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The Great Books Council of San Francisco presents
**The Asilomar Great Books
Weekend**
April 20-22, 2012

To learn more about the Asilomar Weekend and other Great Books events, visit www.greatbooks-sf.com. While at that site, sign up for the Northern California Great Books [Electronic Newsletter](#).

The Asilomar Great Books Weekend has been held annually for more than 50 years on the Pacific Coast between Monterey and Carmel. The weekend includes four Great Books discussions, a reception for first-time attendees and a party on Saturday. It is a weekend not to be missed and long to be remembered.

READING SELECTIONS

Selected poems: This year's poetry selections are by Robert Frost, Rainer Maria Rilke, Lucille Clifton, Yehuda Amichai and Christopher Smart.

Eugen Herrigel, *Zen in the Art of Archery*. The classic 1953 essay on Eastern philosophy illustrates when it really isn't appropriate to keep your "I" on the target.

James Joyce, "The Dead." The last in Joyce's *Dubliners* story collection, this is arguably the most widely-read and best-loved of his works. Like the other tales in *Dubliners*, "The Dead" examines lower-middle-class society in Dublin in a story suffused with music and poetry.

Jean-Paul Sartre, *No Exit*. The great existentialist philosopher's best-known play provides us with a unique and unexpected view of hell.

Arrival and Departure: Registration at the conference is between 3:00 and 5:30 on Friday, April 20 in the main lodge. Your departure will be after lunch on Sunday, April 22.

Cost: The costs shown include lodging, six meals and books, which will be mailed soon after you register. Costs vary according to lodging preferences and assignments. All rooms have private baths. Availability of rooms in historic buildings (designed by Julia Morgan) is limited, so if that is your preference, please register as early as possible.

Refunds: Cancellation notices postmarked before February 1 will receive refunds less \$50 for book and postage/handling costs. Cancellations after that date will receive no refunds.

Added Attractions: There will be an orientation for newcomers late Friday afternoon. A party will be held on Saturday with entertainment, refreshments and a good time for all.

Box Lunches: Box lunches are available instead of lunch at the Dining Hall on Saturday and Sunday, but must be ordered when you register.

Free Time: There will be some free time on Saturday afternoon for visits to nearby attractions, or to spend as you please.

Asilomar is for Families! Please contact Sheri Kindsvater at kindsvater@aol.com or 916-852-0615 for more information and for special discounted family rates.

ASILOMAR GREAT BOOKS WEEKEND — REGISTRATION FORM

Names (please print or type): _____

Mail readings to: _____

Number of people registering with this form:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

email _____

Register Early! Mail your registration form before Jan 1, 2012 and deduct \$10 per person.

Late Registration: If you are registering after March 1, 2012, please call 916-852-0615 to verify that space is available. A late charge of \$10 per person will be assessed after March 1.

Families: Call 916-852-0615 for information on discounted family rates.

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	Cost	Persons	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Room (1 person)	\$551	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Room (2 persons)	\$395	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Room (3 or 4 persons)	\$334	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration before January 1	less \$10	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	\$

Total: _____

Mail your completed registration form and check to:

Sheri Kindsvater, Registrar
10820 Glenhaven Way
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Questions? Please contact kindsvater@aol.com or call 916-852-0615.

Make check payable to:

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Please check applicable boxes:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I wish only to share a room with (roommate name(s)): _____
	This is my first time at the Asilomar Great Books Weekend.
	I am willing to share a room with someone of your choice.
	I wish to be in the same discussion group as my roommate(s).
	I do NOT wish to be in the same discussion group as my roommate(s).
	I wish to receive vegetarian meals.
	I am disabled and will require a first-floor room. (We will try to accommodate your needs. Transportation by jitney service is available on the Asilomar grounds.)
	I request a less-expensive historic room, based on availability. The difference in cost will be refunded to me once historic rooms have been allocated.
	Contact me about sharing a ride to/from Asilomar.
	I request the following number of box lunches for Saturday. (number): _____
	I request the following number of box lunches for Sunday. (number): _____