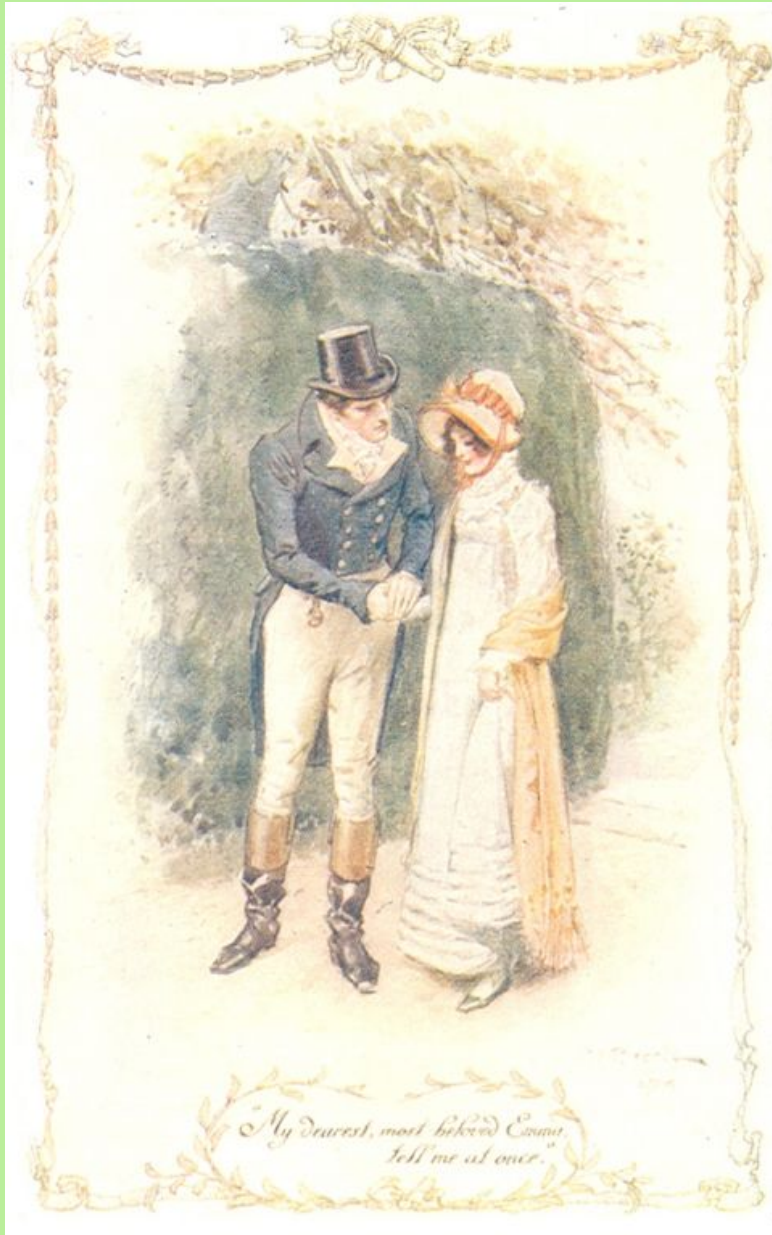




Jane Austen Society of North America Southwest March 2015 News



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JASNA-SW Spring Meeting - Save the Date!

**Adaptation: Bringing Jane Austen's Novels
to the Screen and Stage.**

The spring meeting will be held on April 11, 2015 at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. More information and

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Jane Austen in the News!



Jane Austen letters provide further insight into her life. [Click here](#) for more information.



Lady Susan adaptation set for the big screen. Read more about this new Austen inspired film by [clicking here](#).

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registration will be posted in March on the JASNA-SW webpage.

March Calendar

Sunday, March 1 - A CRISIS OF BRILLIANCE by David Boyd Haycock with the Santa Monica Reading Group. Please join the Santa Monica Reading Group as they discuss the A Crisis of Brilliance, the story of five artists during the Great War. For more information, please call Diana Birchall at(310)394-2196, or [please click here to email her](#).

Saturday, March 7 at 1:30pm- JANE'S FAME: HOW JANE AUSTEN CONQUERED THE WORLD by Claire Harman with the Long Beach Reading Group. Please join the Long Beach Reading Group as they discuss Jane's Fame, a well-researched account of Jane's popularity over time. For more information, please [email coordinator Gerda Kilgore](#), or call her at (562) 496-4452.

Sunday, March 15, 12:30pm - READING LOLITA IN TERHAN by Azar Nafisi with the Orange County Reading Group. Please join the Orange County Reading Group for a discussion of Reading Lolita in Terhan, an extraordinary memoir. For information about the Orange County Reading Group, please [email Annmarie Thomas](#) or call her at 949-487-7028.

Sunday, March 15 at 6:00pm - Downton Abbey Season Five with the Pasadena Reading Group. Please join the Pasadena Reading Group for a discussion of the latest season of Downton Abbey. For more information, current group members may [email Susan Ridgeway](#), or you may call her at 626-357-1397. NOTE: This group is at capacity and can't accept new members. The San Gabriel Valley Reading Group is accepting members from this area. For more information, please [click here to email Kelly Duir](#) or call her at (909)



[Visit Our Website](#) for more about programs, reading groups, and more.

967-6630.

Saturday, March 21 at 11:30am - The Watson's by Jane Austen.

Please join the Ventura Reading group as they discuss the unfinished novel of Jane Austen, The Watson's. For information about the Ventura Reading Group, [please click here for their blog](#).

Sunday, March 22 at 2:00pm - LONGBOURN by Jo Baker with the San Fernando Valley Reading Group. Please join the San Fernando Valley Reading Group as they discuss Longbourn, the downstairs perspective of Pride and Prejudice. For more information on the Valley Reading Group and upcoming meetings, you may call Cheryl Cole at (310) 422-5475 or [please click here to email her](#).

Saturday, March 28 from 11:00am to 2:00pm - JANE AUSTEN and the THEATER presentation by Nancy Gallagher with the San Gabriel Reading Group. Please join the San Gabriel Reading Group for an encore lecture of Jane Austen and the Theater by Nancy Gallagher followed by a discussion of the Actor's Co-op performance of Pride and Prejudice at Lamanda Branch Library in Pasadena, 140 South Altadena Drive. Please bring something to share (fruit, appetizers, tea foods, desserts). For more information on the meeting or the San Gabriel Valley Reading Group, [click here to email Kelly Duir](#) or call her at (909) 967-6630.

Festival of Books 2015

Los Angeles Times 
**FESTIVAL OF
BOOKS**
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

JASNA Southwest will again have a booth at the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books to be held April 18-19, 2015 at USC. If you're planning on going to the festival to see some of the latest books, meet and greet with authors, and get your books signed - be sure to make a stop at the JASNA-SW book table. We will be having Jane-themed books and merchandise for sale! Or, if you want in on all of the fun, please consider volunteering - there are a lot of different activities you may help out with. You may talk to visitors about your favorite writer - Jane Austen-- assist in the decorating the booth, help with sales, or assist with one of the other ways to spread Jane to the masses.

To volunteer, email [Emily Bergman](mailto:Emily.Bergman@usc.edu) Indicate times you are available: Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon.

Santa Monica Reads Longbourn

This year's Santa Monica Reads focuses on Jo Baker's Longbourn, the below stairs story of the servants working in the Bennet household. The Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard, has scheduled a rich set of events for the month. Some highlights:

- Mar 1, 2:00pm. The World of Longbourn. Panel and discussion with Kimberly Chrisman-Campbell, Janet Fahey, and Richard Foss. Main Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium

- Mar 7, 2:00pm. Austen Variations Author Panel, with Diana Birchall, Syrie James, Sally Smith O'Rourke and Shannon Winslow. Main Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium
- Mar 12, 7:00pm. A Jane Austen Education with William Deresiewicz. Main Library, MLK Auditorium.
- Mar 21, 2:00pm. An Afternoon with Jo Baker. Main Library, MLK Auditorium

For more information [click here to visit the website](#) for the event.

Travel with JASNA

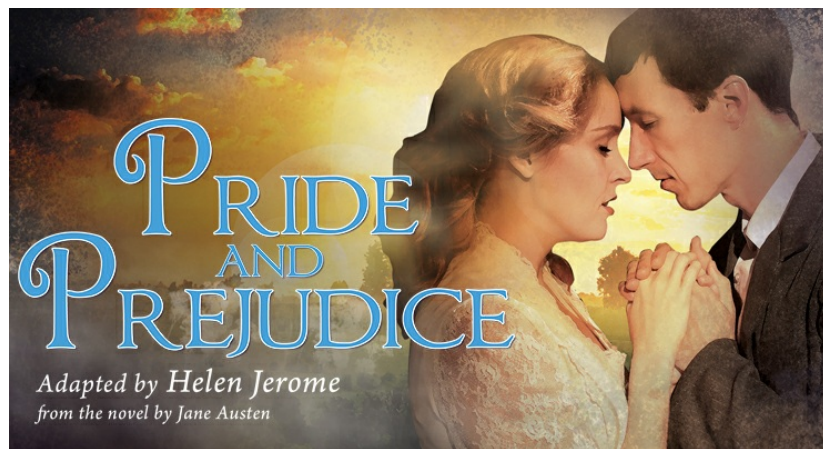


Registration is now open for the 2015 JASNA-sponsored tour, "Jane Austen: Town and Country." JASNA members will visit houses, towns and cities that shaped Jane Austen's life and fiction, including Steventon, Chawton, Bath, Portsmouth, Lyme Regis, and Winchester. Members will travel to Oxford to St. John's College, where Reverend George Austen and two of his sons studied. Tour participants will then go to the county of Kent to visit Austen family sites, including Sevenoaks and the Red House, Goodenstone House, and Godmersham. The last day of the tour will include the Regency resort of Brighton and the

Prince Regent's exotic Royal Pavilion.
Participants must be members of JASNA, but they may join in order to register for the tour. The tour group minimum is 15 and the maximum is 34. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

[Click here for more information.](#)


Upcoming Jane Austen Related Events



Feb 6 - March 15

The Actor's Co-Op in Hollywood is producing *Pride and Prejudice* adapted by Helen Jerome. Read a review by Paul Birchall by [clicking here](#). Tickets range from \$15-30. [Actors Co-op](#)


Instant Karma Improv Comedy
presents a Santa Barbara Premiere



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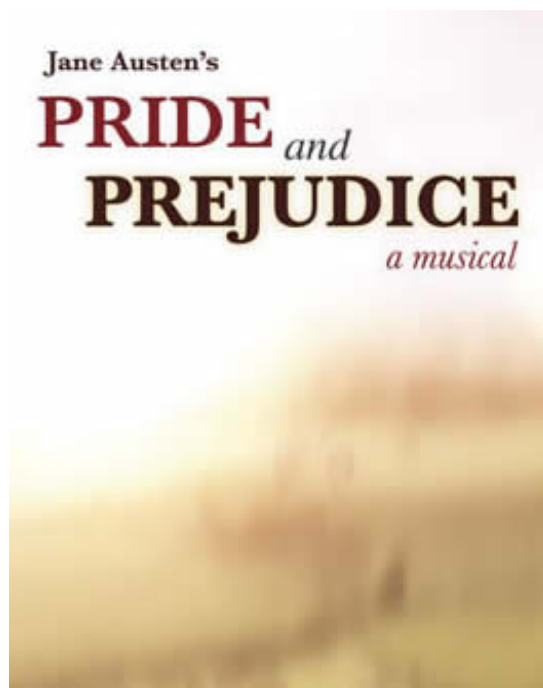
Go! - *La Weekly* Smart, literate comedy
 - *Pasadena Playhouse*


TWO NIGHTS ONLY!
 Fri & Sat, March 27 & 28, 8 pm
 The New Vic Theater

For tickets visit
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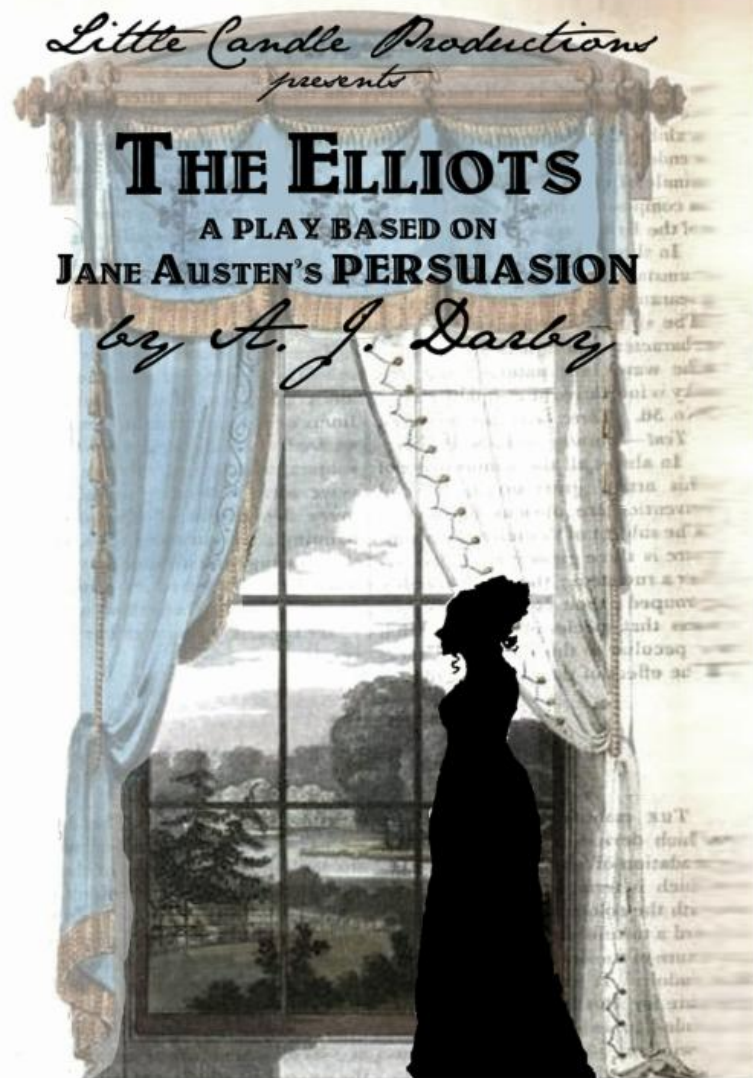
March 27-28

Jane Austen Unscripted at the New Vic Theater in Santa Barbara. This wonderful improvisation group performed at a 2012 JASNA-SW meeting. For information [click here](#).



April 17-May 10

La Mirada Playhouse is producing a musical version of Pride and Prejudice. Book, Music and Lyrics by Lindsay Warren Baker and Amanda Jacobs. Tickets range from \$20-\$70 . [Click here](#) for information.



MAY 9-JUNE 7, FREMONT CENTRE THEATRE

May 9 - June 7

Little Candle Productions is producing *The Elliots: a Play Based on Jane Austen's Persuasion* by A.J. Darby at the Fremont Centre Theatre. Tickets from \$20-25. Special event tickets \$34. Group rate (for groups of 10 or more) at \$15 per ticket (contact Karissa to reserve group rate seats.) [Click here](#) for information.

AGM 2015 in Louisville, KY



Living in Jane Austen's World is the theme for the 2015 JASNA Annual General Meeting. Hotel reservations are now available and are expected to fill up early. You can find out more information and links to hotel reservations at the [2015 AGM webpage](#).

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