



Jane Austen Society of North America, Southwest Region

March 2018 Newsletter



Survey Highlights

A heartfelt thanks to the many JASNA Southwest members and friends who participated in our recent event survey. We appreciate your comments and suggestions!

Following is a short overview of the responses we received, which will be invaluable as we endeavor to continue improving our events and offering you diverse and dynamic programming.

An overwhelming majority, more than 80 percent, of members are most influenced by the topic in deciding whether to attend a JASNA Southwest Regional Meeting. Our readers enjoy a wide range of topics:

- 93 percent favor historical/academic discussions

- 85 percent prefer Regency-era history talks
- 72 percent enjoy comparisons between Austen and other authors or historic productions
- Some 64 percent are interested in presentations on traditional film, television and other adaptations
- More than 44 percent prefer presentations on new media/modernized adaptations
- Nearly 56 percent enjoy hearing from authors of Austen-related books

While numerous participants noted that location is a consideration in their decision to attend, many commented that they understand how difficult it is to find a central meeting place for such a far-flung membership – as we are spread out from Ventura County to Orange County to Riverside and Temecula and beyond. We will continue to strive to rotate meeting venues to make it convenient for as many members and potential members as possible to attend.

Of our previous venues, the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens garnered the highest favorable rating, at 74 percent. Most of the previous venues rated 30 percent or higher and were fairly evenly distributed in terms of preference.

Members expressed significant interest in the potential for new workshops, including:

- Regency dance lessons (68 percent)
- Calligraphy (49 percent)
- Silhouette drawing (46 percent)
- Painting, reticule making and bonnet trimming (each at 39 percent)

In terms of special events:

- More than 90 percent expressed interest in an afternoon tea
- 84 percent favored a field trip to a museum with a relevant exhibition
- 76 percent said they would enjoy a film adaptation screening/discussion
- 61 percent would like to see salons on a specific Austen topic
- 53 percent are interested in a wine and cheese discussion
- 42 percent favored a Regency ball or game day/evening

The winner of the 10-pound Jane Austen bank note will be announced in the next issue (unless they wish to remain anonymous).

Thank you again for sharing your feedback, and please feel free to reach out anytime by writing jasnasw@jasnasw.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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!



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 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 George Eliot's *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.

Cast includes Julian Sands.

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.

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Reading/Game Groups

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.

Saturday, March 17, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Ventura County Reading Group

Eligible: A Modern Retelling of Pride and Prejudice by Curtis Sittenfeld

Location: Marie Callender's Library Room, 1295 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura

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

Sunday, March 18

Orange County Reading Group

A Short History of Lyme Regis by John Fowles

Location: Home of Annmarie Thomas, Dana Point

For more information, contact [Viki Barie](#), 714-309-6702.

Sunday, March 18, 1-4 p.m.

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

Vicar of Wakefield by Oliver Goldsmith

For more information, contact [Cheryl Cole](#), 310-422-5475.

Sunday, March 18, 2:30 p.m.

Jane Austen Game Group (West Los Angeles)

Join fellow Janeites to play Austen-related games.

For more information, contact [Teresa Chien](#).

Saturday, March 24, time TBD

Jane Austen Game Group (South Bay)

Join fellow Janeites to play Austen-related and Regency-era games.

For more information, contact [David Poepoe](#), 310-640-2985.

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, April 15, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

West Los Angeles Reading Group

The Enchanted April by Elizabeth Von Arnim

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

Sunday, April 29, 5 p.m.

Santa Monica Reading Group

Seduction and Betrayal: Women and Literature by Elizabeth Hardwick

Location: home of Kathi Stafford

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

Thursday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.

NEW GROUP: Janeites Reading Trollope

Ralph, the Heir by Antony Trollope

Location: West Los Angeles

For more information, contact [Lora Walker](#).

May, TBD

Riverside Reading Group

Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

For more information, contact [Cristi Hendry](#).

May, TBD

South Bay Reading Group

Excellent Women by Barbara Pym

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

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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