



The Spiral

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

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President's Message

A Year of Growth and Achievement

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our staff, advisory board, and USC Aiken for their unwavering support and dedication throughout the 2025-2026 academic year. Their hard work has made this year a standout, as we celebrated a record-breaking number of students and courses. Both our General Interest and Technical Curriculum Committees excelled in the quality and quantity of course offerings and their delivery. Our classrooms were consistently filled with enthusiastic students who were eager to participate and learn.

We encouraged students to bring friends and family to our sessions, allowing them to experience firsthand the value of our program. By sharing this experience, we hope to inspire more people to join us in the future.

Continuous Improvement and Your Involvement

What are we doing right and what could be strengthened? What are our opportunities for improvement? CLL Program Management sees a strong need to look both inward and externally to assess our performance and develop a **Continuous Improvement** plan for now and the future. This plan will be the foundation of CLL's future success. To avoid tunnel vision and the "we've always done it this way" syndrome, it is important for this plan to be developed by a team involving volunteer student-members for fresh ideas and critical review.

If you'd like to help with developing this plan, please contact me at pres@aikenlearning.org.

Warm Regards,

Jim Tisaranni, CLL President
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Mark Your Calendars

At noon on May 4, the Center for Lifelong Learning will hold its annual luncheon to honor the memory of Dr. Earl F. Kauffman, the primary founder in 1989 of one of the Center's predecessor organizations, the Academy for Lifelong Learning.



Dr. Kauffman

Invitations are being sent to all registered members of the Center in early April. There is no charge to Center members for this luncheon, but for planning purposes you must respond to the invitation to reserve your place.

For more information on this event see the [Kauffman Remembrance Day and Award page](#) on the CLL website.

Catalog Updates



Changes affecting upcoming classes have been announced since the last issue of *The Spiral*. Please enter these changes and corrections in your copy of the catalog. A cumulative list of catalog changes is maintained on the CLL website's [Changes to the Printed Catalog](#) page.

Classroom or schedule changes:

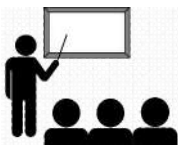
Page	Course
27	<i>Great Decisions</i> - Additional session April 14

Funeral Planning Class Session Replaced With Offer of One-On-One Session

Instructor Graham Hall canceled the course's final session on March 31. In its place, registered students are invited to schedule a one-on-one session directly with him for an open-forum style discussion on planning their final funeral wishes.

Courses and Events Beginning in April

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).

COURSE / EVENT NAME	Start
The American Revolution in the CSRA	Apr 1
2000 Years of Building Hungary	Apr 2
Using iCloud with iPhone/iPad	Apr 2
The Fowl and Grotesque Life of Flannery O'Connor	Apr 2
Preserving Family Heirlooms	Apr 3
Dr. Seuss: His Stories and Life	Apr 6
The Roaring 20s: America in the 1920s	Apr 7
Researching Your Family History	Apr 9
Exploring Local History: Redcliffe Plantation	Apr 9
Martha Schofield Aiken's Quaker Activist	Apr 13
Meet Eulalie Salley	Apr 13
Why is my Head Spinning?	Apr 14
Paris to Lyon and a Rhone River Cruise	Apr 14
Plant Vogtle Tour 1 - Section A	Apr 15
Writing the Declaration of Independence	Apr 15
Plant Vogtle Tour 2 - Section B	Apr 15
SC Secession From a Scottish Viewpoint	Apr 15
The Battle of Port Royal Sound	Apr 16
Hopelands Gardens and Rye Patch	Apr 20
Why Wolves are Widely Hated and Feared	Apr 20
The Body in Motion	Apr 21
Graniteville Company & Gregg-G'ville Library	Apr 22

COURSE / EVENT NAME	Start
Vintage Photographs of Aiken	Apr 23
Hitchcock Woods Recovery From Hurricane Helene	Apr 28
US China Trade War: Reshaping Power Relations	Apr 28

Full course descriptions can also be found:

- in the downloadable catalog (aikenlearning.org/catalog.html)
- in the printed catalog

Register online at 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).

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CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING CALENDAR - APRIL 2026

[LOCATION CODES] B = USCA BUS & EDUC BLDG RP = RUTH PATRICK SCI CTR PV = PLANT VOGTLE EC = ETHERREDGE CTR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<p>1 Prep for Emergency 11:00-12:00 [B 144] The Fall of Eagles 12:30-1:30 [B 144] Amer. Revolution in CSRA 3:30-4:30 [B 144]</p>	<p>2 Building Hungary 11:00-12:00 [B 144] FDR: Days in the Life 12:30-1:30 [B 144] Using iCloud w/iPhone 1:30-3:30 [B 238F] Life of Flannery O'Connor 2:00-3:00 [B 144]</p>	<p>3 When Kidneys Go Awry 9:30-10:30 [B 144] Preserving Heirlooms 11:00-12:00 [B 144]</p>
<p>6 Intro To Meditation 9:30-10:30 [B 144] Dr. Seuss: Stories & Life 2:00-2:00 [B 144]</p>	<p>7 America in the 1920s 11:00-12:00 [B 144] Postcards: 1900-1930 12:30-1:30 [B 144] Apple Macs 1:30-3:30 [B 238F] Great Decisions 2:00-4:00 [B 144]</p>	<p>8 The Fall of Eagles 12:30-1:30 [B 144] Amer. Revolution in CSRA 3:30-4:30 [B 144]</p>	<p>9 Building Hungary 11:00-12:00 [B 144] Research Family History 2:00-300 [B 144] Redcliffe Plantation 3:20-4:30 [B 144]</p>	<p>10 When Kidneys Go Awry 9:30-10:30 [B 144] Preserving Heirlooms 11:00-12:00 [B 144]</p>
<p>13 Martha Schofield 11:00-12:00 [B 144] Meet Eulalie Salley 12:30-1:30 [B 144] Dr. Seuss: Stories & Life 2:00-2:00 [B 144]</p>	<p>14 Why Is My Head Spinning? 9:30-10:30 [B 144] America in the 1920s 11:00-12:00 [B 144] Paris, Lyon, Rhone River 12:30-1:30 [B 144] Great Decisions 2:00-4:00 [B 144]</p>	<p>15 Plant Vogtle Tour (Sec A) 9:00-12:00 [PV] Writing the Declaration 11:00-12:00 [B 144] The Fall of Eagles 12:30-1:30 [B 144] Plant Vogtle Tour (Sec B) 1:00-4:00 [PV] Scottish View/SC Civ. War 2:00-3:00 [B 144] Amer. Revolution in CSRA 3:30-4:30 [B 144]</p>	<p>16 Building Hungary 11:00-12:00 [B 144] Battle of Port Royal Sound 12:30-1:30 [B 144] Research Family History 2:00-300 [B 144] Redcliffe Plantation 3:20-4:30 [B 144]</p>	<p>17</p>
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<p>27 Dr. Seuss: Stories & Life 2:00-2:00 [B 144] MONDAY MAY 4 Kauffman Luncheon 12:00-2:00 [EC Lobby]</p>	<p>28 Hitchcock Woods After Helene 9:30-10:30 [B 144] America in the 1920s 11:00-12:00 [B 144] US-China Trade War 2:00-3:00 [B 144]</p>	<p>29 Writing the Declaration 11:00-12:00 [B 144] Gregg-Graniteville Library 12:30-1:30 [B 144] Scottish View/SC Civ. War 2:00-3:00 [B 144]</p>	<p>30 Vintage Photos of Aiken 9:30-10:30 [B 144] Research Family History 2:00-300 [B 144] Redcliffe Plantation 3:20-4:30 [B 144]</p>	<p>31</p>