>Met Opera</i><br>11:00a-12:30p<br>[H 116] | 12<br><i>Acrylic Painting</i><br>12:15-1:30p [E 141]   | 13  | 14   | 15<br><i>Academy Board</i><br>1:00p [P 110]   | 16       |
| 17  | 18<br>DR MARTIN<br>LUTHER KING<br>OBSERVANCE       | 19<br><i>Movement Matters</i><br>9:45-10:40a [B 124]<br><br><i>Acrylic Painting</i><br>12:15-1:30p [E 141]<br><br>American Lit: Gilman<br>3:00-3:50p [B 124] | 20<br><i>Intro Poetry Writing</i><br>3:00-3:50p [P 110] | 21   | 22<br><i>Old Testament</i><br>11:00-11:50p [N 121]                                  | 23       |
| 24  | 25<br><i>Met Opera</i><br>11:00a-12:30p<br>[H 116] | 26<br><i>Movement Matters</i><br>9:45-10:40a [B 124]<br><br><i>Acrylic Painting</i><br>12:15-1:30p [E 141]<br><br>American Lit: Gilman<br>3:00-3:50p [B 124] | 27<br><i>Intro Poetry Writing</i><br>3:00-3:50p [P 110] | 28<br><i>Museum Collections</i><br>2:00-3:00p [ACHM] | 29<br><i>Old Testament</i><br>11:00-11:50p [N 121]                                  | 30       |
| 31  |  |  |   |  |   |          |
| <p>[Location Codes]    B = Bus &amp; Educ Bldg @ USCA    H = Hum &amp; Soc Sci Bldg @ USCA    RP = Ruth Patrick Sci Ctr @ USCA<br/>                     N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA    P = Penland Bldg @ USCA    CC = Cedar Creek Community Building<br/>                     E = Etherredge Center    ACHM = Aiken County Historical Museum</p> |  |  |   |  |   |          |