

The Jane Austen Society of North America, Northern California Region (JASNA Norcal) is pleased to host:

## *A Fall Day with Jane Austen~*

- ❖ *Sitting on the Sofa with Lady Bertram,*  
&
- ❖ *Reading a Letter by Austen, with Clues*  
*to the British Abolition Movement*



- ❖ Our first talk will be by Professor Pauline Beard, chair of the English Department at Pacific University, Oregon, and JASNA Travelling Scholar. She will speak on:

### **Sex and Debility in Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park*: Lady Bertram, Loafer**

**or Lover?** The presentation examines the debility in the aristocratic Lady Bertram and her sexuality, in terms of cultural studies of Regency attitudes which suggest that "stimulation was a source of disorder" and that "stimulation led to debility". The theory applied to the women in *Mansfield Park* and some of the other novels opens up whole new areas of discussion.

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2012  
from 12 noon to 4 pm

at Live Oak Park  
Community Center,  
Fireside Room,  
1301 Shattuck Avenue,  
Berkeley, CA

(near Rose Street, north of campus)



- ❖ After our usual Regency tea, the second presentation will be by our own Joyes Burris, who will speak on

### **"Was Jane Austen in Love with Mr. Clarkson, the Abolitionist?"**

In a letter of February 1813 Jane Austen wrote that she was "in love with the author [Charles Pasley] as I ever was with Clarkson or Buchanan, or even the two Mr. Smiths". In her talk, Joyes Burris will discuss the persons and works identified in this letter, with emphasis on Thomas Clarkson, abolitionist. A close reading of this letter will shed light on the abolition movement in Britain.

This is offered gratis to the public, & all are invited, although contributions to the Regency Tea will be gratefully accepted.

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