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THE GREAT BOOKS COUNCIL OF SAN FRANCISCO  
PRESENTS  
**THE BARBARA McCONNELL  
ASILOMAR GREAT BOOKS WEEKEND  
MARCH 31–APRIL 2, 2017**

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

Held annually for more than 50 years at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove on the Monterey coast, the Asilomar Great Books Weekend includes four Great Books discussions, a reception for first-time attendees, and a party on Saturday evening.

It is a weekend not to be missed and long to be remembered.

***A CELEBRATION OF JOHN STEINBECK***

This year at Asilomar, we'll celebrate and discuss the works of Central California's Nobel laureate, John Steinbeck, who lived in the Salinas/Monterey area, and whose writing was influenced by its land and people.

**Selected Poetry by Robinson Jeffers**

In keeping with this year's Central California theme, our Friday evening discussion will examine the poetry of Robinson Jeffers, who lived at Tor House and Hawk Tower in Carmel. His poems often explore subjects related to the local environment.

**Non-Fiction: *The Log from the Sea of Cortez* by John Steinbeck**

In 1940 Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts led a coastal expedition to the Sea of Cortez. Steinbeck's log of that journey is both a daily record of a serious scientific expedition and also a series of thoughtful and highly entertaining philosophical ruminations.

**Fiction: *Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck**

Steinbeck presents a colorful *mélange* of characters, unencumbered by material advantages, who nonetheless find joys along with the hardship of their existence. We re-encounter Steinbeck's friend Ed Ricketts in fictional form as Doc, a young marine biologist.

**Play: *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck**

Migrant farmhands George and Lennie pursue their dream in a hard world. Steinbeck's stage adaptation of his own acclaimed novel won the 1938 New York Drama Critics' Circle award for best play.

**Arrival and Departure:** Registration at the conference is between 3:00 and 5:30 on Friday, March 31 in the main lodge. Your departure will be on the afternoon of Sunday, April 2.

**What's Included:** The registration price covers lodging, six meals and books. Prices vary based on single, double or multiple occupancy. All rooms have private baths.

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

**Added Attractions:** On Saturday, there will be a party with entertainment, refreshments and a good time for all. Plans are in the works for a Sunday afternoon visit to the National Steinbeck Museum in Salinas.

**Box Lunches:** Box lunches are available instead of lunch at the Dining Hall on Saturday and Sunday, but they must be ordered when you register (see the checkboxes on the registration form).

# ASILOMAR GREAT BOOKS WEEKEND — REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (please print or type)

Number of people registering with this form:

Mail readings to:

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**Register Early!** Mail this form before Jan 1, 2017 and deduct \$10 per person.

**Late Registration:** If you are registering after March 1, 2017, please include a \$10 late charge per person, and contact the registrar to verify whether space is available.

**Families:** Contact the registrar for information on discounted family rates.

**Contacting the registrar:** Sheri Kindsvater can be reached at 916-761-7349 or [kindsvater@aol.com](mailto:kindsvater@aol.com). Use email for a quicker reply — phone calls may take up to 24 hours to be returned.

Make check payable to:  
**The Great Books Council of San Francisco**

Mail your completed registration form and check to:

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

Questions? Please contact [kindsvater@aol.com](mailto:kindsvater@aol.com) or call 916-761-7349.

	Cost per Person	Persons	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Room (1 person)	\$730	x _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Room (2 persons)	\$550	x _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi Room (3-4 persons)	\$490	x _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration before January 1	less \$10	x _____	\$ _____
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**Please check applicable boxes:**

	I wish to share a room with (roommate names): _____
	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 <i>not</i> wish to be in the same discussion group as my roommate(s).
	This is my first time at the Asilomar Great Books Weekend.
	I am disabled and will require a first-floor room. (We'll try to accommodate your needs. Transportation by jitney service is available on the Asilomar grounds.)
	Contact me about sharing a ride to/from Asilomar.
	I need a ride to Salinas for the Sunday afternoon visit to the Steinbeck Museum.
	I wish to receive vegetarian meals.
	I request the following number of box lunches for Saturday. (number): _____
	I request the following number of box lunches for Sunday. (number): _____