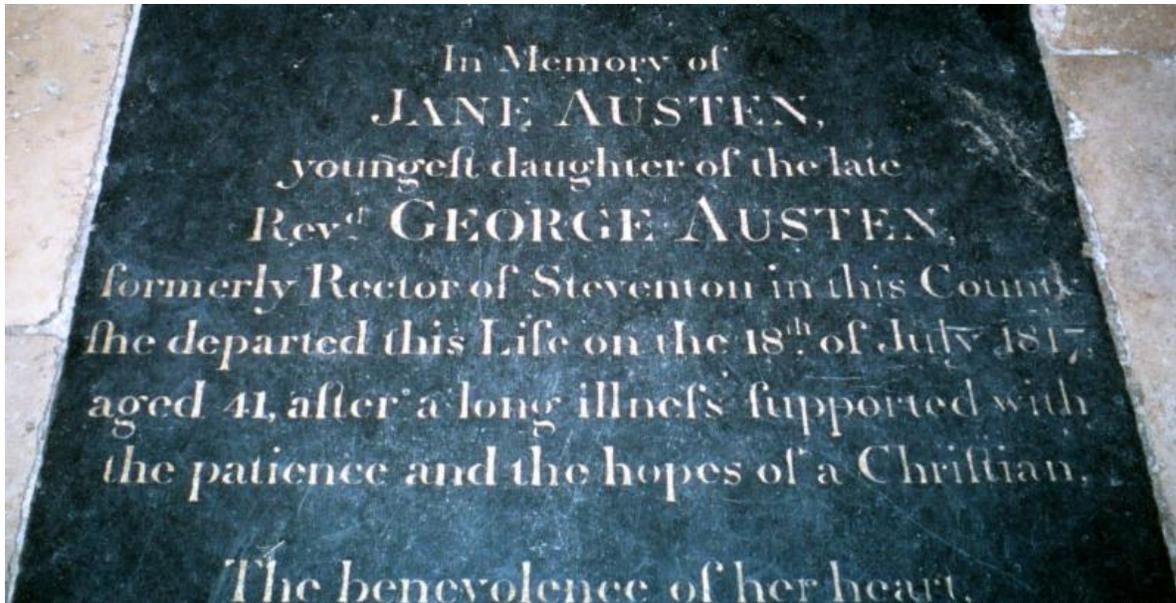




Jane Austen Society of North America, Southwest Region

August 2017 Newsletter



AGM Volunteers Needed!

Are you attending this year's Annual General Meeting in Huntington Beach, hosted by our own Southwest region? Would you be willing to help make this year's conference a great success?

We have numerous volunteer opportunities -- from working at the registration table or in the emporium to running microphones to audience members for questions during the plenary or breakout sessions. Assistance is also needed during special events and tours.

Complete our [volunteer survey](#) to see what options are available that might interest you. For questions, contact [Laura Bartak](#), our volunteer coordinator extraordinaire!



AGM Registration Still Open

It's not too late to [register](#) for this year's Annual General Meeting, October 6-8, at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa. Explore the [AGM website](#) to learn more. A few of the special events and tours still have availability. If you want to add a tour or excursion to your already completed registration, email AGMinParadise2017@gmail.com.

Need a Ride or a Roommate for the AGM?

Although JASNA does not have a service in place for matching roommates or ride sharing, AGM 2017 attendees can try HootBoard, a social-media bulletin board that is free and easy to use. If you're interested, email [Erika Kotite](mailto:Erika.Kotite) to request an invitation to HootBoard, where you'll be able to communicate with other attendees.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

Because we are using a free account, the number of posts is limited. So please look for an existing appeal that matches your needs before posting something yourself.

Use the hashtags #roommate-wanted and #ride-wanted when using the boards. Once you find a match, please remember to remove your post (and if you find a roommate and both of you have reserved rooms at the hotel, be sure one of you cancels so you are not charged for two rooms *and* so that the room may be made available to other attendees).

We cannot be held responsible for the outcome of your sharing arrangement, so we suggest you get to know your potential roommate before saying yes.



Global Tributes to Austen's Memory



On July 18, the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's death in Winchester, England, publications and fans around the world paid tribute to the memory of the great author and her enduring impact not only on literature but also on society as a whole. JASNA-Southwest placed an in memoriam ad in the *Los Angeles Times* and *Orange County Register*. JASNA did the same in *The New York Times*. Here are just a few other highlights of the extensive media coverage:

[BBC.com](#)

[The New York Times](#)

[The Atlantic](#)

[Jane Austen 200: A Life in Hampshire](#)

[ABC.net Australia](#)

[The Economist](#)

[Vox.com](#)



Dear Fellow JASNA Members,

Chawton House Library needs our help. Sandy Lerner's Foundation has supplied 65 percent of the funding to maintain the facility since 1993. But that funding is coming to an end. The North American Friends of Chawton House Library (NAFCHL) has launched the "Oxygen Funds Campaign" to assist the library during this pivotal transition to self-sufficiency. *In truth, safeguarding this history of early women writers should never have been one woman's burden. That history belongs to all of us.*

Donations may be made in several ways:

- Go to the [NAFCHL website](#) to make an online gift.
- Make a gift to the project through [JASNA](#).
- Or write a check to NAFCHL, 7230 N San Blas Dr, Tucson, AZ 85704 (the links above allow you to print a form to mail in with your donation)

Both NAFCHL and JASNA are independent, U.S.-based volunteer-run, nonprofit and registered 501(c)(3) corporations, which means your donation to either group is tax-deductible in the U.S.

You may want to consider donating together with others as part of a region or individually. Please help save Jane Austen's Great House by donating today!

Joan Ray
President, NAFCHL
Past JASNA President

Claire Bellanti
President, JASNA

P.S. For every \$10,000 raised from members of a JASNA region, Chawton House Library will fly that region's state flag over the Great House for a day.

Every donation -- large or small -- will provide vital support, from turning on the lights each day to preserving the library's extensive collections, house, gardens and wider estate.



Reading Groups

Saturday, August 5, noon

Long Beach Reading Group

The Watsons, Sanditon and Lady Susan by Jane Austen

Location: Grounds Cafe, Long Beach

For more information, contact [Sherwood Smith](#), 714-330-7856.

Sunday, August 13, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

West Los Angeles Reading Group

Daniel Deronda by George Eliot (second half)

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact

[Clara Browda](#), 310-278-8759.

Saturday, August 26, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Reading Group

Persuasion (chapters 1-13) by Jane Austen

Location: Mt. San Antonio Gardens meeting room, 900 Harrison Avenue, Claremont

Potluck

For more information, contact [Kelly Duir](#), 909-967-6630.

Sunday, September 10

Pasadena Area Reading Group

Sanditon by Jane Austen

The Price of Butcher's Meat by Reginald Hill

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may

contact [Susan Ridgeway](#), 626-357-1397.

Sunday, September 10, 2-4 p.m.

South Bay Reading Group

An Ideal Husband by Oscar Wilde

For more information, contact [Jeanine Holguin](#), 805-444-8999.

Sunday, September 10, 6 p.m.

Santa Monica Reading Group

Jane Austen at Home by Lucy Worsley

Location: home of Diana Birchall

For more information, contact [Diana Birchall](#), 310-394-2196.

Saturday, September 16, 11:30 a.m.

Ventura Reading Group

History of Tom Jones, a Foundling by Henry Fielding

Location: E.P. Forster Library, Ventura

For more information, contact [Linda Terry](#), 805-302-0855.

Sunday, September 17, 12:30 p.m.

Orange County Reading Group

History of Tom Jones, a Foundling by Henry Fielding

Location: 20 Pergola, Irvine

For more information, contact [Viki Barie](#), 714-309-6702

San Diego Region

Although San Diego is a separate JASNA region, many JASNA-Southwest members are interested in San Diego JASNA events and vice versa. For information on upcoming San Diego JASNA meetings, contact [Jeanne Talbot](#), 808-342-0666.



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