



Jane Austen Society of North America, Southwest Region

May 2018 Newsletter



Spring Cleaning at Chawton

June 2

Spring Meeting

UCLA Faculty Center

Join us for a down-and-dirty look at the history of bathing, housekeeping and home remedies during the Regency era at our Spring Meeting on June 2 at the UCLA Faculty Center. The event will feature a special workshop in which attendees will have the opportunity to make and take home a milk of roses complexion formula that Austen herself likely would have used.

[Register now!](#)

The day also will include a raffle basket opportunity drawing. We look forward to seeing you there!

Presentations:

**Clean and Decent: A History of Bathing to Jane Austen's Time and Beyond –
Jan Fahey**

**Jane Austen's Domestic Economy: Housekeeping and Home Remedies in
Regency Times – Terry Ryan**

Workshop (led by Terry Ryan)

Mix up a batch of Charles Austen's Complexion Lotion to take home.

Cost:

\$65 – members

\$80 – nonmembers

\$45 – students with ID

We will start the day with registration and the chance to participate in the opportunity drawing, as well as self-service coffee/tea with freshly baked mini muffins, croissants and scones.

Lunch Menu

Signature Salad

Marinated artichokes, cherry tomatoes, Kalamata olives, cucumber herb dressing

Entree (choose one)

Herbed Grilled Chicken Breast

Fresh rosemary, thyme, parsley, lemon juice, olive oil, roasted fingerling potatoes

Moroccan-Spiced Vegetable Tagine

Saffron couscous, squash, celery root, garbanzo beans, tomatoes

Pan-Roasted Salmon

Tarragon, dill, parsley, grilled asparagus, beurre blanc

Dessert

Creme Brulee





Festival of Books' Booth Breaks Record

JASNA Southwest welcomed a record-breaking number of visitors to our booth at the 2018 *Los Angeles Times* Festival of Books on the University of Southern California campus on April 21-22.

Some 1,728 visitors stopped by our booth – up from 1,013 in 2017! Our "I'm a Jane Austen Fan" fans were a big hit, so much so that we ran out the first day.



The event was once again managed by Emily Bergman with able assistance from Nancy Ramsey, Nancy Gallagher, Sonya Samuels, Carlyne Bardeleben, Carol Krause, Jane Boltz, Patricia Hamor, Glenda Pinney, Laura Bartak, Kelsey Ford, Carla Washburn, Jan Fahey, Erika Kotite and new JASNA Southwest members Lynn and Stanley Morris and Alison Morea and Alfred DiGrazia. Author Melissa Buell and her husband were instrumental in helping set up the booth on Saturday.



Author Melissa Buell was on hand Saturday morning



Visitors were able to choose from a wide selection of



The *Los Angeles Times* Festival of Books is the

to sign books from her *Holidays with Jane* collection, while Kate Rorick (*The Secret Diary of Lizzie Bennet*) greeted visitors and signed her books on Sunday afternoon.

books and merchandise from our partner, Vroman's, as well as pick up information on JASNA Southwest reading and game groups and upcoming events.

nation's largest such event, attracting thousands of book lovers to the University of Southern California campus each April.



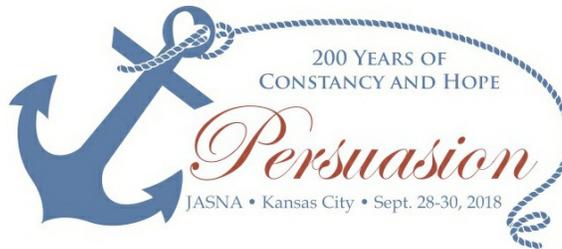
Bylaws

At the June 2 Spring Meeting, the membership will vote on proposed changes to JASNA Southwest's Bylaws. You can review the [highlighted changes](#) on our website.



2018 AGM Registration Opens May 9

[Registration for the 2018 AGM](#) in Kansas City opens at 9 a.m. Pacific time on Wednesday, May 9. Mark your calendars to be sure you can sign up for the sessions you want to attend. This year's theme is *Persuasion*, in honor of the 200th anniversary of the novel's publication.



How to Hoot for AGM Roommates and Rideshares

This is an update to the instructions sent previously about Hootboard. If you are going to the 2018 AGM and want to find hotel roommates and/or rideshares to and from the airport, here's what you do:



1. Email [Erika Kotite](#) to request an invitation to our Hootboard.
2. Once you get the "Join Hootboard" email, click on the link and sign up with your email and select a password.
3. Use the Community Code z72q2.
4. View the posts and reply -- OR put up a new post of your own.

Questions? Contact [Erika Kotite](#).





2018 Young Filmmakers Contest

The Southwest Region of the Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA) is accepting video submissions for our second Young Filmmakers Contest.

Students at the high school, college and graduate-school levels (including spring 2018 graduates) are eligible to compete. The top submissions will be screened at our December 2018 regional meeting and a "crowd favorite" award will be bestowed on the favorite submission selected by JASNA Southwest members.

Winning entrants will receive a small cash prize, a year's membership in JASNA and paid admission to the Dec. 8 JASNA Southwest regional meeting at Sony Pictures Studios. Works must be five minutes or less in duration, shot in widescreen format and adapted from or inspired by Jane Austen's writing or life. Otherwise, contestants are encouraged to use their imagination. You may submit comedies, dramas or documentaries in live action or animation. Your entries may be modernizations or mashups of Austen and another public domain author. They may be set any time from the Regency era to the present or even in the future. They may be cast with puppets, pets or people. Let your imagination and inspiration run wild!

Deadline is November 1, 2018. View our [entry form](#) for more details and all rules and regulations. For any questions, contact [Erika Kotite](#).



The Great American Read on PBS

[The Great American Read](#) is an eight-part series that explores and celebrates the power of reading, told through the prism of America's 100 best-loved novels (as chosen in a national survey). It investigates how and why writers create their fictional worlds, how we as readers are affected by these stories, and what these 100 different books have to say about our diverse nation and our shared human experience. *Pride and Prejudice* made the list.

The television series features entertaining and informative documentary segments, with compelling testimonials from celebrities, authors, notable Americans and book lovers across the country. It is comprised of a two-hour launch episode in which the list of 100 books is revealed, five one-hour theme episodes that examine concepts common to groups of books

In Memoriam:

Longtime JASNA and JASNA Southwest member Robert C. Hansen passed away on February 9. May he rest in peace. A memorial will be held at the family's home in Tarzana on May 27 from 2-5 p.m. To RSVP for the service, contact his family at danishgirl@earthlink.net.



Reading/Game Groups



Join one of our new game groups, hosted by [David Poepoe](#) (South Bay) and [Teresa Chien](#) (West Los Angeles)

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

NEW GROUP: Janeites Reading Trollope

Ralph, the Heir by Anthony Trollope

Location: West Los Angeles

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

Sunday, May 6

Pasadena Area Reading Group

Jane Austen's juvenilia (volume one)

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

Saturday, May 19, 12:30 p.m.

Long Beach Reading Group

The juvenilia of Jane Austen and Charlotte Bronte

Location: Grounds Cafe, Long Beach

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

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.

Saturday, May 19, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Ventura County Reading Group

A Secret Sisterhood: The Hidden Friendships of Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte, George Eliot, and Virginia Woolf by Emily Midorikawa and Emma Claire Sweeney
Location: E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main St., Ventura
For more information, contact [Priscilla Diamond](#), 805-798-5622.

Sunday, May 20

Orange County Reading Group

Jane Austen at Home: A Biography by Lucy Worsley
Location: 20 Pergola, Irvine
For more information, contact [Viki Barie](#).

Sunday, May 20

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

Queen Lucia by E. F. Benson
For more information, contact [Cheryl Cde](#).

Sunday, May 20

South Bay Reading Group

Excellent Women by Barbara Pym
For more information, contact [Jeanine Holguin](#), 805-444-8999.

Saturday, May 26, 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](#).

Sunday, June 10, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

West Los Angeles Reading Group

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

Sunday, June 17, 5 p.m.

Santa Monica Reading Group

A Secret Sisterhood: The Hidden Friendships of Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte, George Eliot, and Virginia Woolf by Emily Midorikawa and Emma Claire Sweeney
Location: home of Kathi Stafford
For more information, contact [Kathi Stafford](#).

Saturday, June 23, 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.

Visit our website!



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