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### News and Activities for the Week of Nov. 22, 2009

Hello, Lifelong Learners!

The spring OLLI catalog is at the printers with distribution targeted for Thanksgiving and registration beginning Monday, Nov. 30. Check out our Web site for a glimpse of the cover art, donated as always by artist and art instructor Bernie Slice. By next Wednesday, your newsletter will include the "At-a-Glance" schedules for all three locations. We plan mass insertion of the Free Week and At-a-Glance schedules in area newspapers and magazines, with a limited printing of the full catalog to be mailed to our members and available for pick-up at the outreach centers. If you participated at any of our OLLI programs since Spring 2008, you will automatically receive a copy of the Spring 2010 catalog.

If you are a South Carolina resident 60 or above and interested in the "free tuition" program for **CREDIT** courses on campus, you can register starting the day before classes actually begin (Jan. 12, 2010). You will need to complete a university application form as a "nondegree seeking student," which has a one-time \$45 application fee. Participating students are welcome into any of the university courses (**except OLLI noncredit courses**) which have obtained the requisite number of paying students and which have room for additional participants. Application forms are available on campus, at the outreach centers and online at [www.coastal.edu](http://www.coastal.edu) (admissions, how to apply).

### Special Announcements

**Costa Rica with the Russells:** Our trip to Costa Rica to be led by Alex and Susana Russell, Spanish instructors for Coastal Carolina University's Lifelong Learning program for the past eight years, is fewer than 100 days away from the proposed trip dates (Feb. 7 to 14, 2010). We will not have very long to get the minimum 10 commitments (maximum 16) for this trip. In fact, the deposit deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 25, when a deposit of \$600 per person (against the total cost of \$2,400) will be due.

But, first things first, here's the general scope of the trip: Our US Airways flight will depart from Myrtle Beach on Sunday, Feb. 7 and return Sunday, Feb. 14. We have 16 seats reserved. We plan five nights at a deluxe hotel in San Jose, with visits to the Santa Ana Farmers market, the City Market, a Spanish school in Santa Ana or Cartago, a local's home to see the floor design and type of house construction in Latin America, plus evening theatrical or musical performances. Day excursions to the surrounding rainforest, Orosi Valley and Lankester Gardens, and small towns are being explored.

Two nights will be spent at the Volcan Arenales where we will visit La Fortuna Waterfalls and see the volcano at night. Each day's activities will be preceded by the Russells' insights on their history and culture, along with useful Spanish vocabulary. Our travelers will be encouraged to practice their Spanish at every opportunity.

The detailed day-by-day itinerary, complete with the specific activities each day and the hotel accommodations, is being negotiated with the tour suppliers. As a small, intimate group, traveling under the guidance of experienced (and fun!) instructors to the prime attractions offered at the height of the Costa Rican season, we are delighted to offer this excursion for \$2,400 per person, including airfare, hotels, ground transportation, admissions to attractions, and some meals.

Valid passports are required for this trip. The expiration date should be six months or more after the Feb. 14, 2010, return to the USA. It is not too late to renew or acquire a new passport, but you should consider paying a "fast processing" fee to expedite the arrival of your passport. Contact your nearest post office or the Georgetown or Horry County Clerk of Court for detailed information and assistance.

Please call Linda Ketron at 843-349-4032, and she will be happy to accept your \$600 deposit (refundable until Nov. 25)!

**Trip itinerary for Germany** will be available very soon. Thank you for your patience while we assemble the most interesting, highest quality and most affordable trip. If you have already notified our front desk of your interest, Holley will have contacted you for your e-mail address. If you'd like to be added to that list, please call 843-349-4030.

**The 2010 season of Private Italy tours with Mark Gordon Smith** can be viewed at his Web site ([www.private-italy.com](http://www.private-italy.com)). There are scheduled tours to Tuscany and Venice from May to September, the Lake Region and Northern Italy in July, Sicily and the Amalfi Coast September to November, and Greece in April. These are deluxe tours in the \$5,500 per person range (excluding airfare) and limited to small groups of 8-12 travelers because of the unique accommodations in restored villas.

**OLLI Summer in Colorado.** The University College at University of Denver is offering a summer "OLLI in COLORADO" program. We brought a few brochures from the OLLI Annual Conference. It is now up on the Osher national website, so if people are interested they can look it up there: <http://usm.maine.edu/olli/national/travel.jsp>. This is an OLLI-only event with plans to attract members from all over the country to share in this experience.

**Call for Artists** to sell their wares at “Christmas on the Creek,” a holiday tour of Homes and Christmas Arts & Crafts Boutique. The event is Saturday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lee’s Inlet Kitchen Restaurant on U.S. 17 Business. Interested artists should call 843-357-2007 for more information.

## **Thursday, Nov. 19**

**Starshine Performance Training** presents its fall recital at Waccamaw Higher Education Center, Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. At the end of each term, the OLLI students offer a program to showcase their accomplishments, under the direction of JoEllen Langley. Admission and refreshments are free with reservations, 843-349-4030.

**Percussion Ensembles** at Wheelwright Auditorium. Coastal Carolina University’s Percussion Program, under the direction of Kurry Seymour, invites you to experience the rhythms of the world. The ensembles will take you on a musical tour of the globe in a concert featuring the sounds and instruments of the Americas, Caribbean Islands and Africa. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., 843-349-2502.

**Conway – Gilles Bridge Society at Baxley Hall, 7 p.m.** The Gilles Bridge Society is a progressive rubber bridge group (not a club) that meets at Coastal Carolina University. Each player is asked to contribute 50 cents at each meeting to provide prize money. The society meets at Baxley Hall, formerly University Hall (Room 224), on campus in Conway, every Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. Reservations must be made by the preceding Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. by contacting [BarbaraC@sc.rr.com](mailto:BarbaraC@sc.rr.com) or calling 843-215-8663.

**Final Weekend of *Proof*** by David Auburn at Atlantic Stage, 79th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach. This 2001 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award (Best Play) winning drama presented by the Grand Strand’s first professional theatre organization. Catherine has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father. Now, over the course of a long weekend, she deals with her own volatile emotions, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook, all the while wondering: How much of her father’s madness – or genius – will she inherit? For mature audiences. Thursday through Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m. OLLI-member discounts for season and individual tickets. For tickets, call 1-877-ATS-TKTS or [www.atlanticstage.com](http://www.atlanticstage.com).

## **Friday, Nov. 20**

**Marching Band Finale Concert** at Wheelwright Auditorium. Coastal Carolina University’s marching band, Spirit of the Chanticleer, presents its seventh annual season finale concert. Spirit of the Chanticleer, composed of some 120 students from all different majors, will perform music from the 2009 football season half-time shows; the marching band’s color guard and twirlers will also perform. The group is under the direction of Jim Tully, director of bands, assisted by Kurry Seymour, director of

percussion studies and the University's assistant band director. Friday, 7:30 p.m., 843-349-2502.

**“Drowning Sorrows”** by Douglas Post presented by Murrells Inlet Community Theatre in its 12th season opener. Nov. 20-22, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m., \$10 (OLLI members and groups of 15+, \$8), 651-4152. at Murrells Inlet Community Center, 4450 Murrells Inlet Road.

## Saturday, Nov. 21

**Dancing with the Horry County Stars** at Marina Inn at Grande Dunes. For details, times and OLLI-discounted tickets, call 843-448-8379 or visit [www.longbaysymphony.com](http://www.longbaysymphony.com)

**Holiday Open House and First Ever Self-Published Authors' Book Fair** at the Litchfield Exchange, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Chocolate & Coffee House and Art Works/CLASS will host a Holiday Open House with sippings and tastings, art demonstrations by Millie Doud, Alice Estes, Suz Mole, Kathy Welde, and Sharyn Kovac, and the first ever “self-published book fair” for area authors (32 already confirmed) to display, sell and sign their original novels, short stories, poetry chapbooks, calendars, cookbooks, essay collections and children's books! The event serendipitously coincides with America Unchained, a national movement to promote and support independent small businesses. For more information, call 843-235-9600 or [linda@classatpawleys.com](mailto:linda@classatpawleys.com).

**6th Annual Murrells Inlet 2020 Oyster Roast.** It's a favorite event for locals and visitors. Oyster eaters belly up to the tables for an all-you-can-eat afternoon of steamed oysters. A menu of other food items and beer and soda are available. Enjoy great offerings from Dead Dog Saloon, Drunken Jack's, Divine Fish House, Bovine's, River City Cafe and more. Local musicians provide entertainment for the crowd for the day. Saturday, 3-6 p.m., \$25, 843-357-2007.

## Sunday, Nov. 22

**Holiday Open House and First Ever Self-Published Authors' Book Fair** at the Litchfield Exchange, Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. *See description on Saturday, Nov. 21.*

**Serendipity Singers** presents their “Old Fashioned Christmas” Concert at Belin Methodist Church in Murrells Inlet. Sunday, pre-show at 2:30 p.m, show at 3 p.m., free, [serendipitysingers.org](http://serendipitysingers.org).

## Monday, Nov. 23

## **Tuesday, Nov. 24**

## **Wednesday, Nov. 25 - Sunday, Nov. 29**

Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

**Nov. 27-Jan. 3 – Holiday Exhibits** at Brookgreen Gardens. Signs of the Season in Flora and Fauna – Five vintage carousel animal figures that represent fauna and a ten-foot poinsettia tree with 200 poinsettia plants that represent flora are the central aspects of this display. Signs of the Season in Art and History – A display of art from the Brookgreen collection and works on loan from artists and collectors depict themes of the holiday and winter seasons. Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., free with garden admission, 843-235-6000.

## **Monday, Nov. 30**

**Registration for OLLI Spring 2010 begins!**

## **Tuesday, Dec. 1**

**Microsoft Office OneNote 2007     \$20**  
**Conway–Tues., Dec. 1     9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

XCTEC 270 C01 Kathleen Libbey

This is a demonstration of a powerful versatile computer-based spiral notebook. OneNote is installed on many new computers and most people aren't aware of its potential. This may be the only program you'll want to use!

**Gardening Club     OLLI**  
**Waccamaw–Tuesday, 12/1     10 a.m. to noon**  
XGAR 914 W01 Sue Mushock-Myers

**Silk Screen Printing \$40+**  
**Myrtle Beach–Tues., Dec. 1 to Dec. 8     2 to 4:30 p.m.**

XART 185 M03 (2 weeks) Alice McInvaill Estes

Discover how to make your own silk screen. Cut your design out of a stencil with a stenciling knife; place the design under the screen; then, using a squeegee, force ink through the screen to print the surface beneath. Fabric and paper are suitable print media. Create your own holiday gifts. Materials provided, \$30.

**Scholars Forum** at Georgetown Library. Fish Boat Disaster and Marine Research Career: Ginger Matthews describes her unusual adventures on a Korean fish processing ship, then the history and purpose of Baruch Marine Lab – what they monitor and discovered! Tuesday, 10 a.m., free, 843-237-1387.

**Tenth Annual Holiday Concert** at the First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach, 3810 Robert Grissom Pkwy., on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. Coastal Carolina University's Department of Music presents the first of its Community Concert Series. This concert of holiday and seasonal favorites, including the finale "Hallelujah Chorus," features the University's Symphonic Band, Concert and Chamber Choirs. This event is presented as a community outreach experience for all residents and visitors to the Grand Strand.

## Wednesday, Dec. 2

**Conway - Academy of Gardening**, led by Carol Peeples with three other master gardeners, meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Foundation Center, with monthly field trips. Participation is an OLLI member benefit.

**Picasa Hands On** \$35

**New - Myrtle Beach–Wed., Dec. 2 to Dec. 16** 10 a.m. to noon

XCTEC 264 M02 (3 weeks) Kathleen Libbey

**Myrtle Beach–Wed., Dec. 2 to Dec. 16** 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

XCTEC 264 M01 (3 weeks) Kathleen Libbey

This hands-on class using Google's free photo management software will teach you ways to organize, tune and share your digital photos. Conway students, bring your laptop!

**FULL - Lowcountry Historical Excursions: Mepkin Abbey at Christmas** \$50  
**Waccamaw–Wed., Dec. 2** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

XHIST 457 W06 Robin McCall

Join us as we enjoy the private collection of nativity scenes displayed at this special time. Originally a rice plantation, Mepkin dates back to 1762. Henry and Clare Booth Luce bought the property in 1936 and left their mark by restoring the gardens and developing the equestrian and hunting activities. In 1949 the Luce family gave the property to the Roman Catholic Church for a monastic foundation. Fee includes van, driver, guide and entrance fees. Vans depart from Conway and Waccamaw. Lunch separate.

**Computer Club** OLLI

**Waccamaw–Wednesday, 12/2** 10:30 a.m. to noon

XCTEC 200 W01 Dale Morris

**French Conversation Club** OLLI

**Waccamaw–Wednesday, 12/2** 5:30 to 7 p.m.

XFREN 310 W01 Odile Postic

## Thursday, Dec. 3

**Classic Book Club**

**Waccamaw–Thursday, 12/3 7 to 9 p.m.**

XLITR 512 W02 (*The Prince* by Nicolo Machiavelli) Jill Moore

**Portfolios: The Work of the Department of Visual Arts Graduating Seniors.** The art exhibition is displayed at Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery in the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Opening reception: Thursday, Dec. 3, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Exhibit on display and open for viewing Monday to Friday, Dec. 3 to 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 12, noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

**A Christmas to Remember**, Coastal Carolina University Dance Company at Black Box Theatre, Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 3 and 4, 7:30 p.m. *A Christmas to Remember* is a dance showcase performed by the Department of Theatre's very first dance company. The show includes singing, comedy routines and lots of dancing of all kinds, including ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, swing and hip hop. It is a show the entire family will enjoy. *A Christmas to Remember* takes audiences on a journey through those special Christmases we all remember. Audiences will experience a 1940s New Year's Eve USO Dance, enjoy an old-fashioned "Christmas in the Country," delight in the wonder of a "White Christmas," and see Christmas through the eyes of a child with the elves and toys of Santa's Toyshop. *A Christmas to Remember* has exciting songs, dances, comedy bits, and even a little magic. This Christmas showcase will put everyone in the holiday spirit! However, seating is limited, so be sure to get your tickets early. General admission \$3.

**Conway – Gilles Bridge Society at Baxley Hall, 7 p.m.** *See description on Thursday, Nov. 19.*

## **Friday, Dec. 4**

**Jaunts with Julie: Mepkin Abbey, Moncks Corner \$50**

**Conway–Fri., Dec. 4 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

XNAT 936 C07 Julie Finlayson

In addition to the gardens, we will enjoy the private collection of nativity scenes displayed during the holidays. Originally a rice plantation, Mepkin dates back to 1762. Henry and Clare Booth Luce bought the property in 1936 and left their mark by restoring the gardens and developing the equestrian and hunting activities. In 1949 the Luce family gave the property to the Roman Catholic Church for a monastic foundation. Depart from the Conway campus and travel by van for a full day of adventure with planned and spontaneous stops and, of course, lunch in local eateries (extra). Pick-ups can be made in Georgetown for South Strand participants. Return times may vary, so please be flexible.

**Lowcountry Historical Excursions: A Charleston Christmas at Edmondston-Alston House \$50**

**Waccamaw–Fri., Dec. 4 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

XHIST 457 W07 Robin McCall

This house museum, decorated for Christmas, is an absolute thrill. Celebrate the holiday season with a special candlelight tour as each room tells a story through costumed

interpreters who will send you back in time when General Beauregard watched the bombardment of Fort Sumter from the second story piazzas. Gullah singers will entertain with holiday songs as we enjoy hot apple cider. Fee includes van, driver, guide and entrance fees. Vans depart from Conway (and if southbound, from Waccamaw). Lunch separate. *Also offered Friday, Dec. 11.*

**Nights of a Thousand Candles.** Brookgreen Gardens' most popular annual event has been named as one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast by the Southeastern Tourism Society. Thousands of lights sparkle from live oak trees and illuminate garden paths as musicians perform, carolers sing, and visitors experience the enchantment that only Nights of a Thousand Candles brings. *Also offered Dec. 11-12 and Dec. 17-19.* Friday and Saturday, 3-10 p.m., \$15 adults, \$6 children, 843-235-6000.

## **Saturday, Dec. 5**

**Handel's Messiah** by **Long Bay Symphony Chamber Orchestra** at All Saints Church at 7:30 p.m. (3560 Kings River Rd., Pawleys Island). For OLLI-discounted tickets, call 843-448-8379 or visit [www.longbaysymphony.com](http://www.longbaysymphony.com)

**Bowl- & Paint-a-Thon** at the Litchfield Exchange. Come help Heather Teems make and paint clay bowls for Habitat for Humanity's January Souper Bowl XIII. Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., free, reserve a bowl, 843-235-8466 or [heettr@aol.com](mailto:heettr@aol.com).

## **Sunday, Dec. 6**

**Handel's Messiah** by **Long Bay Symphony Orchestra** at First Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. (1300 N. Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach). For OLLI-discounted tickets, call 843-448-8379 or visit [www.longbaysymphony.com](http://www.longbaysymphony.com)

**Christmas Boats and Floats for the Kids** in Murrells Inlet. Come and enjoy the fun as the Murrells Inlet Christmas parade starts at Willcox Avenue and travels down U.S. 17 Business to Morse Park Landing. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit with the children at the park. The Christmas tree will be lit, and the Eagle Scouts will man a bonfire to take the nip out of the air. Choirs will entertain the crowd at the park. This event is a must-do for all the kids and the grown-ups who still have a lot of kid left in them. Sunday, 4 p.m., free, 843-357-2007.

**Auditions for A.R. Gurney's comedy *Sylvia*** at the Murrells Inlet Community Center, Sunday and Monday, Dec. 6 and 7, 7 p.m. One day Greg brings home a dog he found in the park – or that has found him – bearing only the name Sylvia on her name tag. Greg's wife isn't as thrilled with the dog as Greg is, and soon Sylvia becomes a major bone of contention between the couple. Amusing and touching complications follow. Cast requirements: 1 female role 40-50; 1 female role 20-30+ (Sylvia); 1 male role 40-50; 1 male role mid-20s to 50 (to play 1 male role and 2 additional female roles). 843-651-4152, [www.mictheatre.com](http://www.mictheatre.com).

## Monday, Dec. 7

**Electronic Social Networking**      \$20  
**Conway–Mon., Dec. 7**      6 to 8 p.m.

XCTEC 271 C03 Sarah Briggs

An overview of the methods used to communicate in the age of technology: Text Messaging, YouTube, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.

**Book Club**    OLLI

**Myrtle Beach–Monday, 12/7**      10 a.m. to noon

XLITR 512 M01 (*The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw) Darlene Eichler

This final 2009 meeting of the Myrtle Beach Book Club is open to anyone who would like to attend.

## Tuesday, Dec. 8

**Scholars Forum** at Georgetown Library. Bill Oberst, a favorite local actor, portrayed Civil War General Sherman. See clips from his performance and hear about how he played the role, what he did and why. Tuesday, 10 a.m., free, 843-237-1387.

**Pawleys Island Concert Band Christmas Concert** at Waccamaw High School Auditorium. Tuesday, 7 p.m., free as a gift to the community, 843-237-4940.

## Wednesday, Dec. 9

**Conway - Academy of Gardening**, led by Carol Peeples with three other master gardeners, meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Foundation Center, with monthly field trips. Participation is an OLLI member benefit.

**Gullah Holiday Dollmaking Workshop**    \$60  
**Myrtle Beach–Wed., Dec. 9**      12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

XART 110 M01      Zenobia Washington

Enjoy this popular Gullah dollmaking workshop that is valued by workers in the healing arts, art therapists, and anyone who might have lost sight of her inner child. Discover the feelings within and how they manifest in your choice of color, fabric, draping and accessories. The product will be a greater understanding of yourself; the by-product will be a doll. All materials included in fee.

## Thursday, Dec. 10

**Batik Workshop: Painting on Silk**      \$40+  
**Myrtle Beach–Thurs., Dec. 10**      9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

XART 105 M04 Alice McInvaill Estes

Discover how to transfer a design onto silk fabric, then apply resists over this using hot wax and stop flow. Explore watercolor methods while mixing and brushing on silk paint colors. Add depth to your work by overlapping or spattering; texture with salt, sponges, combs or print on shimmering highlights. Finish by ironing to set colors and remove wax from silk. Materials provided, \$30.

**Clay Sculpture**      \$40+  
**Myrtle Beach–Thurs., Dec. 10**      3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

XART 180 M04 Alice McInvaill Estes

Discover how to make an armature (skeleton upon which the clay is modeled). Learn to build successive layers of clay over the armature creating the rough form of your project. Next develop features and appendages. Finally, interesting details are added to your work with modeling tools. Materials provided, \$30.

**Investor Education Club**      OLLI  
**Conway-Thursday, 12/10**      10 a.m. to noon

XFINC 730 C01 Norm Whiteley

**Waccamaw-Thursday, 12/10**      1:30 to 3 p.m.

XFINC 730 W01 Norm Whiteley

## Friday, Dec. 11

**Lowcountry Historical Excursions: A Charleston Christmas at Edmondston-Alston House** \$50

**XHIST 457 W08 – Fri., Dec. 11**      **Robin McCall**

See description on Dec. 4.

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## Saturday, Dec. 12

**The Grand Strand Genealogy Club** meets at Chapin Library in Myrtle Beach on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon. The next meeting is Saturday,

Dec. 12. For more information, contact Claire Fleming (clairefleming@sc.rr.com) or Kathleen Libbey (klibbey@mycpcperson.com).

**Basement to Attic Tour** of the Kaminski House Museum. Enjoy this behind the scenes tour of the Museum with the Director, Cindy Kinder. This is popular event is first come, first served, so come early and wear comfortable shoes. Saturday, 10 a.m., \$10, 843-546-7706.

**“Christmas on the Creek” Holiday Home Tour** of ten homes to benefit Murrells Inlet 2020, plus Arts and Crafts Boutique at Lee’s Inlet Kitchen (call for registration form). A limited number of tour tickets will be sold. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$20 (advance), 843-357-2007.

**Christmas Open House** at the Kaminski House Museum and the Stewart Parker House in Georgetown. Live music and light refreshments. Saturday, 3-5 p.m., free, 843-546-7706.

**Holiday Dance Performances.** The talented students at Litchfield Dance Arts Academy will be performing to some of the season’s most beloved music during two shows at the dance school’s spacious studio at 97 Otis Drive (behind Gilligan’s) in Litchfield. Saturday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., \$10 (children 12 and under free), 843-237-7465.

## Sunday, Dec. 13

## Monday, Dec. 14

### Book Club

**Conway–Monday, 12/14 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

XLITR 512 C01 Susan Galante

Author Nicole Seitz joins the book club to talk about her novel *A Hundred Years of Happiness* and her upcoming novel, *Chasing Cicadas*. This event is free and open to the public; however, please call 349-4001 or -4003 to confirm as space is limited.

## Looking Ahead!

**Dec. 17-19 – Nights of a Thousand Candles.** Brookgreen Gardens’ most popular annual event has been named as one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast by the Southeastern Tourism Society. Thousands of lights sparkle from live oak trees and illuminate garden paths as musicians perform, carolers sing and visitors experience the enchantment that only Nights of a Thousand Candles brings. Thursday through Saturday, 3-10 p.m., \$15 adults, \$6 children, 843-235-6000.

**Lowcountry Historical Excursions: Christmas at the Governor's Mansion and the South Carolina State House      \$50**

**XHIST 457 W09 – Wed., Dec. 16      Robin McCall**

Built in 1855, the Governor's Mansion was spared during Sherman's burning of Columbia. More than just the governor's residence, it features rooms of antique silver, china, furniture, paintings and documents. The South Carolina State House, located on 18 acres with 27 monuments, features beautiful carvings, doric columns, stained glass windows and an interior view of the copper dome. Both of these will be outstanding as they are decorated for the Christmas holidays!

**Jaunts with Julie: Southport      \$45**

**Conway–Fri., Dec. 18      8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

XNAT 936 C08      Julie Finlayson

In the past we've been fortunate to visit Southport, tucked away just below Wilmington and the mouth of the Cape Fear River, when Christmas fairs and festivals have been under way. But with or without the holiday celebration, we'll explore the marina where centuries of boating men and women have left their mark. We may take in an art gallery crawl and the local Southport Trail, an hour walk through town and live oak trees, around corners, through graveyards – three centuries of history. Depart from the Conway campus and travel by van for a full day of adventure with planned and spontaneous stops and, of course, lunch in local eateries (extra). Return times may vary, so please be flexible.

**Book Club      OLLI**

**Waccamaw–Monday, 12/21      10 a.m. to noon**

XLITR 512 W01 (*Creatures of Habit* by Jill McCorkle) Anne Duncan

This final 2009 Waccamaw Book Club meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Until next week,

*Linda*

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