Dear Colleague:

We’re pleased to invite you to our **50th Asilomar Microcomputer Workshop**, April 24 - 26, 2024, at the Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, CA, on the Monterey Peninsula. Please join us in making it a special event!

Since the beginning, AMW has offered a friendly, informal venue for exceptional technical minds to gather as peers. We limit registration to about 100 for the best workshop experience. However, since COVID has not gone away—and some of us are in vulnerable groups—we will again stream the program for remote attendees and continue to maximize safety in the meeting and social gatherings by asking attendees to be fully vaccinated, boosted, and tested daily.

We will meet in the Fred Farr Forum complex opposite Asilomar Ave. from the Main Entrance. The Fred Farr meeting room is a larger space and opens directly onto a patio where social receptions will be held. We have requested that the sleeping rooms be conveniently located in or near the Fred Farr complex. We are returning to shared rooms, although single rooms will be available on request for an additional charge.

A Zoom link for each day will be emailed to all registrants. Both scheduled talks and RAT Talks will be hybrid. We recommend you get a Discord user ID to post comments and questions for the speakers and follow the out-of-band discussion threads there.

**We are continuing the original Workshop concept of “no wallflowers”**. Active participation by all attendees is the essence of the workshop. Whether you are scheduled as a session speaker, a member of a panel discussion, and/or speak during our RAT Session, we’d like to hear from you. Overt commercialism is discouraged. Newcomers—in-person and remote—will have the opportunity to introduce themselves with a brief elevator speech to all.

While we always strive for a program that is as futures-oriented as possible, we will also recognize this 50th Workshop with a special opening session that will include one of our founders, as well as a retrospective on how Gary Kildall influenced, and was influenced by, the annual AMW gathering. As our program takes shape, your responses to questions in the registration form always help us add topics we may not know about. Our website, www.AMW.org, provides additional information.

The 2024 rates (In-Person rates for shared occupancy. Single-room upgrade is $250):

- “Early Bird” from now until Sun Feb 25, 2024: $999 In-Person; Remote is $149. **Expires in about a month, so don’t dawdle!**
- Regular rate from Mon Feb 26 to Sat Mar 23, 2024: $1299 In-Person; Remote is $199.
- Rush rate from Sun March 24, 2024: $1499 In-Person; Remote $249, **but participants will only be accepted as our limited facility space allows**. Don’t procrastinate.

The fee covers everything except your travel: workshop registration, shared lodging, handouts, and all meals and refreshments. Despite continued uncertainty, we work hard to keep the fees as low as possible. Please let us know if the cost might keep you from attending, as a limited number of scholarships may be provided on a case-by-case basis. Even if you cannot attend, your tax-deductible donations can help sponsor things like scholarships, breaks, A/V, etc. Please contact chair@AMW.org if you can help.
Please register as soon as possible. If circumstances once again force the cancellation of the in-person event, your fee will be refunded. Choose one of the following options to complete your registration:

- Online web form at [www.AMW.org](http://www.AMW.org) using PayPal
- Mail registration form with payment to AMW, PO Box 2505, Cupertino, CA 95015-2505
- Print, scan, and email paper registration to [registration@AMW.org](mailto:registration@AMW.org) and then pay via PayPal
- Print, scan, and fax paper registration to (650) 969-8461 and then pay via PayPal

Payment information appears at the bottom of the Registration Form. Let us know if you need a receipt.

On behalf of the entire Organizing Committee, thank you. We look forward to a memorable workshop.

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**Organizing Committee**

Eric Allman          Benjamin Mencer  
Sabina Anja          Tim Požár        
Brian Berg           Jie Qi          
Mark Cummings        David S.H. Rosenthal 
Janet Guns           Shevek          
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**General Chairs of Yore**

Ted Laliotis (RIP), 1975-1983  
Allan Schiffman, 1984  
John Wharton (RIP), 1985-1997  
Brian Berg, 1998-2000  
Mark Laubach, 2001  
Mary Eisenhart, 2002-2005  
Anne Mitchell, 2006-2007  
Marianne Mueller, 2008-2015  
Robert Kennedy, 2016-2023

**Program Chairs of Yore**

Bob Wedig, 1998  

General questions and suggestions for attendees: [chair@AMW.org](mailto:chair@AMW.org)  
Suggestions for speakers and/or session topics: [program@AMW.org](mailto:program@AMW.org)  
Special requests: [registration@AMW.org](mailto:registration@AMW.org)
Please Register Online:  
https://forms.gle/ZLQ7zHcTBuYJuJ4v7  
Fiftieth Asilomar Microcomputer Workshop, April 24-26, 2024

Name: ___________________________________  Landline: (   ) ______-__________

Position: ________________________________  Mobile: (   ) ______-__________

Affiliation: ______________________________  email: _______________________

Address: ___________________________________  URL: _______________________

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Present responsibilities: ___________________________________________________

Experience with microcomputers, programming languages, OSs, design tools, intelligent agents, robots, spacecraft, IP litigation, etc. (i.e., projects you've been involved with and the nature of your work):

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What’s the most interesting, innovative, or noteworthy thing you’ve done lately?

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What are the biggest problems (technical or otherwise) facing design engineers and system users today?

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On what topics would you be willing to give a short talk? Please include a descriptive title and/or short synopsis. If you have already been asked to speak in a scheduled session, please indicate here the working title of your talk. Attach an additional sheet if needed.

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Got any demos? _______________________________________________________

☐  Early Bird registration & payment filed by February 25, 2024: $999 In-Person / $149 Remote
☐  Regular registration & payment received/posted by March 23, 2024: $1299 In-Person / $199 Remote
☐  Rush registrations filed March 24, 2024, or later (only as space allows): $1,499 In-Person / $249 Remote

Don’t hesitate to ask us about scholarships: chair@AMW.org

☐  Single Room Upgrade: $250 Additional, In-Person
☐  Request accommodation for disabilities / dietary restrictions: ________________________________

☐  Request to room with: ____________________________________________________________

☐  First-timer. Who referred you to us? ________________________________________________

☐  I'm busy this year, but please keep me on the mailing list

☐  I volunteer to help onsite:  ☐  A/V  ☐  COVID Testing  ☐  As Needed

Please send registration to our PO Box, our fax number, or our email address, or do it online at www.AMW.org

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PO Box 2505  Email: registration@AMW.org
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Direct PayPal payment to: paypal@AMW.org
Make checks payable to Asilomar Microcomputer Workshop and mail them to our PO Box.
Homework Assignment: Please share your views on one or more of the following. Be creative—no research allowed; we're looking for opinions, not unalloyed facts. Responses are considered by the planning committee and may be used in selecting presentations for one of the planned sessions.

1. What is the most instructive failure you have worked on?

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2. Antitrust is a hot topic in tech. Have you recently observed, benefited from, or suffered from monopolistic market behavior in tech?

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3. What technology do you think will be a big deal in five years to which people aren’t paying much attention? (e.g., neural nets were a “thing” in the 1990s, but faded from view; now they are basic tech.)

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Comments on prior workshops:  
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