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**THE BARBARA MCCONNELL
ASILOMAR GREAT BOOKS WEEKEND
APRIL 13-15, 2018**

To learn more about the Asilomar Weekend and other Great Books events, visit
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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.

AMERICAN CLASSICS

Selected Poetry

As usual, we'll kick off the Asilomar weekend with an evening of poetry discussion. This year's poems are by Paisley Rekdal, Theodore Roethke, Clive James, Emily Dickinson and Howard Nemerov.

Non-Fiction: *The Souls of Black Folk* by W. E. B. Du Bois

W. E. B. Du Bois was a key figure in post-Civil War America, studying and speaking on behalf of those who lived "beyond the Veil of Color." These 1903 essays occupy an important place in African-American history, as well as in the development of sociology as a field of study. This is no dry treatise, though: Du Bois uses music, poetry and humor to explore his subject with grace.

Fiction: *The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K. Le Guin

Asilomar goes sci-fi! Le Guin's classic work, which won the Hugo and Nebula Awards and sits on almost every top-ten list of science fiction masterpieces, is now approaching the fiftieth anniversary of its publication. We'll celebrate by going on the Gethen world tour and discussing what we find there.

Play: *The Iceman Cometh* by Eugene O'Neill

The rough denizens of Harry Hope's bar sustain themselves with pipe dreams and look forward to the annual visit of the fast-talking salesman Hickey -- but this year's visit may be different. We'll close the weekend with a discussion of O'Neill's great modern tragedy.

Arrival and Departure: Registration at the conference will be between 3:00 and 5:30 on Friday, April 13. The conference will conclude after lunch on Sunday, April 15.

What's Included: The registration price covers lodging, six meals and books. Prices vary based on single, double, triple or quad 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.

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): _____

Mail readings to:

Number of people registering with this form: _____

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

email I wish to receive Great Books news

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

Late Registration: If you are registering after March 1, 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. 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 or call 916-761-7349.

	Cost Per Person	# Persons	Total
Single Room (1 person)	\$760 ea		\$
Double Room (2 people)	\$560 ea		\$
Triple Room (3 people)	\$500 ea		\$
Quad Room (4 people)	\$470 ea		\$
Registration before Jan. 1	Less \$10 ea		- \$

TOTAL: \$ _____

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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 *not* 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 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): _____