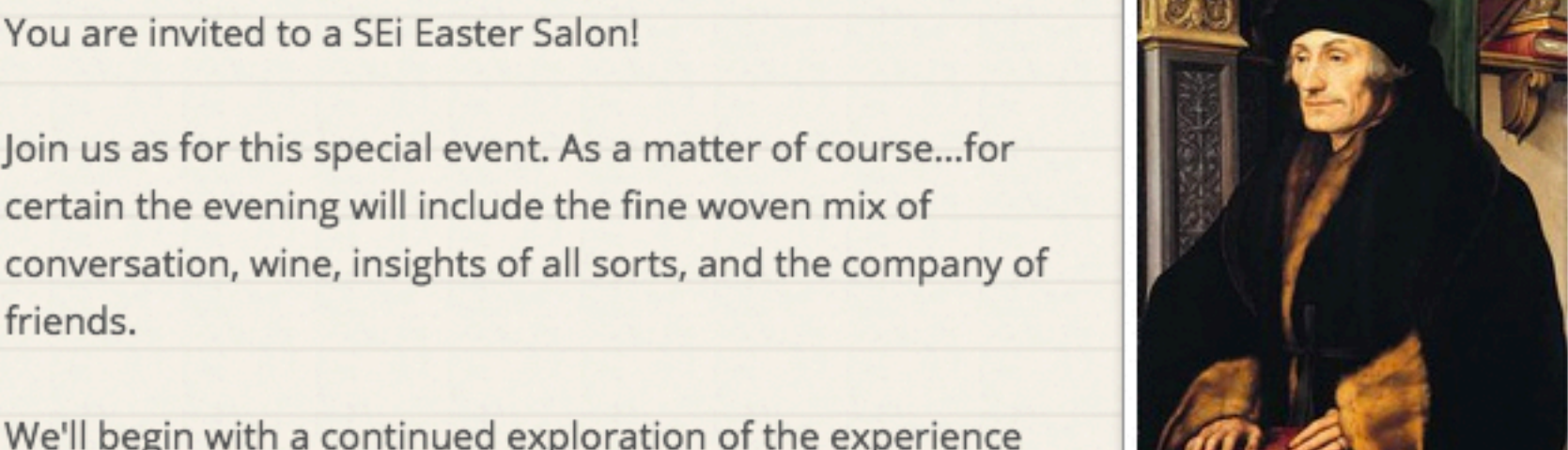


# Joy, Suffering & Magic Foxes

APRIL SALON (HOUSTON)



## AN APRIL (EASTER TIME) SALON

You are invited to a SEI Easter Salon!

Join us as for this special event. As a matter of course...for certain the evening will include the fine woven mix of conversation, wine, insights of all sorts, and the company of friends.

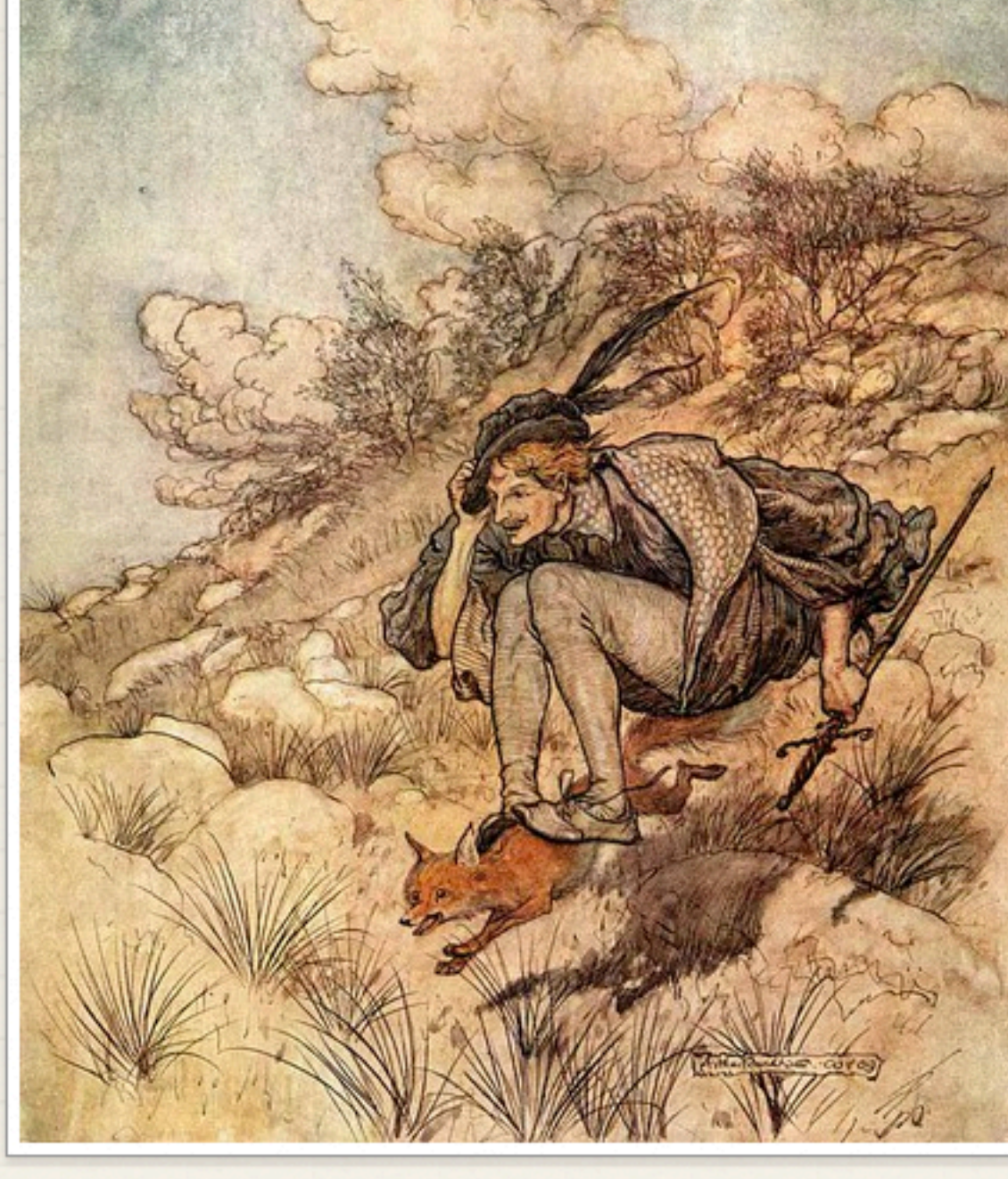
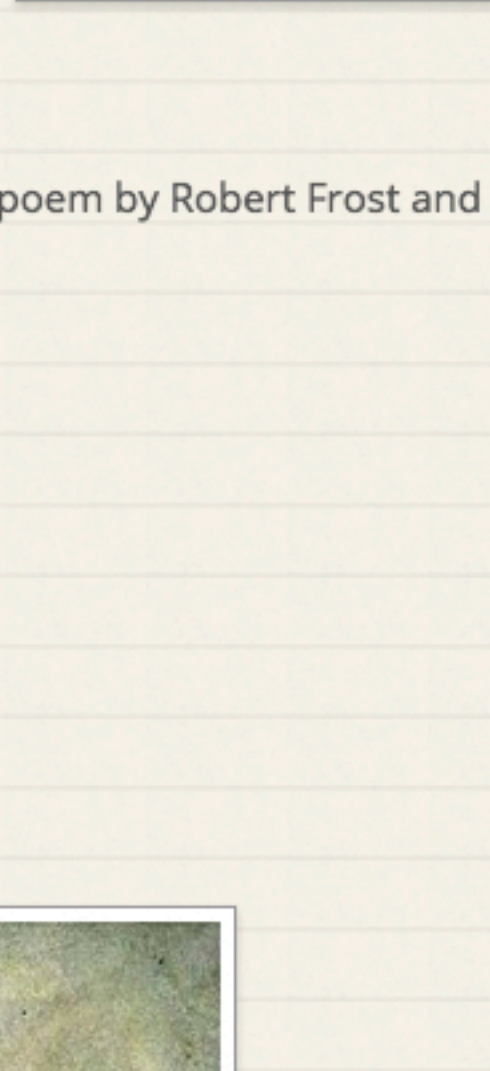
We'll begin with a continued exploration of the experience and meaning of faith--and focus on its relation to love, suffering, and cultivating dispositions for receptivity to gift (spiritual and otherwise).

Our prime matter will be the reading and discussion of a short poem by Robert Frost and a folk tale.

Hope to see you!

Jeff

Copies of the materials will be provided.



**"Do not shoot me, and I will give you some good advice. You are going to look for the golden bird..."**

**No sooner had he seated himself than the fox began to run, and away they flew over stick and stone, at such a pace that his hair whistled in the wind.**

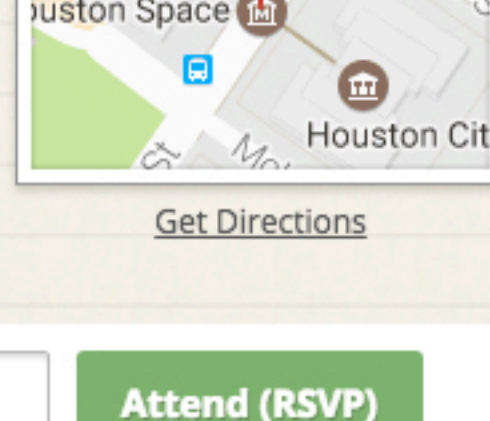
~ from *The Golden Bird*, a German folktale, illustration by Arthur Rackham

~ top painting by Monet, *The Garden at Argenteuil*, [www.claude-monet.com](http://www.claude-monet.com)

## AN APRIL (EASTER TIME) SALON

**WHEN**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH, 7:30-10:30PM

**WHERE**  
HOUSTON, TX, UNITED STATES  
HOUSTON, TX



[Get Directions](#)

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Attend (RSVP)

## A PLAN & DETAILS

**Attire:**

elegant (or something like that) casual

**Cost:**

\$40 per person (non member)

\$30 per person (member)

\$70 per couple (non members)

\$50 per couple (members)

**Timing (rough idea):**

7:30 gather at the Edmonds' home

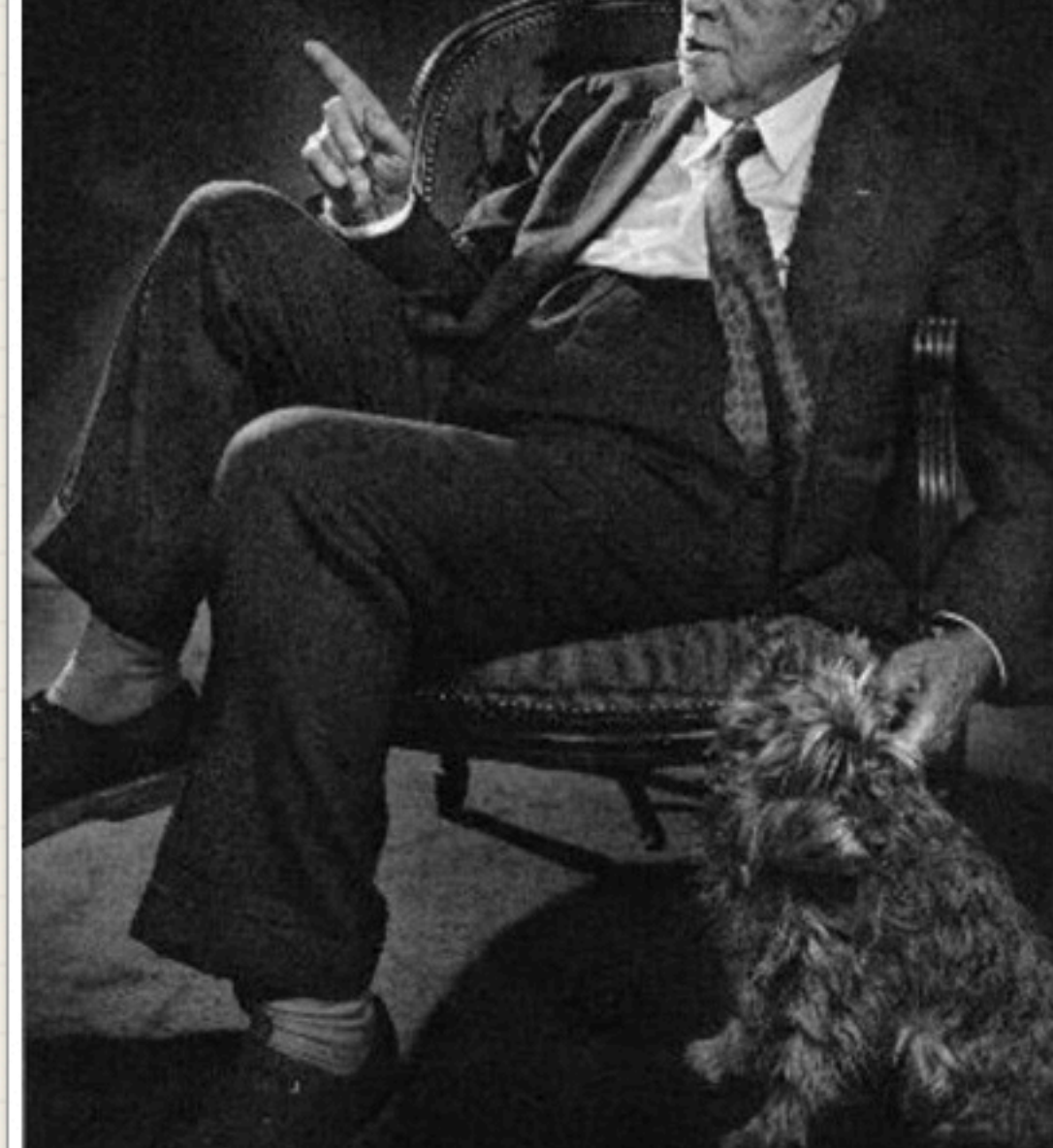
7:45 brief enquiry into the relation of faith to love, suffering, and receptive dispositions

8:15 read and discuss poem and folk tale

9:15 outside for music, stories, wild whatnot...

**Please rsvp.**

**Space will be limited.**



## ROBERT FROST (AND A FRIENDLY CREATURE)

*"...Something there is that doesn't love a wall,  
That wants it down." I could say "Elves" to him,  
But it's not elves exactly, and I'd rather  
He said it for himself...*

~ selection from *Mending Wall* by Robert Frost

See link below to a collection of his poems--a book to have and keep!



## PONDERINGS IN FAITH...

*To believe always means: to believe someone and to believe something.*

*We believe, not because we see, perceive, deduce something true, but because we desire something good.*

*For what the act of belief truly aims at is reality and not a message or a report; "it (the act of belief) does not stop at something that is said but at something that is." (Aquinas)*

*To be a creature means to be continually receiving being and essence from the divine Source and Creator and, in this respect, therefore, never to be finally completed.*

*Such openness cannot be taken for granted...In fact, it is constantly endangered by the multifarious interests of the human person anxious to preserve his independence.*

*Of course, the state of being loved can simply happen to him, as to a immature child; but he can truly "know" it only by hearing the verbal avowal and "believing" it; only then will the other's love become truly present to him; only then will he truly partake of it.*

~ Josef Pieper, from *Faith*



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*Give light, and the darkness will disappear of itself. ~ Erasmus*

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## Collection of Robert Frost's poems



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SOME DAY YOU WILL BE OLD ENOUGH TO START READING FAIRY TALES AGAIN. ~ C.S. LEWIS

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