Don't miss this year's Winter Meeting, to be held Saturday, December 2 at Luminarias Restaurant (same venue as last year's Winter Meeting). Our theme will be "Taking Jane Austen to School."

Dr. Regulus Allen, who teaches at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, will discuss teaching Jane Austen with her talk, "From Hampshire to Hollywood." We will also hear from local graduate students who have studied Jane Austen in various ways and then enjoy a recap of our Huntington Beach AGM.

Election of officers for 2018-2019 also will be held. A full list of nominees will be included in the meeting registration information to be distributed early next week.
We will also host our White Elephant Sale, so if you have items to donate, please bring them to the meeting.

Stay tuned! And mark your calendar!

Mexican Buffet
White Elephant Sale
Emporium
Free Parking

Annual General Meeting
Highlights

The Annual General Meeting Oct. 6-8 in Huntington Beach, hosted by JASNA Southwest and led by Nancy Gallagher, attracted more than 700 attendees, and the feedback so far has been very positive. If you were at this year's AGM, we want to hear from you! Please email your memories, comments and any photos and videos that you would like to share to jasnsw@jasnasw.com. If you have large files, please send them to our email address via WeTransfer.com, Google drive or another large-file-sharing platform.

In the December issue, we will cover the conference in more detail, including links to additional images and videos. In the meantime, we've included just a few highlights below. Or check out our Instagram and Facebook pages (links in footer below).
Huntington Beach (right) made for a beautiful setting for the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Jane Austen Society of North America. In the next issue of our monthly newsletter, you will read more about what made the conference so memorable.

The AGM got off to a great start with the pre-conference trip to the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, which included dedication of a bench (above) in Austen's memory, graciously funded by the Huntington and placed in a prominent, permanent location near the Huntington's entrance.

Plenary Speakers

Richard Knight
The great, great, great grandson of Jane Austen's brother Edward closed out the AGM with an engaging talk on Sunday morning. His address, "The Austens' Knight in Shining Armour," focused on Chawton and its history with the Knight family since the 1580s.

Gillian Dow
Executive Director of the Chawton House Library, and Associate Professor at the University of Southampton, Gillian Dow opened the conference with the Carol Medine Moss Keynote Lecture on "The Immortal Jane Austen and Her Best-Loved Heroine: 1817 to 2017."

Devoney Looser
Professor of English at Arizona State University Devoney Looser gave a rousing talk, "After Jane Austen," that detailed how Austen came to be included in Westminster Abbey's Poet's Corner, the mystery of the missing Steventon pump and other fascinating tales.

Whit Stillman Talk and Screening of Love & Friendship

Peter Graham led Whit Stillman in a conversation about how the filmmaker evolved from his initial dislike of Austen into a devotee whose breakout film Metropolitan referenced Mansfield Park and who more recently wrote and directed Love & Friendship, based on Austen's Lady Susan.

Prior to the talk, the audience was introduced to two of the four inaugural Young Filmmakers Contest winners and a screening of the winning entry, An Accomplished Woman by Rivkah Penarelli.

Regency Ball
Young Filmmakers Contest winner Rivkah Penarelli and her husband, Jason

JASNA Southwest President and Regional Coordinator Cheryl Cole

Jan Fahey and Rick Vance

Emporium
Post-Conference Tour to San Diego

Maritime Museum of San Diego
The San Diego tour began with a visit to the tall ships at the Maritime Museum of San Diego and a performance by the Maritime Regency Dancers.

Cabrillo National Monument
The post-conference tour included a stop at the Cabrillo National Monument (complete with sparkling wine toast by tour guide Jeanne Talbot of the San Diego region, shown here with JASNA President Claire Bellanti).

San Juan Capistrano
The day in San Diego concluded with a guided tour of the beautiful Mission San Juan Capistrano, along with a wine and olive oil tasting in town.

Jane Austen Evening Tickets On Sale Saturday, Nov. 4
Tickets for the 2018 Jane Austen Evening go on sale Saturday, November 4 at noon. The event will be held Saturday, January 27 in Pasadena, and tickets typically sell out in less than a minute. However, many people who purchase tickets in November find they cannot attend in January, so you may be able to get a ticket even if you cannot purchase one this Saturday.

To learn more:
Visit the Jane Austen Evening website and bookmark the brownpapertickets link.

Book Discussion and Signing

A Secret Sisterhood: The Literary Friendships of Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte, George Eliot and Virginia Woolf

Tuesday, Nov 7, 7 p.m.
Vroman's, Pasadena

Join real-life friends and co-authors Emily Midorikawa and Emma Claire Sweeney in a book discussion and signing of A Secret Sisterhood: The Literary Friendships of Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte, George Eliot and Virginia Woolf. The event will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at Vroman's bookstore in Pasadena.
The book explores the little-known bonds between famous female writers and their friends/collaborators. The Jane Austen section delves into Austen’s friendship with playwright Anne Sharp, one of the family servants. Using new research into long-forgotten letters and diaries, the authors detail Austen and Sharp’s friendship, along with others that have long been overshadowed by the infamous partnerships of male authors like Hemingway and Fitzgerald, or Byron and Shelley.

Reminder:
Half-Off LA Theatre Works’ Daniel Deronda Tickets

Los Angeles Theatre Works (LATW) is offering JASNA-Southwest members half-price tickets for the production of Daniel Deronda next March for any of the following performances:

Thursday, March 15, 8 p.m.
Friday, March 16, 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 17 matinee, 3 p.m.
Saturday, March 17, 8 p.m.

PURCHASE ONLINE
Go to the LATW website, http://www.latw.org/

Choose your date and select your seats. On the seat selection screen, click on the bubble that says "Have a Promotion Code?" and enter JASNA to receive the discount.

Be sure to enter the code and have it confirmed before finalizing your purchase! And remember it's for the Thursday, Friday or either Saturday performances. The only unavailable performance for the discount is the Sunday matinee.

PURCHASE BY PHONE
Call Fritz Meier, marketing director, at 310.827.0889 and give him your performance selection and the JASNA code over the phone.

Reading Groups

Sunday, November 5, 2-4 p.m.
South Bay Reading Group
Can You Forgive Her? by Anthony Trollope
For more information, contact Jeanine Holguin, 805-444-8999.

Saturday, November 11, noon
Long Beach Reading Group
North and South by Elizabeth Gaskell
For more information, contact Sherwood Smith, 714-330-7856.

Sunday, November 12, 12:30 p.m.
Orange County Reading Group
The Janeites by Rudyard Kipling
For more information, contact Viki Barie, 714-309-6702.

Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m.
San Fernando Valley Reading Group
Excellent Women by Barbara Pym
For more information, contact Cheryl Cole, 310-422-5475.

Saturday, November 18, 1 p.m.
Ventura County Reading Group
Hornblower and the Hotspur, Vol. 3 by C.S. Forester
Sunday, November 19, 1 p.m.  
**Riverside Area Reading Group**  
*Jane Fairfax* by Joan Aiken  
For more information, contact Cristi Hendry.

Sunday, November 19, 5 p.m.  
**Pasadena Area Reading Group**  
*Miss Buncle Married* by D.E. Stevenson  
This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact Susan Ridgeway, 626-357-1397.

Sunday, November 19, 5 p.m.  
**Santa Monica Reading Group**  
*The Incredible Crime* by Lois Austen-Leigh  
For more information, contact Diana Birchall, 310-394-2196.

Saturday, December 9  
**Westside/405 Reading Group**  
*The Scarlett Pimpernel* by Baroness Emmuska Orczy  
Holiday tea  
For more information, contact Karen Berk, 310-477-6753.

Sunday, December 17, 1:30-4:30 p.m.  
**West Los Angeles Reading Group**  
*Delta Wedding* by Eudora Welty  
This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact Clara Browda, 310-278-8759.

**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.

Upcoming event:  
Sunday, November 5, 2-4 p.m.  
North County Meeting-Tea Crafting 101  
Come and blend your own tea while one of the North County leaders, J.J. Springer, discusses tea during the Regency era. We'll go over the types of tea, the importance of tea to the people of the Regency period, how and where tea was grown, and how the English built their empire off this tiny little leaf. Lots of tea will be consumed and you'll bring home your own personal teas that you've blended yourself! Fee is $15 (for those wishing to blend and take home their own tea).

For information on, or to RSVP for, upcoming San Diego JASNA meetings, visit [www.jasnasd.org](http://www.jasnasd.org).

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**Update on the JASNA Member Portal**

JASNA has created accounts on the [JASNA Member Portal](http://jasna.org) for every member of the national society.

If you have **not** yet set up your Member Portal login name and password – or if you have forgotten them and the email address associated with your account – please contact [membership@jasna.org](mailto:membership@jasna.org) for help. *(Please do not create a new one on the Member Portal login page.)*

**Why It’s Important**

1) JASNA no longer uses Constant Contact to maintain the JASNA email list. You must now update your email address and email list preferences in the Member Portal.
Portal in order to receive the monthly JASNA Update e-bulletin and other email announcements. Mailing addresses must be updated through the Member Portal as well.

2) Links and instructions for downloading digital versions of JASNA’s publications (Persuasions and – soon – JASNA News) are only available in the Member Portal.

3) You can check your membership status, view details of past transactions, renew annual memberships and make donations online from within the Member Portal.

Visit our website!