



Jane Austen Society of North America Southwest April 2016 Newsletter



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Jane Austen in the News!



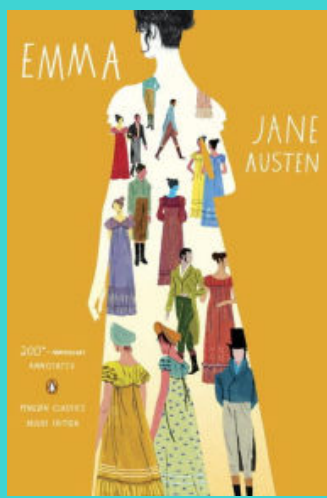
"[Mr. Darcy's Shirt is Coming to America](#),"
featured in *The New York Times*

2016 Festival of Books

Los Angeles Times
**FESTIVAL
OF BOOKS**
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

JASNA Southwest will once again have a booth this spring at the *Los Angeles Times* Festival of Books, to be held April 9-10 at USC. We will have an array of Austen-themed books and merchandise, as well as book signings with Austen-related authors, including Kate Rorick (*The Lizzie Bennet Diaries*). Stop by and visit us! The festival is free, and you can even take the train. The Expo line stops directly across from the campus.

It's not too late to sign up as a volunteer! Email [Emily Bergman](#). Please indicate the times you are available: Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, and/or Sunday afternoon. Thank you!



["What Do Jane Austen's Novels Have to Tell Us About Love and Life Today?"](#) from *The New York Times*



[Mr. Darcy Through the Ages](#), as featured in *the Independent*

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JASNA-Southwest Spring Meeting: May 14

Save the date!

The JASNA-Southwest Spring Meeting will be held Saturday, May 14 aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach!

Speakers will include Juliet McMaster on the subject "Emma on Board"; our own Lynda Hall, a professor at Chapman University; and Bernie Su, an executive producer and head writer for *The Lizzie Bennet Diaries* and *Emma Approved* for Pemberley Digital. Su plans to bring a couple of the actors from *Emma Approved* to our meeting!

McMaster has been both a plenary speaker and a breakout presenter at many JASNA Annual General Meetings (and one of the most popular speakers ever to present at JASNA AGMs!). She is a highly respected author and professor of 19th century literature. She co-authored the *Cambridge Companion to Jane Austen* with Edward Copeland and authored *Jane Austen and the Novelist: Essays Past and Present* and *Jane Austen in Love*, among numerous other works. In 1994, she founded Juvenilia Press, devoted to Austen's early writing.

Look for event registration information coming soon.

AGM 2017 Preview



By Erika Kotite

"Nature had marked it out, had spoken in most intelligible characters. The finest, purest sea breeze on the coast -- acknowledged to be so -- excellent bathing -- fine hard sand -- deep water ten yards from the shore -- no mud -- no weeds -- no slimy rocks. ..."

So Mr. Parker rhapsodized on the virtues of Sanditon, his own little piece of paradise on the Sussex coast.

At the elegant Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa in Huntington Beach, California, you will experience all the advantages of Mr. Parker's seaside retreat, with the added benefit of excellent lectures, a not-to-be-missed panoply of speakers from academia, film studios, performing arts and the digital world, as well as special events, entertainment, excursions and fun!

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Gillian Dow, is the executive director of Chawton House Library and an associate professor at the University of Southampton. In *Uses of Austen: Jane's Afterlives*, which she edited with Clare Hanson in 2012, Dr. Dow shows how Austen's life and work are being reframed and reimagined in 20th and 21st century literature and culture.

Devoney Looser, who will deliver the JASNA North American Scholar Lecture, is professor of English at Arizona State University, with an impressive portfolio of published works of women writers of Austen's era.

We are particularly pleased that Richard Knight, descendant of Austen's brother Edward will join us in Huntington Beach to talk about the history of Chawton House in the hands of the Knight family since their ownership began in the 1580s, through freeholds, leaseholds, entails, name changes and advantageous marriages.

Bookend your AGM attendance with these special excursions:

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens--Pre-Conference

"To sit in the shade on a fine day, and look upon verdure, is the most perfect refreshment." We will make a pilgrimage to this stunning repository of literary artifacts and art of Jane Austen's era. Huntington Beach?

Huntington Gardens? Yes, there is a connection. Learn a bit of California history and about Henry Huntington, the gentleman who in the late 19th century put Southern California suburbs on the map.

The Tall Ships of San Diego--Post-Conference

Ships, sailing and the nautical life wove a rich tapestry through Austen's life and her novels. We therefore thought it fitting to partner with the San Diego Region to offer an afternoon enjoying a tour of two authentic tall-mast ships in San Diego Harbor, the "Star of India" and "Surprise," followed by a visit to Mission San Juan Capistrano and a winery where you may enjoy tasting some of California's best wines.

We also continue to accept breakout proposals for our AGM theme "Jane Austen in Paradise: Intimations of Immortality," commemorating the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's death.

Your one-page proposal should include an abstract of your presentation, including a description of its format. Along with your proposal, please submit a separate cover letter with your name, affiliation (if any), mail and email addresses, telephone numbers and a brief biography. Please also identify any former AGMs you have addressed.

Electronic submissions in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat PDF files are preferred. The deadline for submissions is October 31, 2016.

Submissions should be sent to [Lynda A. Hall](mailto:lynda.hall@chapman.edu) via email or at

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Jane Austen Festival in

Louisville

*Eat, Drink and Be Merry
in Jane Austen's England*



8th Annual Jane Austen Festival
The largest Jane Austen event in North America

July 15-17, 2016

Locust Grove

561 Blankenbaker Lane

Louisville, KY 40207

502-897-9845

Friday, July 15, 6-9 p.m.-twilight shopping, musical entertainment and food

Saturday & Sunday, July 16-17, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Admission: Friday, \$8; Saturday & Sunday, \$12 each day or \$20 for two-day pass (if purchased in advance online)
Children under 12 admitted free with an adult

Kirstin Olsen, author of *Cooking with Jane Austen*, will present on "The Regency Daily Diet: The Challenges for the Modern Cook."

Other events include: a Regency style show, Regency emporium, Regency fashion display, four-course afternoon tea, a children's tea, grand ball, workshops, shadow puppet stories, a duel between gentlemen and demonstrations (archery and bobbin lace making) as well

as tours of the 1790s Georgian home and more.

The group is attempting to break the Guinness World Book Record of people in Regency attire in one place on Saturday, July 16.

Online registration begins in June. For more information, visit www.jasnalouisville.com.

Reading Groups Upcoming Meetings/Info



The Long Beach Reading Group at a recent meeting

Send us photos from your reading group so we can share them here, on our Facebook page and/or the JASNA-SW website.

Saturday, April 9, 1:30 p.m.

Long Beach Reading Group

Jane Austen's Letters (Deirdre Le Faye, ed.): Letters 97-116

For more information, contact [Gerda Kilgore](#), 562-496-4452.

Sunday, April 10, 6 p.m.

Santa Monica Reading Group

English Eccentrics by Edith Sitwell

Location: Diana Birchall's Santa Monica home

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

Sunday, April 10, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

West Los Angeles Reading Group

Lady Susan and Sanditon by Jane Austen

Discussion leader: Dr. Charles Lynn Batten

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact [Clara](#)

[Browda](#), 310-278-8759, for more information on upcoming meetings.

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

Ventura Reading Group

Location: E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street, Ventura, California 93001

Fashion in the Time of Jane Austen by Sarah Jane Downing

Jane Austen's Letters (Deirdre Le Faye, ed.): Letters 97-105

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

Sunday, May 15, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Orange County Reading Group

The List Lover's Guide to Jane Austen by Joan Strasbaugh

There will be quizzes and puzzles!

For more information, contact [Annmarie Thomas](#), 818-640-6372, or [Viki Barie](#).

Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Reading Group

What Jane Austen Ate and Charles Dickens Knew by Daniel Pool

Location: La Manda Branch Library, Pasadena

The meeting will include a potluck lunch.

Contact [Kelly Duir](#), 909-967-6630.

Saturday, May 21, 11:30 a.m.

Ventura Reading Group

Location: E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street, Ventura, California 93001

North and South by Elizabeth Gaskell

Jane Austen's Letters (Deirdre Le Faye, ed.): Letters 106-120

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

Sunday, May 22, 2-4 p.m.

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

Ivanhoe by Sir Walter Scott

For more information, contact [Cheryl Cole](#), 310-422-5475.

Sunday, May 22, 2-4 p.m.

South Bay Reading Group

Longbourn by Jo Baker

Location: Redondo Beach (email/call for address)

New and returning members welcome! For more information, contact [Jeanine Holguin](#), 805-444-8999.

Saturday, June 11, 1:30 p.m.

Westside/405 Reading Group

The Shuttle by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Location: home of Syrie James

For more information, contact [Karen Berk](#), 310-477-6753.

Sunday, June 12, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

West Los Angeles Reading Group

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Discussion leader: Dr. Charles Lynn Batten

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact [Clara Browda](#), 310-278-8759, for more information on upcoming meetings.

Sunday, July 17, 2-4 p.m.

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

The Prime Minister by Anthony Trollope

For more information, contact [Cheryl Cole](#), 310-422-5475.

Additional Reading Groups

Pasadena Area Reading Group

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact [Susan Ridgeway](#), 626-357-1397, for information on upcoming meetings.

The San Gabriel Valley Reading Group is accepting members. Contact [Kelly Duir](#), 909-967-6630.

Riverside County Reading Group


Meetings are held at the Temecula Public Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula, in Community Room B. For more information, contact [Rebecca Weersing](#), 951-595-7046.

San Diego Reading Group

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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