

PHILADELPHIA'S 41th ANNUAL GREAT BOOKS

FALL INSTITUTE WEEKEND

THE INN AT POCONO MANOR

NOVEMBER 4, 5, 6, 2011

Join us this fall in the Poconos to explore



Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness

Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in American Life by Robert Bellah and others
The Awakening by Kate Chopin
Freedom by Jonathan Franzen

Our discussion begins with *Habits of the Heart*, a profound scholarly study of American character that explores how our fierce dedication to individualism can also undermine our capacity for commitment to one another. We then look at Kate Chopin's classic, *The Awakening*, a daring portrayal of a woman mired in a stifling marriage who seeks freedom from the confines of her domestic situation, to live according to her own needs and nature rather than in accordance with the rigid standards of society. Finally, we will examine Jonathan Franzen's contemporary epic novel, *Freedom*, which "comically and tragically captures the temptations and burdens of liberty: the thrills of teenage lust, the shaken compromises of middle age, the wages of suburban sprawl, the heavy weight of empire." Join us, and feel free to invite a friend, as we focus on *Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness*.

COST: \$345 per person double occupancy, \$410 for single occupancy. Price includes meals, lodging, books, hospitality, and group discussions. When possible, we arrange roommates. Commuter rates are available.

CANCELLATION: Your deposit, less a charge for books and mailing, will be refunded if notice is postmarked by Friday, September 30, 2011.

TO REGISTER: Please send a deposit of \$225 per person for double occupancy and \$260 for single occupancy with your registration form to: **John Dalton, P.O. Box 8188, Radnor, PA 19087**

For further information: **John Dalton** at (610) 525-8875 or jd5258875@aol.com; **Jane Smyrl** at (610) 353-4791 or mjsmyrl@verizon.net; **John Taylor** at (215) 379-8622 or John.Taylor219@verizon.net.

TO REGISTER: Complete the information below and mail with deposit to John Dalton.

PRINT NAME(S): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: (____) _____ EMAIL: _____

Roommate Preference: _____

Special Requests (if possible): _____

DEPOSIT ENCLOSED: _____ (\$225.00 per person/double occupancy) for ____ persons
_____ (\$260.00 per person/single occupancy) for ____ persons

Please make checks only payable to: **FALL INSTITUTE COMMITTEE**

Note: On arrival, balance due with **CHECK OR CASH ONLY:** \$120.00 per person/double room or \$150.00 per person/single room.