

Great Books Council of San Francisco

In Great Books we read a wide variety of classic and modern fiction, nonfiction, poetry and drama. Then in friendly discussions, we express and share our ideas, and benefit from the insights of others.

To experience a Great Books discussion first-hand, come to one of our annual events, described briefly in this brochure, or visit a discussion group that meets near your home.

The Great Books Council of San Francisco, an all-volunteer organization, sponsors special events, coordinates the activities of discussion groups throughout northern California and provides training for discussion leaders.

To sign up for the e-newsletter visit www.greatbooks-sf.com or call Jim Hall, 707-696-8835

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Ideas?*



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Special Events in 2009

San Francisco Mini-Retreat

Saturday, February 7, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
\$30 per person

Mechanics Institute Library
57 Post Street, San Francisco

Discussion of *The Painted Veil* by W. Somerset Maugham and viewing the film based upon that novel. The Mini-Retreat presents an ideal introduction to Great Books.

Claudia O'Callaghan callcoc@aol.com



Inside a Great Books Discussion

Leader Workshop

Saturday, May 2; 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
\$20 per person

Share strategies for leading excellent book discussions. Engage in lively practice sessions. New and experienced leaders are invited.

Mary Wood marylwood@prodigy.net

Asilomar Great Books Weekend

Friday, April 3, 4:30 PM
to Sunday, April 5, after lunch

Prices range from \$289 to \$503 per person depending on room selection. Lodging, six meals, books and the Saturday evening party are included. Family rates are available.

Asilomar State Conference Center
Pacific Grove



Four discussions:

Selected Poems: Includes poems by William Shakespeare, John Keats, William Wordsworth, Rainer Maria Rilke, Weldon Kees and Charles Wright.

Disgrace by J. M. Coetzee.

Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain.

Antigone by Sophocles.

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Annual Meeting and Picnic

Sunday, June 14 Noon
Potluck. No charge

Location: Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley

With a picnic and BBQ in a beautiful park, our annual meeting is always a favorite. Join us to share food and discuss a book.

Kathleen Conneely 510-530-2344

Long Novel Weekend

Saturday, August 22, 9:00 AM
to Sunday, August 23, after lunch
\$160 per person



Walker Creek Ranch, West Marin County
near Petaluma

Spend the weekend in a rustic setting discussing *Vanity Fair* by William Makepeace Thackeray and walking in the nearby wooded hills.

Louise DiMattio ladimat@aol.com

Poetry Weekend

Saturday, November 7, 9:00 AM
to Sunday November 8, after lunch
\$154 per person

Westminster Retreat in Alamo

Discover the pleasures of reading and discussing poetry.

Theda & Oscar Firschein
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