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President's Message

September was a busy month for the Academy for Lifelong Learning members, with diverse courses such as *Purple Reign*, *Sail Boating*, *Visiting Aiken's Grand Hotels – a Virtual Tour*, *Cybersecurity* and several others beginning during the month.

October brings another new, interesting selection of courses and the Aiken Fall Steeplechase for us on campus and off. Upcoming courses include *Mystery*, *Immigration & Ellis Island*, art, ballads, balloons, and several history courses. If you are interested in any of our October classes and did not sign up, some of these courses are waitlisted. However, if the course has been moved to a larger room, you may still be able to enroll. Again—check the online Fall 2016 catalog for updates or contact Amy Westra.

I want to thank all of you for frequently checking your emails and the updated calendars and notifications on our Academy for Lifelong Learning website (www.aikenlearning.org). The website is the most efficient way for us to communicate changes to you. Please continue to check often throughout the semester, since course time, date, or location changes may occur at any time. If there is a change, Amy will notify you, but sometimes the timeframe for the change is short.

Speaking of courses changes—the dates for *Patriotism in American Culture* had to be moved back a week. The course will still meet Fridays at 10:15-11:15 in Penland Room 106. However, the dates of the first and last classes have changed. This course will meet beginning October 21 rather than October 14, and the course will end on November 11 rather than November 4. New dates are 10/21, 10/28, 11/04, and 11/11.

This semester is up and running smoothly and we have had many positive comments from you. A large part of the success of our program is the behind-the-scenes hard work of many, but this month I would like to mention two of those folks – Amy Westra and Doug Wilson. Amy is our USCA Administrative Assistant who is not only responsible for overseeing (and doing) many things for the Academy, but she is

responsible for other projects and groups on campus as well. Somehow she manages to stay organized and on top of things and is always willing to help us solve our latest crisis even when it occurs on a weekend. Doug, in addition to his duties as Academy Secretary and Editor of *The Spiral*, is responsible for maintaining and updating all our webpage activities (of which there are many). He keeps the web information current so you always know what you're reading online is correct and works on solving various email problems that arise. He ensures the course information in the catalog is the duplicate of the information in the monthly academy calendars.

Our Curriculum Committee is working on course offerings for Spring Semester 2017. If you have an idea for a course, please notify Amy, Harriet Haynes, Jan Van Slyke, or someone else on the Curriculum Committee and give us a brief course description to discuss at the Curriculum Committee meeting in October.

Remember the Steeplechase is Saturday, October 29, and the Academy has rail space reserved. Hope to see you there.

Jan VanSlyke, Academy President

Patriotism Class Rescheduled

Due to a schedule conflict the *Patriotism in American Culture* short course is being pushed back one week. The new dates are four consecutive Fridays, October 21 through November 11.

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.

A WORLD OF MYSTERY, PART II

Date: 4 Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25

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

Location Changes:

Oct 4, 11, 18 - Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

Oct 25 - Business & Education Bldg., Room 122

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

Date: 4 Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Location Change: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

ECOLOGIST FOR A DAY

Date: Friday, October 7

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: UGA Conference Center

UNIVERSAL THEMES IN WESTERN ART

Date: 4 Mondays, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 110

HIDDEN HISTORY OF AUGUSTA

Date: Thursday, Oct. 13

Time: 1:00-2:15 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

PATRIOTISM IN AMERICAN CULTURE

Date Change: 4 Fridays, October 21, 28; Nov 4, 11

Time: 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

MORE BALLOONS

Date: 6 Fridays, October 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18

Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 110

Cost: \$10 for balloons (pay to instructors on first day of class)

SPAIN AFTER FRANCO

Date: 4 Tuesdays, October 18, 25; November 1, 15 (no class on November 8 due to Election Day)

Time: 3:20-4:10 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

BALLADS

Date: 2 Wednesdays, Oct 19, 26

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12 noon

Location: B&E 124

Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC AUGUSTA

Date: Thursday, October 20

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12 noon

Location: Meet at USCA Convocation Center

HISTORY OF TURKEY

Date: 3 Fridays, October 21, ~~29~~ 28; November 4

Time: 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

AMERICAN PROCESS OF ELECTIONS

Date: 4 Wednesdays, October 26; November 2, 9, 16

Time: 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

FALL STEEPLECHASE

Date: Saturday, October 29

Time: Gates open at 9:30 a.m., Potluck 12:00, First Race 1:00 p.m.

Location: Bruce's Field, Aiken

Registration for this event closed on Sept. 15th



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ACADEMY CALENDAR – OCTOBER 2016

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16	17 <i>Western Art</i> 1:00p [P 110]	18 <i>Mystery</i> 2:00p [B 124] <i>Spain After Franco</i> 3:20p [P 106]	19 <i>Ballads</i> 11:00a [B 124] <i>Immigration</i> 1:00p [P 106]	20 <i>Tour Augusta</i> 9:00a [CC]	21 <i>Turkey</i> 9:00p [P 106] <i>Patriotism</i> 10:15a [P 106] <i>Board</i> 1:00p [TBD] <i>More Balloons</i> 2:00p [P 110]	22
23	24 <i>Western Art</i> 1:00p [P 110]	25 <i>Mystery</i> 2:00p [B 424 122] <i>Spain After Franco</i> 3:20p [P 106]	26 <i>Ballads</i> 11:00a [B 124] <i>Immigration</i> 1:00p [P 106] <i>Election Process</i> 2:45p [P 106]	27	28 <i>Turkey</i> 9:00p [P 106] <i>Patriotism</i> 10:15a [P 106] <i>More Balloons</i> 2:00p [P 110]	29 <i>Steeplechase</i> Potluck 12:00 [Bruce's Field, Aiken]
30	31 <i>Western Art</i> 1:00p [P 110]					

[Location Codes] B = Bus & Educ Bldg @ USCA H = Hum & Soc Sci Bldg @ USCA CC = Convo. Center @ USCA
 N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA FP = First Presbyterian Church
 UGC = Univ of GA Conference Center, Savannah River Site