

Dear CCR Members,

WELCOME TO DECEMBER 2021. There is a lot to talk about as we end this year and look forward to 2022.

### **DECEMBER PROGRAMS**

CCR Fall Semester concludes with our ZOOM presentation:

**Monday December 6.** **Maxwell Mowry**, CCR member, traveler, and raconteur, will take us on a virtual tour of **Mongolia**. Sit back, relax, and explore an amazing, unique country.

Check your email for the ZOOM link on Thursday, and Monday, morning. Join us at 12:50 p.m. to say hello and enjoy the program starting at 1:00 p.m.

### **WE RETURN IN-PERSON AT FOUNDERS HALL**

#### **MONDAY DECEMBER 13 OPEN HOUSE**

All members have been invited to our new location where we have a large, open meeting space, screened porch, and outdoor garden. There is convenient parking, handicap accessibility, and the beauty of the Charles Towne Landing site.

#### **REMINDERS FOR THOSE ATTENDING**

Proof of vaccination is REQUIRED and will be checked as you enter. Masks MUST be worn indoors and while seated during the program.

To assure adequate space and comfort, please arrive at the time you have selected:

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. OR 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

ATTEND our 20-minute program to see what's ahead for CCR and celebrate what we have accomplished this past year. Program will begin at 12:50 p.m. (first session) and 1:50 p.m. (second session).

REGISTER for our Winter/Spring 2022 semester. Dues for the semester \$30. Pay by cash, check (College of Charleston) or by credit card through the online registration available that day with our Riley Center staff.

SIGN UP for our Committees. We need members to join in and plan ahead.

ENJOY refreshments with your own goodie bag and drink.

There is no admission fee to enter the park. There are signs along the 1/2 mile drive to Founders Hall and there will be signs for CCR. Just follow the road to the large parking area. Proceed right and past the Park Admission Office. Founders Hall is on your right and parking immediately available. There are handicap spaces there and additional handicap parking in the rear of Founders Hall (separate driveway entrance on the right as you exit the parking lot).

Directions to Charles Towne Landing are available on our Website - [CCR.cofc.edu](http://CCR.cofc.edu) - on the December 13 Open House tab. Also go to the Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site website. GPS address is: 1500 Olde Towne Road Charleston SC 29407.

If you haven't RSVPd yet - click this link: <https://forms.gle/2wScRZ8NgoJacSs57>

### **WINTER/SPRING 2022 PROGRAM**

The Winter/Spring 2022 list of dates, times, topics and speakers has been posted onto our website, CCR.cofc.edu. The Curriculum Committee has done another impressive job!

We begin on **Monday January 10** - 12:30 p.m. **Mayor John Tecklenburg** returns to give us an update on the **Current Issues in Charleston**. We will follow his presentation with a social time and special presentation.

Other programs ahead - politics... community organizations... artists... historic people and places... national parks... science and climate... electric cars... psychiatry...religion... health and exercise... games... and more!

Reminder that our programs are on Mondays and begin at 12:30 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m.

We plan to live-stream our presentations on ZOOM for our members who cannot attend in person. We will also place a recorded version of the presentation on our website under Weekly Presentations.

We will follow College of Charleston health protocols throughout the semester. Members must wear their registration tag (which assures proof of vaccination) and wear masks when indoors and while seated during the program.

## **REGISTRATION and MEMBERSHIP**

We thank ALL OF YOU who have registered and paid dues online for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. Your support and continued presence at our ZOOM meetings are appreciated and gives CCR the foundation needed to move forward and expand after the impact of the pandemic.

We will have in-person registration available at the December 13 Open House and at the Monday meetings in January. You may pay dues (\$30/semester) by cash, check payable to College of Charleston, or register online and pay by credit card with the assistance of our Riley Center Staff. You may also use the College of Charleston MarketPlace-Touchnet site. Our CCR website has instructions and link for you to use.

## **BEGINNING JANUARY 25, 2022**

Only registered and dues-paying members will continue to receive emails, newsletters, and ZOOM links for CCR programming. **Please join CCR now!** Don't miss our programs, our CALL classes, our trips, and our time together.

## **CCR COMMITTEE UPDATES FOR 2022**

**CALL** (Charleston Academy for Lifelong Learning) is now recruiting presenters to join a CCR-favorite, John Preston, to teach for the February 15 to March 25 classes. Each class will meet once a week for @ 90 minutes, for 2-6 weeks depending upon the topic and the presenter. Diana Barth and her committee has done a tremendous job of assuring lifelong learning continues and asks for your ideas, topics and participation in the semester ahead. The CALL catalog will be sent out in January.

**SERVICE IN ACTION** will be looking for new community projects to which our members can volunteer. Faye Seigel and the SIA committee is asking you to complete the volunteer application and talk with them about your ideas for ways to serve others.

**TRIPS AND TOURS** has four programs ready for members. February 5 - Join a private tour of **Charles Towne Landing** and learn more about this historic site where CCR now resides. March 3 - Come downtown to the Circular Congregational Church for **Sound of Charleston**. April 6 - Meet at **McLeod Plantation** for a tour of this special place with its unique story. April 22 - Tour the Berkeley County **Revolutionary War Battlefields**. Bill Schwartz and his committee has more information to share and details are on our website.

BOOK CLUB next meets on January 5 to discuss *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead.

KEEP UP TO DATE on our Website - [CCR.cofc.edu](http://CCR.cofc.edu). You can see the Weekly Presentations ahead...watch recorded Zoom presentations of the past speakers...read the newsletters...check the Event Calendar... get details for the Trips and Tours, CALL classes, and Service in Action projects. Fred Rosenberg does a great job keeping this site exciting.

### **NEWS OF CCR OFFICERS AND BOARD**

The Officers and Board Members extend our thanks to WENDY FUHRMANECK who has retired from her position as Treasurer for CCR. For six years, Wendy has managed the revenue and expenses - directed the Board in its budget process - and always provided a solid and reliable view of our financial status as a self-sustaining group. Wendy will still be here as a regular member of CCR... be sure to thank her for all the time she has given to us as Treasurer these years.

Bill Schwartz has been appointed Treasurer. Bill has a Ph.D in Accounting, a solid business background, and many years of teaching at universities nationally and internationally. CCR is in good hands with Bill's background, experience and enthusiasm.

### **LOOKING FORWARD TO 2022**

What an amazing - difficult - year we are ending. CCR stayed together - online and through ZOOM - and provided continued educational opportunities Monday afternoons and in virtual classrooms of CALL. We welcomed 25 speakers to our Lockwood Drive production classroom with the organization of Ray and Sherry Stewart. We managed the technical challenges with the help of Fred Rosenberg and Midge Moran. We have been supported at The Riley Center by Dr. Kendra Stewart, Alison Burkey, and student staff of Charlton Brownell, Cassidy Hyatt, and Jena Copley.

Let us now DO OUR BEST to assure a safe return to in-person meetings by staying healthy, getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, and appropriately distancing as we enter these winter months.

With joy and anticipation for a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**, we send warm wishes to you and your family during this holiday season.

**WE ARE CCR**

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