



# The Spiral

Newsletter of the Center for Lifelong Learning, University of South Carolina Aiken

NOVEMBER, 2025

## President's Message

Dear Fellow Students,

It is amazing how quickly the time has passed since our August registration. Goblins, witches, and trick-or-treaters have come and gone. Thanksgiving is close upon us, with the last of our scheduled classes to end in a few short weeks.

I hope you enjoyed our variety and record setting number of classes, ranging from various technology subjects through history, travel, wellbeing, living in Aiken and many more too numerous to list.

This was our best semester looking at the quantity, quality and variety of classes. The number of our students is close to 500, considerably more than in previous semesters. We need help. The same staff, both CLL and External Programs, have managed the program for some time. We have not grown but our output and student responsibility have. Please join us; volunteer and sign up during the January registration.

My thanks to staff and students for a highly successful fall semester. To all, a Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

**Jim Tisaranni, CLL President**  
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## Mark Your Calendar: Holiday Drop-In



The annual Center for Lifelong Learning Holiday Drop-In Reception featuring hors d'oeuvres and liquid refreshment will be held Tuesday December 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Lobby of the Etheredge Center. Holiday Music will again be provided by Savannah River Stringband, featuring our own Vicki Gibboney.

There is no charge for registered members of the Center but a RSVP is required for planning purposes. Invitations were emailed to all registered CLL members in late October. Reserve your spot by returning your RSVP no later than November 20. See your invitation for details.

## Still Time to Sign Up for Remaining Fall Classes

There's still semester time left before you put the turkey in the oven and head out Holiday shopping. Where there is space available, you can still sign up for General Interest courses up until the actual start date.

Here are some upcoming classes with available space that might interest you:

- ♦ Want to cut your costs at the grocery store and make your own wine vinegar? Laura Roden's *Making Wine Vinegar* course will teach you how to do just that on November 7th. Never let wine go to waste!
- ♦ Maybe you are out working in your yard and you see so many different varieties of mushrooms. Are they toxic? What is their purpose in the ecosystem? Come join us on November 14th in the *Fabulous and Freaky Fungi* course to get these questions answered.
- ♦ If you found the original *Brain and Body Fitness* course fun and beneficial, you will love the advanced version. This time, we will focus more on fall prevention, balance, and breathing techniques.

## Catalog Updates



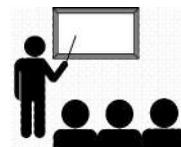
There has been a single schedule change affecting remaining classes since the previous issue of *The Spiral*. A cumulative list of catalog changes is maintained on the CLL website's [Changes to the Printed Catalog Page](#).

| Page | Course                                                                              |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 37   | <i>Incidental Experts: Developing Info Skills</i> - Withdrawn due to low enrollment |

## Courses and Events Beginning in November

Many of our classes fill quickly. Before attending please pre-register to assure there is a place for you.

Click each item name to access its full description from the CLL website listings ([aikenlearning.org/courses.html](http://aikenlearning.org/courses.html)).



| COURSE / EVENT NAME                               | Start  |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <a href="#">The Story of Aiken</a>                | Nov 03 |
| <a href="#">Headstones: Jewish Changemakers</a>   | Nov 03 |
| <a href="#">Advanced Brain &amp; Body Fitness</a> | Nov 04 |
| <a href="#">US-China Trade War</a>                | Nov 04 |
| <a href="#">Best of New Zealand &amp; Fiji</a>    | Nov 05 |
| <a href="#">Making Wine Vinegar</a>               | Nov 07 |
| <a href="#">Adv Computer Scams</a>                | Nov 11 |
| <a href="#">End of Life Preparation</a>           | Nov 13 |
| <a href="#">Freaky &amp; Fabulous Fungi</a>       | Nov 14 |
| <a href="#">Jerusalem Travelogue</a>              | Nov 14 |

Full course descriptions can also be found:

- in the downloadable catalog ([aikenlearning.org/catalog.html](http://aikenlearning.org/catalog.html))
- in the printed catalog

Register online at [aikenlearning.org/online.html](http://aikenlearning.org/online.html) or bring the form from the catalog along with any required payment to the USC Aiken External Programs office, Business and Education Building, Room 103. **Registrations can no longer be taken via mail or phone** due to more stringent requirements for credit card processing.

For questions, contact USC Aiken Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3563 / [info@aikenlearning.org](mailto:info@aikenlearning.org)).

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| CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2025                                                                                   |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                           |
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| MONDAY                                                                                                                                  | TUESDAY                                                                                                      | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | THURSDAY                                                                                          | FRIDAY                                                                                                    |
| <b>3</b><br>Story of Aiken<br>11:00–12:00 [B 116]<br>Hdstns: Jewish Changemkrs<br>12:30–1:30 [B 144]<br>Line Dancing<br>2:00–3:00 [ACS] | <b>4</b><br>Adv. Brain & Body Fitness<br>9:30–10:45 [B 144]<br>US–China Trade War<br>2:00–3:00 [P 106]       | <b>5</b><br>Best of New Zealand & Fiji<br>9:30–10:30 [B 144]<br>Current Political Events<br>11:00–12:00 [B 144]<br>Virtual Tour of Aiken County<br>12:30–1:30 [P 106]<br>MacBooks and iMacs<br>1:30–3:30 [B 238F]<br>Research Innovations– SRNL<br>2:00–3:00 [B 144] | <b>6</b><br>Reading Financial Statements<br>9:30–10:30 [B 144]                                    | <b>7</b><br>Making Wine Vinegar<br>11:00–12:00 [B 144]                                                    |
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| [Location Codes]    B = USCA Bus & Educ Bldg    ACS = Aiken County Shrine    P = Penland Admin Bldg                                     |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                           |