



**Jane Austen Society of North America  
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**JASNA SW Booth  
at the Festival of  
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**April 26-27**

**"P&P in the OC"  
JASNA Southwest  
Spring Meeting at  
Chapman College**



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## March Calendar

### **Sunday, March 10, 7pm - Downton Abbey Season Three with the Pasadena Reading Group.**

Are you already missing Downton Abbey? Here is your opportunity to continue the discussion! Join in for an exchange of views on our favorite soap, Downton Abbey. How did you feel about this season? Too much tragedy? Not enough intrigue? Have fun discussing the latest installment of the BBC series and relevant non-fiction books, TO MARRY AN ENGLISH LORD by Gail MacColl and Carol McD. Wallace or LADY ALMINA & THE REAL DOWNTON ABBEY: THE LOST LEGACY OF HIGHCLERE CASTLE by The Countess of Carnarvon. For more information, please email Susan Ridgeway at [janeite@altrionet.com](mailto:janeite@altrionet.com), or you may call her at 626-357-1397.

### **Saturday, March 16, 11:30am -**

### **THE MISSING MANUSCRIPT OF JANE AUSTEN with the Ventura Reading Group**

Join in the discussion on Syrie James' latest Austen inspired novel, THE MISSING MANUSCRIPT OF JANE AUSTEN. With the discovery of a lost manuscript, the characters unravel a new story, both on and off the page. This group usually meets in the E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001, (805)648-2715.

### **Sunday, March 17, 12:30pm - PRIDE AND PREJUDICE with the Orange County Reading Group**

What better time to jump into Pride and Prejudice, than the bicentenary year of its first publication. Join the OC reading group for a discussion of Austen's timeless novel and rediscover the drama of Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy, Lydia's reckless abandon, and Mrs. Bennet's constant nerves. Viki Barie will host the next meeting on March 17 in Irvine. For information about the Orange County Reading Group, please contact Maryann Pelensky at 949-363-1165 or email her at [mairge@cox.net](mailto:mairge@cox.net).

### **Sunday, March 17, 2:00pm - PHINEAS FINN by Anthony Trollope with the San Fernando Valley Reading Group**

Wendy Weiss will lead the discussion of Anthony Trollope's novel set in the 1860s that highlights British politics and the romances of the title character with wealthy women, who end up providing him with a financially secure future. For more information on the Valley Reading Group and upcoming meetings, you may call Gina Gualtieri at (818)788-4383 or [gmgualtieri@yahoo.com](mailto:gmgualtieri@yahoo.com).

## Spring Meeting - P&P in the OC

The Spring Meeting will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the publication of Pride and Prejudice at Chapman University on April 26

and 27, 2013. This two day event will begin with the showing of the first part of the BBC *Pride and Prejudice* miniseries with a welcome by Andrew Davies. Continue the celebration on Saturday with a wonderful program featuring an interview with and presentation by Andrew Davies. In addition, Dr. Alex Pirolini, instructor for the Osher Cinema Series at UCLA will provide insights into other film adaptations of the novel. Saturday evening concludes with the second half of the BBC *Pride and Prejudice* miniseries. For more information, please visit the [JASNA-SW event webpage](#).

## Susannah Fullerton to Speak on *P&P* at UCLA

Susannah Fullerton, Author and President of JASNA Australia, will be presenting a lecture for the Royal Oak Foundation at 6:00 pm on May 20 at the UCLA Faculty Center. Her talk, Happily Ever After: Celebrating Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, will explore the style in which the novel was written - the irony, the use of Free indirect speech, and how Austen structures the novel. Fullerton's presentation will also include an examination of how the novel has been interpreted through film and inspired prequels, sequels, and other adaptations. JASNASW members will receive the member price (\$30 with the co-sponsor code 13JASNASW) for the event. To register or for more information, please visit [www.royal-oak.org/lectures](http://www.royal-oak.org/lectures) or call The Royal Oak Foundation at 212-480-2889, ext. 201.

## Jane Austen Festival in Kentucky

The 6th Annual Jane Austen Festival will celebrate the bicentenary of *Pride and Prejudice* in Louisville, Kentucky. The festival will debut a new theatrical presentation *Elizabeth and Darcy - A Love Story*. This year's festival will also include a Regency Promenade, four course afternoon tea, "The Shoppes of Meryton," a Grand Ball, workshops, music and much more. The event will be held at the Historic Locust Grove on July 20 and 21, 2013 from 10:00am to 5:00pm each day. It is sponsored by the Greater Louisville Region of JASNA. For more information, please visit [www.jasnalouisville.com](http://www.jasnalouisville.com). Registration begins on June 1, 2013.

## New Book regarding the inspiration behind Jane Austen's characters

A new book has been published connecting the characters from Jane Austen's books and contemporary celebrities and political figures. In

*Matters of Fact in Jane Austen: History, Location, and Celebrity*,  
Janine Barchas unleashes a wealth of historical facts to bring a new  
perspective in analyzing Austen's characters. By working with archival  
materials, Barchas brings new insight to the names and places that  
Jane Austen uses in her novels. John Hopkins University Press, 2012.