



Jane Austen Society of North America, Southwest Region

## April 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. We also will be giving away "I'm a Jane Austen Fan" fans and JASNA Southwest's new brochure.

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!



# JASNA Southwest 2018 Regional Meetings

## Save the Dates!

Our program and event planning team has been busy coming up with our 2018 roster of regional meetings. More details and registration will follow soon, but please mark your calendars! We hope to see you at any or all of these upcoming events:

Spring Meeting – Saturday, June 2, UCLA Faculty Center  
"Spring Cleaning at Chawton"

Fall Meeting – Saturday, Sept. 8 (location to be finalized)  
*Persuasion*-related theme (tentative)

Winter Meeting – Saturday, Dec. 8, Sony Pictures Studio, Culver City  
We have a very special day planned for you at the former MGM Studios, where the original 1940 *Pride and Prejudice* was filmed. JASNA Southwest will be subsidizing part of the cost of this event for our members as a special thank you for helping make the 2017 Annual General Meeting hosted by our region such a great success.



## Century Books in Pasadena Opens Jane Austen Alcove

[Century Books](#) in Pasadena opened its new Jane Austen Alcove on March 25 and the proprietors are donating a portion of the proceeds from Austen-related sales to JASNA Southwest. The store is located at 1039 E. Green Street. Phone is 626-344-6411.

Century Books is an independent used bookstore and art gallery at the newly designated landmark Green Street Village. The charming shop offers a wide array of books (both fiction and nonfiction) and regularly hosts events, including live jazz music, classical concerts, art openings, readings, lectures and literary events.



We hope you'll pay them a visit next time you are in the vicinity, or that you may want to make a special trip just to visit the bookstore!



## And the Austen Banknote Goes to ...

In our January/February survey, we offered participants the chance to enter to win a 10-pound U.K. Jane Austen banknote.

The winning participant was Doris Ford, a lifetime member of JASNA.

Congratulations to Doris!



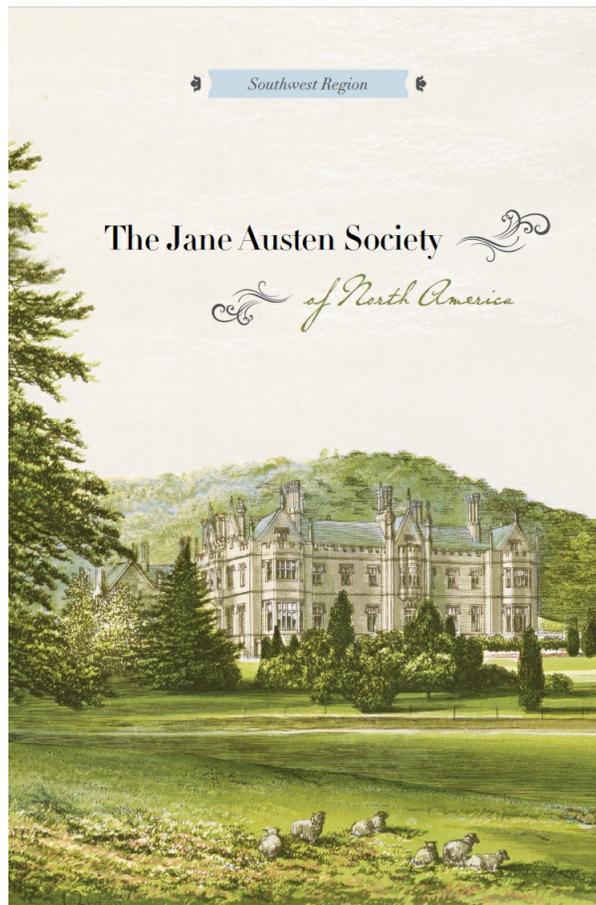
## Check Out Our New Brochure

JASNA Southwest has a [new membership brochure](#), which will be distributed at the Festival of Books, in libraries and other locations around Southern California.

Check it out now, and if you'd like to help us distribute copies to libraries in your area, we will have extras on hand at our Spring Meeting for you to pick up and take home.

A copy of the brochure is available in PDF format on our JASNA Southwest website.

Thank you in advance for helping spread the word about JASNA Southwest! We rely on you to help us find like-minded Jane Austen fans who would benefit from participation in our regional meetings and other activities. You are the heart of JASNA and JASNA Southwest.



## Hootboard Open for JASNA SW Members Attending AGM 2018

We are offering an easy way for JASNA SW members to connect with each other to find roommates and rideshares in Kansas City for this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), Sept. 28-30.



Hootboard is a private message board that lets you view, respond to and post messages about the upcoming AGM. It is a great way to connect with people and save money on hotel and transportation.

Here's what you do (two different options!):

1. Go to Hootboard.com and search for the JASNA SW board. Sign up with an email address and password, then put in the following code: z72q2. After that, you can view what's already posted or put up a new post.
2. If you want a little help, simply email [Erika Kotite](mailto:Erika.Kotite) and request access to the board. She will then send you an invitation to join. You will still need to provide Hootboard with your email and a password.

NOTE: If things start getting crazy with lots of Hootboard activity, you can politely withdraw. To turn off email notifications, click on your name, then select Notification settings. Choose which notifications you'd like to remove; you can always flip them back on.

After the AGM, the board will be permanently removed.

If you have any questions, please contact Erika any time.



## In Memoriam: Shirley Anne Cosgrove

Shirley Anne Cosgrove  
September 23, 1939 -- February 22, 2018



Shirley Cosgrove passed away peacefully, surrounded by her beloved family, on February 22, 2018, at the age of 78. She was born Shirley Anne McLing on September 23, 1939, in Chicago. She met John Cosgrove in 1960, during their senior year of college at Immaculate Heart and Loyola University of Los Angeles, respectively. It was love at first sight, and Shirley decided to forego the convent. Six months later they married and made Playa del Rey their home for more than 56 years.

Shirley's love for literature led her to obtain her master's in English Literature. A career as a teacher followed, and more recently she was a tutor at St. Bernard High School, in Playa del Rey. She was an avid reader and life member of the Jane Austen Society of North America.

She served as a steward of the community. She was well known for her Christmas Eve dinners, which she hosted for family, friends and friends of friends who did not have family or were unable to travel for the holidays. She was full of life; she loved, and was loved, by many.

Shirley is survived by her husband, John, their twin daughters, Danielle Cosgrove and Denise Cosgrove Bassett, son Mark Cosgrove, grandchildren Kali Cosgrove and Amanda Bassett, and sister Pat McLing Ballew. Shirley's extended family included many honorary grandchildren and dear friends. The love, guidance and life lessons she provided will be sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to St. Bernard High School STEM Programs (in memory of Shirley Cosgrove): 9100 Falmouth Avenue, Playa del Rey, CA 90293, Attention: Shireen Ossanlo, Director of Development.

"To the Memory"  
by Jane Austen

I see her here, with all her smiles benign,  
Her looks of eager Love, her accents sweet.  
That voice and Countenance almost divine!  
Expression, Harmony, alike complete.  
I listen-'tis not sound alone-'tis sense,  
'Tis Genius, Taste and Tenderness of Soul.  
'Tis genuine warmth of heart without pretense  
And purity of Mind that crowns the whole.  
She speaks; 'tis Eloquence-that grace of Tongue  
So rare, so lovely!-Never misapplied.  
Hers is the Energy of Soul sincere.  
Her Christian Spirit ignorant to feign,  
Seeks but to comfort, heal, enlighten, cheer,  
Confer a pleasure, or prevent a pain.



## Reading/Game Groups

Saturday, April 7, 12:30 p.m.

**Long Beach Reading Group**

*Persuasion* by Jane Austen

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

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 15, 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, April 21, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Ventura County Reading Group**

*Hermesprong: Or, Man As He Is Not* by Robert Bage

Location: E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main St., Ventura

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

Saturday, April 28, 6 p.m.

**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, 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](#).

Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**San Gabriel Valley Reading Group**

*Jane Eyre* (second half) by Charlotte Bronte

Location: Mt. San Antonio Gardens in Claremont

Potluck

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

Sunday, May 20

**San Fernando Valley Reading Group**

*Queen Lucia* by E. F. Benson

For more information, contact [Cheryl Cole](#).

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.

Saturday, June 9, 1-3 p.m.

**Westside/405 Reading Group**

*Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh

Location: Home of Syrie James

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

**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](http://www.jasnasd.org).

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