



The Spiral

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

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Editor's Message

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving, a time we set aside to give thanks in appreciation for the blessings we have received.

One of the things I am thankful for is the dedication of the External Programs staff and volunteers of the Curriculum Committees who work behind the scenes to prepare each semester's Center for Lifelong Learning offerings.

Each semester they have the daunting task of assembling information on a myriad of courses and events, setting up the schedule and arranging for classroom space, coordinating with the instructors, and pulling it all together to create and publish the catalog. This is no small feat yet they manage to pull it off each term.

The fruits of their current labors will be available for you this month. As you review the many offerings, perhaps you too will give some thought to those who toiled out of sight in order to pull this all together for you.

Best wishes to all for a truly wonderful Holiday season.

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Don't Forget the Holiday Drop-In Event



The annual Center for Lifelong Learning Holiday Drop-In will be held Tuesday December 2, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the lobby of the Etheredge Center.

The Reception will feature hors d'oeuvres and liquid refreshment. Savannah River Stringband, featuring the Center's own Vicki Gibboney, will again be providing Holiday music.

Invitations for the drop-in were sent to this semester's CLL registered members in late October. There is no charge for members, but an RSVP by November 30 was required to reserve your spot and allow us to plan accordingly.

Looking Ahead to the Spring Semester



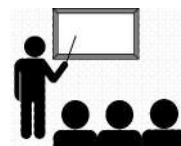
The Fall semester held its last class in November, but the Spring semester is right around the corner. Finishing touches are being applied to the catalog, which lists over 125 General Interest and Technology offerings (a new record), and is about to be sent to the printer.

Tentative Timeline:

- Early Dec: Course information available on website
- Mid-Dec: Catalog distribution begins
- Jan 6: Open House & Registration opens
- Jan 12: First classes begin

Something New Coming This Spring: Tech Talks

Tech Talks will be one-hour sessions on a specific technical subject. The instructor will give a 15 to 20 minute talk on the subject followed by a discussion with the students. Subjects planned for the Spring semester are:



Subject	Instructor	Date
Beyond Security	Gabriel Lemnaru	Jan 20
Parlez vous American cell phone?	Bob Hood	Jan 27
Digital Calendars	Wayne Rickman	Feb 4
Digital Legacy	Vicki Gibboney	Feb 17
Password Managers	Russ Beckmeyer	Feb 19
Family Histories	Dennis Harkins	Feb 24
Alexa in Your Life	Russ Beckmeyer	Feb 26
Quantum Computing	Larry Deschaine	Mar 2

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CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2025

MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1		2 HOLIDAY DROP-IN RECEPTION  2:00-4:00 pm [EC]	3	4	5
8		9	10	11	12
SUN 14  HANUKKA BEGINS	MON 15	16	17	18	19
22		23	24	25  CHRISTMAS DAY	26
29		30	31  NEW YEARS EVE		
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