

## YUKI TEIKEI HAIKU SOCIETY ANNUAL RETREAT

Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA

September 10-13 (Thursday-Sunday), 2026

### Theme: *Jo*

*Jo* has multiple meanings, such as mind, heart, emotion, sympathy and empathy which we can use for discussions about the essence of haiku.

Yuzo Ono, esteemed haiku poet, writer and haiku judge, is returning to Asilomar as our guest speaker. He was educated at the University of Tokyo and studied at the Royal College of Arts in the UK. He will be sharing his haiku life and wisdom.

Another highlight of the retreat will be Phillip Kennedy's presentation of the Summer Season Word Handbook, which joins the Spring Handbook received at last year's retreat.

Throughout the retreat the following traditional activities will occur – *kukai*, silent auction, *ginkō*, art project, book sale, 2026 Tokutomi Contest announcement, presentation of the 2026 Anthology, *renku*, and time to enjoy the beauty of Asilomar.

Conference Fees	Item	Rooms (All include 9 meals)	Item
\$100	Early registration: March-April	\$1035	Single Room
\$150	Standard registration: May-June	\$685	Room shared by 2
\$200	Late registration: July-August	\$580	Room shared by 3
No Refund	If cancelled after August 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$527	Room shared by 4

### Registration Opens March 1st

Reserve your place by paying the appropriate conference fee. Balance due by August 1st.

To register email Barbara Anderson: [bmanorthfield@gmail.com](mailto:bmanorthfield@gmail.com)

Please include your Name, Address, Phone, Email, Special requirements, Choice of room (single, double, triple, quad), Roommate preference (if any), Meal preference (regular or vegetarian), and indicate if you wish your contact information to be included in a conference roster to be shared with other participants.

To pay by check send to Jeannie Reuter, Yuki Teikei Haiku Society, P.O. Box 412 Monterey, CA 93942.

To pay by PayPal send to [yukiteikei@msn.com](mailto:yukiteikei@msn.com). In the "Add a note" put Asilomar 2026 and your name.

### Health/Safety

This year each person will be responsible for their own health/safety precautions. The medical community does not require masking until November, so masking will be up to each individual. There will not be a limit on the number of attendees, and we estimate around 40 people will attend.

### Getting to the Retreat

The Monterey Regional Airport is 10 miles from Asilomar. The San Jose International Airport, located approximately 80 miles to the north, offers direct flights from out of state. Shuttle service is available from the San Jose airport to Asilomar (reserved and paid for on your own).

### Volunteers

The Retreat committee needs people to help with a variety of activities such as: helping with technology; picking up equipment and people; and assisting with the auction and/or book sale, pre-retreat activity, folders, art activity, and *ginkō*. Please email Barbara to let us know how you want to be involved.

**Questions:** Contact the Retreat chair Barbara Moore: [barbsmoore73@gmail.com](mailto:barbsmoore73@gmail.com)