



Jane Austen Society of North America, Southwest Region

February 2018 Newsletter



2018 *Los Angeles Times* Festival of Books

The *Los Angeles Times* [Festival of Books](#), the nation's largest, returns to the University of Southern California's University Park Campus on April 21-22, and JASNA Southwest will be on hand to share the love of Jane Austen with attendees.

Our booth, located between Doheny Library and Tommy Trojan in the center of campus, will once again offer a wide range of Austen novels and related merchandise. Authors of Austen-related books will sign their works and greet visitors to the booth.

We always need a team of volunteers to help staff the booth, and assist with setup and breakdown of the tent. Emily Bergman is once again serving as coordinator of the effort. If you'd like to help, please email [Emily](#) and sign up as a volunteer. Please indicate times you are available: Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning or Sunday afternoon.

The Expo line provides easy rail access to the festival. We hope to see you there!



Take Our Survey!

If you haven't yet taken our very brief survey on JASNA Southwest events, it's not too late! Share your feedback today and help us ensure our regional meetings are the best they can be. For those who have already participated, thank you so much for sharing your thoughts!

Take me to the [Survey!](#)



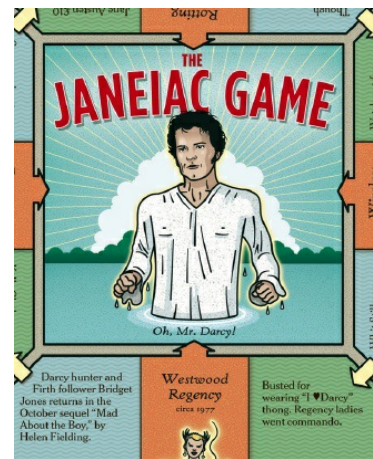
New Austen Gaming Groups Forming

In our January survey, numerous members expressed interest in attending informal Jane Austen-related game nights. Two members have already stepped up to offer to host such events.

Teresa Chien hosted an event in January and is planning the next gathering for Sunday, February 11, beginning at 2:30 p.m., near Brentwood. She will provide light refreshments and tea. The games she uses spur discussion on Austen-related trivia. Email [Teresa](#) for more details if you are interested in attending. She aims to host these events twice a month—once on a weekday and once on a weeknight.

Another member, David Poepoe, offers to hosts up to 14 people for a game night in El Segundo. In addition to playing modern Janeite-related games, like *Marrying Mr. Darcy*, he is interested in learning Whist and Speculation—games Austen herself would have played and games she mentioned in her novels. If you're interested in joining this group, email [David](#).

If you are interested in learning more about Regency-era games and will be attending the 2018 Annual General Meeting in Kansas City, coaches will be on hand to teach Whist.



Jane Austen Tea

The Victorian Tea Society is holding a Jane Austen Tea at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, at the Heritage Museum of Orange County, 3101 W. Harvard St., Santa Ana CA 92704. Proceeds benefit children's educational programs at the museum.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 12 and may be purchased online from the [Heritage Museum](#).

Listen to music from the Regency era and partake of traditional Afternoon Tea, including scones with jam and Devonshire cream, an assortment of savories and sweets, and a selection of fine teas—all served by members of the Victorian Tea Society donning Regency and Victorian gowns. Regency attire is encouraged.



Discounted *Daniel Deronda* tickets

Los Angeles Theatre Works (LATW) is offering JASNA-Southwest members half-price tickets

for the upcoming production of *Daniel Deronda* for 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

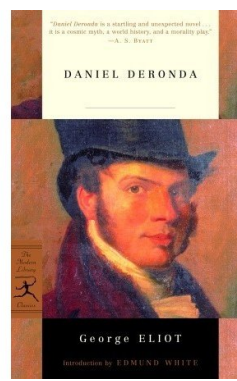
Go to the [LATW website](#).

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, February 11, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

West Los Angeles Reading Group

Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact [Clara Browda](#), 310-278-8759.

Saturday, February 17, 11:30 a.m.

Ventura County Reading Group

The Making of Jane Austen by Devoney Looser

Location: E.P. Foster Library, Ventura

For more information, contact [Priscilla Diamond](#), 805-798-5622.

Sunday, February 25, 1 p.m.

Riverside Reading Group

The Widow's Fire by Paul Butler

Location: home of Vicki Broach

For more information, contact [Vicki Broach](#), 951-907-3948.

Sunday, February 25, 5 p.m.

Santa Monica Reading Group

Persuasion by Jane Austen

Location: home of Kathi Stafford

For more information, contact [Kathi Stafford](#).

Saturday, March 3

Long Beach Reading Group

Evelina by Fanny Burney

For more information, contact [Sherwood Smith](#), 714-330-7856.

Saturday, March 3, 1 p.m.

Westside/405 Reading Group

Defiance by Stephen Taylor

For more information, contact [Karen Berk](#), 310-477-6753.

Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Reading Group

Jane Eyre (first half) by Charlotte Bronte

Location: home of Jody Gunn, Sierra Madre

Potluck

For more information, contact [Kelly Duir](#), 909-967-6630.

Sunday, March 11, 2-4 p.m.

South Bay Reading Group

Persuasion by Jane Austen

For more information, contact [Jeanine Holguin](#), 805-444-8999.

Sunday, March 25

Pasadena Area Reading Group

The Vicar of Wakefield by Oliver Goldsmith

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact [Susan Ridgeway](#), 626-357-1397.

Sunday, March 25, 5 p.m.

Santa Monica Reading Group

Effie in Venice: Mrs. John Ruskin's Letters Home

Location: home of Kathi Stafford

For more information, contact [Kathi Stafford](#).

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.

For information on, or to RSVP for, upcoming San Diego JASNA meetings, visit www.jasnasd.org.

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