



Dear CCR Member,

Welcome to April 2021. It is the perfect month to be in Charleston and I hope everyone is outdoors and beginning anew as we have weathered this past year. CCR is looking to complete our Spring semester and plan for Fall 2021 activities.

WEEKLY PRESENTATIONS

APRIL 5

Emily Dickinson

South Carolina Humanities Speakers Bureau

APRIL 12

Bliss Spiritual Co-op: A Place Where Dreams Are Realized

Tish Voit

APRIL 19 (*new program)

Healthy Eating Simplified

Clare Burton

APRIL 26

Untying the Moon: James Dickey and Pat Conroy as Literary Mentors
Ellen Malphrus

MAY 3

What's Going On?
Brian Hicks

MAY 10 - ANNUAL MEETING

Registered members will receive a link to the ZOOM Monday Program by email on Thursday and again on Monday morning. Check our [Weekly Presentations Tab](#) on the website to watch past programs and see what's ahead.

CALL PROGRAMS

The CALL Committee reports that 75 members enjoyed the classes this semester. Thank you to all the presenters - John Barth; Diana Barth; Michael Ferrara; John Preston - and everyone who helped CALL keep moving forward. Plans will be made for a Fall 2021 Term.

SERVICE IN ACTION

We have had our Food Pantries project underway for the past month. Members have again shown the power of contributing and changing lives for the better.

Anne Hamilton, Director of Holy City Missions, Aldersgate, the warming shelter in North Charleston, sent her thanks to CCR Members:

“Please let your team know the impact they are making in people’s lives. It is because of people like you who make it possible for us to continue to do what we do. Without your support, it would be difficult to maintain day to day operations. Your generosity is truly appreciated.”

We remind members to complete the Volunteer Application form so that our future projects reflect the interests of our membership. Use the [Service In Action Tab](#) on the website.

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday April 7, the Zoom meeting will be Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce. Wednesday May 5, the discussion will be The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett. Go to the Book Club Tab on the website for information and contacts.

ANNUAL MEETING - MONDAY MAY 10 - ZOOM

You will receive information for the Election of Officers and Board Members, and for the vote on Membership Dues 2021-2022, by special email later this month. The Meeting will be on ZOOM. Reports of each CCR Committee will be presented and we will have a special video to remind us of our MOST UNEXPECTED YEAR.

FALL 2021- WINTER/SPRING 2022

The CCR Board has had ongoing discussions on the plans for 2021-2022 programs. Because of the continued uncertainty for the safety of our membership even as vaccines and protocols remain in place, the Board has voted to continue ZOOM programming for the Fall semester.

The Board is looking now for a new physical location for our meetings beginning the Winter/Spring semester in January 2022. IF - and a very big IF - the status of our lives changes to assure that we can gather safely sooner than January, we will try to do so. We want to return to our meetings and see one another and we will do our best to get there - safely.

Thank you for being part of CCR

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I end this monthly email with the poetry of Ty Collins, Middleton Descendant/29
December/2020:

BENCH POEM

Here sits a bench on the edge of time,
Where feet can rest, and souls recall thoughts of past and present.
Here is the bench where memory of place is painful and jubilant,
Prideful and shameful, reviled and revered.
This bench is a reminder of the footprints of ancestry.
This bench of respite and resolve affirms,
This space to remember now and yesterday,
Honoring hands and feet of ancestors who cultivated beauty,
Reflecting passage of time among hydrangeas whispering testimonies
As this Bench sits in witness and grace on the edge of time.

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