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**THE BARBARA MCCONNELL
ASILOMAR GREAT BOOKS WEEKEND
APRIL 26-28, 2019**

To learn more about the Asilomar Weekend and other Great Books events, visit www.greatbooks-sf.com.

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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.

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1959!

To help celebrate the 60th anniversary of Great Books at Asilomar, we've chosen to take a fresh look at works published in 1959, the event's first year.

Selected Poetry

As usual, we'll kick off the Asilomar weekend with an evening of poetry discussion.

Non-Fiction: *The Two Cultures* by C. P. Snow

Snow's lecture describing Western culture's split between science and the humanities was hugely influential, and became the subject of countless re-examinations. With the benefit of 60 years of hindsight, let's take a fresh look at his thesis.

Fiction: *Miguel Street* by V. S. Naipaul

With a set of linked, humorous character portraits set on a street in Port of Spain, Naipaul immerses us in wartime Trinidad and Tobago, the land of his childhood. The book won the Somerset Maugham Prize and helped establish Naipaul's literary reputation, leading eventually to his Nobel Prize in 2001.

Play: *The Possessed* by Albert Camus

Camus adapted Dostoevsky's novel *Demons* for the stage, financing the first production in part using the money he received with his 1957 Nobel Prize.

Arrival and Departure: Registration at the conference will be between 3:00 and 5:30 on Friday, April 26. The conference will conclude after lunch on Sunday, April 28.

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 books 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.

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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		\$
Registration before Jan. 1	Less \$10 ea		- \$

If you'd prefer to stay in a triple- or quad-occupancy room at a reduced rate, please register for a single or double and *let us know*. Asilomar won't guarantee that we'll receive those room types, but we'll try our best to accommodate you and issue you a refund for the difference in cost.

TOTAL: \$ _____

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): _____