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

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

Saturday, September 26
Chapman University
Orange, CA
Beckman Hall, Room 404

Registration fee: $15
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.**

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**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.


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.

Save the Date: JASNA-SW Winter Meeting
December 5
Location TBD
Reading in the Time of Jane Austen

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 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 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.

**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 or call her at 808-342-0666.

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