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Spiral

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President's Message

What a gorgeous weekend we had this past week--- makes us that much hungrier for spring to finally get here! But the daffodils are in bloom, and the Bradford Pear tree blooms are ready to pop out (if the frost will hold off!), so spring can't be far behind!

We have yet to find a Teams technical expert for monitoring the online classes and probably will not be successful at this late date. One of our biggest problems is that the Teams software is a meeting software, not a classroom software, but it was the only platform we had available from the University. We've found a lot of the glitches, and the Continuing Ed staff continues to do the monitoring for us (thank goodness!), so we will limp along for the remainder of the semester with the less than perfect online classes. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

We are about midway thru the spring semester, having enjoyed many interesting and informative classes, with still more to come. We will have a class on great plants to grow in our southern gardens, so we can start spring off out in the garden planting, and enjoy those lovely plants all summer and fall. Another class will introduce us to the Japanese art of flower arrangement (Ikebana), so we can enjoy those flowers inside, as well! With this kind of preparation, we are more than ready for the spring weather that's just around the corner!

Here's wishing you a beautiful spring and a prolific summer garden!

Harriet Haynes, Academy President
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Savannah River Site History Class

The instructors for this class beginning March 4 have informed us that they will be speaking remotely for the sessions of the class being held in Penland 106. Their presentations will be viewable on the large screen at the front of the room. Those who have enrolled for the in-class sessions will be given the option of attending at Penland 106 or remotely via the Teams software.

The optional in-person fourth session at the SRS will be held as planned.

Courses Beginning Soon

Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can download the current catalog from the Academy website at aikenlearning.org/Catalog.php).

To enroll, register online at campscui.active.com/orgs/UniversityofSouthCarolinaAiken1?season=2922134, or return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact UofSC Aiken Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).

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

👤 = In Person 💻 = Online

Little Known Stories of the American Revolution
4 Wednesdays, March 3,10,17,24

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Note Room Change:

Business & Education Bldg., Room 140; 👤 💻

Environmental Impact of the Savannah River Site

3 Wednesdays, March 3,10,17

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; 👤 💻

Savannah River Site History

4 Thursdays, March 4,11,18,25

11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Note Room Change:

Sessions 1-3: Penland Admin Bldg, Room 106; 👤 💻

Session 4: SRS Museum; 👤 (No online)

Great Plants for Growing In Your Southern Gardens

Tuesday, March 9

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Note Room Change:

Business & Education Bldg., Room 122; 👤 💻

Geology: No Vestige of a Beginning, No Prospect of an End
4 Wednesdays, March 17,24,31, April 7
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Online Only 

Age and the Brain

4 Thursdays, March 18,25, April 1,8

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Online Only 

Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy

6 Tuesdays, March 30, April 6,13,20,27, May 4

1:30-2:45 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124;  

Introduction to Ikebana: The Art of Japanese Flower Arrangements

Friday, April 2

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124;  

Tales of Old Edgefield

4 Mondays, April 5,12,19,26

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Online Only 

February 1 Board Meeting

[Note: The minutes were approved at the March 1 Board Meeting.]

Present: President Harriet Haynes, Publicity Chair Nancy Hughes, Past President Jan VanSlyke (virtual), Curriculum Chair David Tavernier, Curriculum Chair-elect Steve Gordy, Webmaster Doug Wilson, Continuing Education Director Karen Edgington, Continuing Education staff Aubrey Melvin, Secretary Ellen Wood (virtual).

Absent: Treasurer (to be appointed)

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by Harriet Haynes.

The minutes of the 1/11/21 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: available as a handout.

Curriculum Committee: David Tavernier

1. Reported that evaluation forms from fall classes were uniformly positive and contained many suggestions for future classes.
2. Discussed two "Great Decisions" classes, one at Aiken Public Library and ours. Possible effort to combine them so as not to overlap or conflict. David will follow up with this. (Note: on 2/18 David reported that John Karas, who formerly presented this program at the Chicago Public Library, will handle Great Decisions in the Fall semester and going forward. He will not present at the library or

the museum and will try to bring former attendees to our program.)

Publicity: Nancy Hughes - no report

Webmaster: Doug Wilson - no report

Old Business:

1. Karen announced that Kim Steele will be the new treasurer.
2. New lapel type microphones were ordered and have come in. A clock has been ordered for room 124.
3. Steve and David reported on their respective ideas for fund raising events. One would be a book sale at USCA in late fall; the other a gala at the Constantine House in September. Details on both will be reported at the March meeting.
4. McGrath Merger:
5. **Name Change committee:** Nancy reported that per USCA there would be no conflict with existing LLL documents or endowment if there is an LLL name change. A draft logo created by Aubrey was circulated. Board agreed to use name "Kauffman-McGrath Lifelong Learning Academy". Karen noted this needs to be checked with the University since "USCA" would also appear on the logo. Suggestion that size of lantern be tweaked to allow for more open space.
6. **Web Page/Spiral Magazine:** Doug referred board to his 1/31 email which recommended that: both website and newsletter functions should be continued, each serving for the combined organization.

A single combined website should be created to replace the current sites, with Jim Brown as the Webmaster; Doug Wilson would be the Newsletter editor. Both will cross-train to be able to assist and back up the other.

Doug noted that our by-laws require a monthly newsletter. Eventually there would be a common website.

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.



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ACADEMY CALENDAR – MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Line Dancing</i> 11a-12n [B Gym]	2 <i>Live from the MET</i> 10-11a [B 124]	3 <i>Amer. Rev. Stories</i> 10:30-11:30 [B 140] <i>Reunification of Italy</i> 1-2p [Online only] <i>SRS Env. Impact</i> 3-4p [B 124]	4 <i>Non-West Philosop.</i> 9-10a [B 124] <i>SRS History</i> 11a-12n [P 106]	5	6
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28	29 <i>Line Dancing</i> 11a-12n [B Gym]	30 <i>Mindfulness</i> 1:30-2:45p [B 124]	31 <i>Geology</i> 9-10a [Online only]			

ACADEMY CALENDAR – APRIL 2021

				1 <i>Age and the Brain</i> 2-3p [Online only]	2 <i>Ikebana</i> 10-11:30a [B 124]	3
4	5 <i>Old Edgefield</i> 11a-12n [Online only]	6 <i>Mindfulness</i> 1:30-2:45p [B 124]	7 <i>Geology</i> 9-10a [Online only]	8 <i>Age and the Brain</i> 2-3p [Online only]	9	

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