



Jane Austen Society of North America Southwest September 2015 Newsletter



Join JASNA-SW for our 2015 Fall Meeting at Chapman University, Sept. 26.

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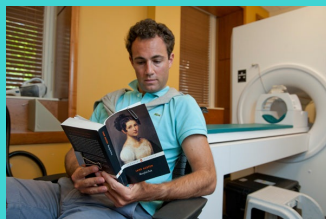
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**Jane Austen in
the News!**



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Waterloo: The Folly and the Grandeur JASNA-SW Fall Meeting

Saturday, September 26

Chapman University

Orange, CA

Beckman Hall, Room 404

[Registration](#) fee: \$15



[Jane Austen by the Sea](#), based on the novel by Carolyn V. Murray, is being produced as a romantic comedy combining scenes from the author's life and her novels.



[Jane Austen's reading list](#): A look at popular novels during Austen's era

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2015 marks the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo and the Duchess of Richmond's Ball held in Brussels on the eve of the battle. During the ball, Wellington received the unwelcome news that Napoleon and his forces were much closer than expected and warfare was imminent.

"Napoleon has humbugged me, by God; he has gained twenty-four hours' march on me," Wellington said. All night, his officers gradually withdrew from the ball to prepare to fight, many of them would not be seen alive again. This dramatic change from civilized merriment to brutal battle has caught the imaginations of authors ever since, making the ball one of the most famous in history.

At our Fall Meeting, Peter Graham will give us an illustrated lecture on the ball and its literary representations, most famously in Byron's *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage* and Thackeray's *Vanity Fair*. Fritz Bronner from the War Horse and Militaria Heritage Foundation will share his experience as part of the bicentennial re-enactments in Waterloo in June 2015.

Plan now to join us at Chapman University in Orange for a stirring reminder that "upon a night so sweet, such awful more could rise."

Register [here!](#)

Deadline for registration is Sept. 18. *Because we must prepay expenses, we regret that no refunds for cancellations may be made after Sept. 18.*

For more information about the Fall Meeting, the presenters, registration or directions to the Chapman campus, click [here.](#)

Membership Renewal

The membership year for both JASNA and JASNA Southwest is September 1 through August 31. That means it's time to renew your membership, if you haven't already done so. (If you have, thank you!)

You can join or renew online [here](#). (On this page, you will also see instructions for mailing in your membership fee if you prefer.)

Annual membership fees to JASNA-SW are \$15.

Your membership helps support our programs--including our fall, winter, and spring meetings and speaker expenses--as well as our reading groups, communications, and outreach. As a member, you also receive discounts to our events.

JASNA-SW is a region of our parent organization, the Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA). Membership dues in JASNA and JASNA-SW are separate. JASNA (the national organization) charges \$30 per year for membership for individuals, \$45 for families, and \$18 for students.

You may also become a life member for a one-time fee of \$500 for individuals and \$700 for families. For more information on JASNA benefits and dues, visit the JASNA [membership](#) page.

2017 AGM: Coming Soon!

Plans are well underway for the 2017 Annual General Meeting, hosted by JASNA Southwest, to be held at the spectacular Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa.

Gillian Dow, senior lecturer at the University of Southampton and executive director at Chawton House Library, will present the Carol Medine Moss Keynote Lecture.

Devoney Looser--professor of English at Arizona State University, author and editor (most recently of the *Cambridge Companion to Women's Writing of the Romantic Period*, Cambridge University Press, 2015)--will deliver the JASNA North American Scholar Lecture.

Jan Fahey and Jaye Scholl Bohlen have been working with Huntington Library staff to plan "A Day at the Huntington" to precede the conference. Jeanne Talbot and the San Diego Region have come up with exciting ideas for "A Day in San Diego" to conclude the conference.

If you haven't yet, check out our new AGM [website](#), designed and maintained by Terry Ryan, Carol

Medine Moss, and Erika Kotite, to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Also, a special welcome and thank you to the newest members of the AGM Steering Committee: Valerie Kunz, Laura Beth Bartak, Carole Spinak, Suzi Oberman, Jane Boltz, Nancy Ramsey, Bianca Hernandez, and Andrea Rehn.

If you can commit your time, energy, and creative ideas to the initial planning stage and would like to join the Steering Committee, please email [Nancy Gallagher](#) or call her at 626-449-2982 for details.



Intimations of Immortality
JASNA AGM 2017 October 6-8
HUNTINGTON BEACH CA

Save the Date:
JASNA-SW Winter Meeting

December 5

Location TBD

Reading in the Time of Jane Austen



The Circulating Library in Scarborough circa 1818

More information coming soon!

Reading Groups Upcoming Meetings/Info

Sunday, September 20, 12:30 p.m.

Orange County Reading Group

Jane Austen's Juvenilia: Miscellaneous Scraps

For more information, email [Annmarie Thomas](mailto:Annmarie.Thomas) or call her at 949-487-7028.

Sunday, September 20, 2-4 p.m.

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

The Real Jane Austen: A Life in Small Things by Paula Byrne

Host: Carla Washburn

Discussion leader: Ellen Lowe

For more information, email [Cheryl Cole](mailto:Cheryl.Cole) or call her at 310-422-5475.

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

San Gabriel Valley Reading Group

Location: Lamanda Library, 140 S. Altadena Drive, Pasadena

Ross Poldark No. 1 by Winston Graham

Please bring something to share as this is a potluck gathering. For more information, email [Kelly Duir](#) or call her at 909-967-6630.

Saturday, October 17, 1:30 p.m.

Long Beach Reading Group

Silas Marner by George Eliot

For more information, email [Gerda Kilgore](#) or call her at 562-496-4452.

Sunday, October 18, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

West Los Angeles Reading Group

First Impressions by Charlie Lovett

Discussion leader: Dr. Charles Lynn Batten

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

A second Westside Reading Group has formed! To get on the mailing list, email [Karen Berk](#) or call her at 310-477-6753.

Sunday, November 8, 2-4 p.m.

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See

Host: Nina Nazarian

Discussion leader: Brittany Gash

For more information, email [Cheryl Cole](#) or call her at 310-422-5475.

Sunday, November 8, 5 p.m.

Santa Monica Reading Group

The Daisy Chain by Charlotte M. Yonge

For more information, email [Diana Birchall](#) or call her at 310-394-2196.

Sunday, November 15, 12:30 p.m.

Orange County Reading Group

[*The Castle of Otranto*](#) by Horace Walpole

For more information, email [Annmarie Thomas](#) or call her at 949-487-7028.

Saturday, November 28, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Reading Group

Location: MSAG meeting room, Claremont

Book: TBD

For more information, email [Kelly Duir](#) or call her at 909-967-6630.

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

West Los Angeles Reading Group

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Discussion leader: Dr. Charles Lynn Batten

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

Orange County Reading Group

Emma by Jane Austen

For more information, email [Annmarie Thomas](#) or call her at 949-487-7028.

Saturday, January 30, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Reading Group

Location: Lamanda Library, 140 S. Altadena Drive, Pasadena

Book: TBD

For more information, email [Kelly Duir](#) or call her at 909-967-6630. For more information, email Kelly Duir or call her at 909-967-6630.

Additional Reading Groups

Pasadena Area Reading Group

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

The San Gabriel Valley Reading Group is accepting members. Email [Kelly Duir](#) or call her at 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, email [Rebecca Weersing](#) or call her at 951-595-7046.

South Bay Reading Group

A new group is in the process of being formed. If you are interested, email JASNA-SW President [Cheryl Cole](#) or call her at 310-422-5475.

Ventura Reading Group

The group usually meets on the third Saturday of every month at 11:30 a.m. in the E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street, Ventura, California 93001, 805-648-2715.

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, email [Jeanne Talbot](mailto:Jeanne.Talbot@jasna.org) or call her at 808-342-0666.

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