

# Short Stories

Organized by: Gene Waller

Four Wednesdays  
March 9, 16, 23, 30 2016

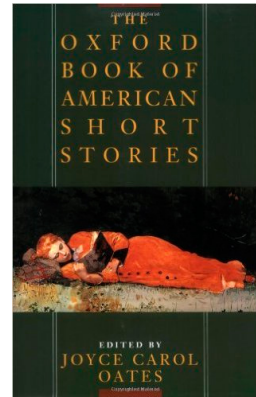
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Private Home

We are again conducting a seminar to discuss short stories written by acclaimed American authors. We will examine stories, ones not discussed formerly, from the Joyce Carol Oates' collection entitled "*Oxford Book of American Short Stories.*" Joyce Carol Oates is a recognized, contemporary author of short stories. Her collection offers a broad survey of American short fiction up to the early 1990s. This year we will address stories by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Paul Bowles, Willa Cather, Eudora Welty, and John Cheever among others.

There will be four seminar sessions over a four-week period. Each session will involve group discussion of three or four short stories from the collection. Participants will read the stories prior to the meeting and then take part in the discussion during the meeting. In order to guide the discussion, the leader typically poses questions to the group about a story's literary content. Participants are also encouraged to give their view about content, pose questions of their own to the group to facilitate discussion and, if inclined, read selected passages that illustrate elements of the story. The group will be limited to approximately 16 persons.

Participants should obtain a copy of the collection. Insure that you get the 1994 edition of the Oates collection, (Paperback ISBN 0195092627/ Hard Cover ISBN 0195070658) with the beautiful Winslow Homer painting, "New Novel", on the cover. Many used copies of the book are available at Amazon, Abebooks and other internet used book sellers.



## Enrollment Form: Short Stories – Mar 9, 16, 23, 30 2016

VISTAS Members \$50, Non-members \$75

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form to:

VISTAS Lifelong Learning, Inc., P.O. Box 23228, Santa Barbara, CA 93121-3228

Deadline for registration: March 1st

Please check here if you would like to volunteer to help with refreshments \_\_\_\_\_

**BIOGRAPHY:** *Gene Waller* raised in Minnesota, emigrated to California upon receiving a degree in Electrical Engineering at North Dakota State University. Spent five years working worldwide as a field engineer for Hughes Aircraft and the Department of Defense (DoD). Left that position to obtain a master's degree in Economics from UCLA. In 1970 became a consultant in Engineering Economics in Santa Barbara, again working largely with DoD. Founded a consulting company (Technomics, Inc.) in the early 1980s with emphasis on employee ownership. Retired from consulting two decades later. Though a specialist in a technical field, was always a literature buff, but only a technical writer. Managed a book discussion group from the mid-1990s to the present, concentrating on reading and discussing short stories, essays and an occasional novel.



## VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Race to the Poles	8 Tuesdays 2/2-3/22	9:00 am	SB County Admin Bldg
Political Polarization	Thurs, Feb 18, 25 & Mar 3	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Opera	Sun, March 6	2:30 pm	Grenada Theater
Art & Poetry	Mon, March 7	1:30 pm	Valle Verde Social Rm
Short Stories	Wed, Mar 9, 16, 23, 30	1:30 pm	Private Home
Grand Jury	Wed, March 9	9:30 am	Vista del Monte
Victory & Defeat Part 2	Thurs, Mar 10, 17, & 24,	1:30 pm	Goleta Library
Catherine the Great	Mon, April 11, 18, 25		