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Volunteers Needed! ***JASNA-SW Festival of Books*** ***Booth***

JASNA Southwest will again have a booth at the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books to be held April 12-13 at USC. If you're planning on going to the festival to see some of the latest books, meet and greet with authors,

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Jane Austen in the News!



Jane Austen descendent starts as Literacy Foundation. [Read more here.](#)



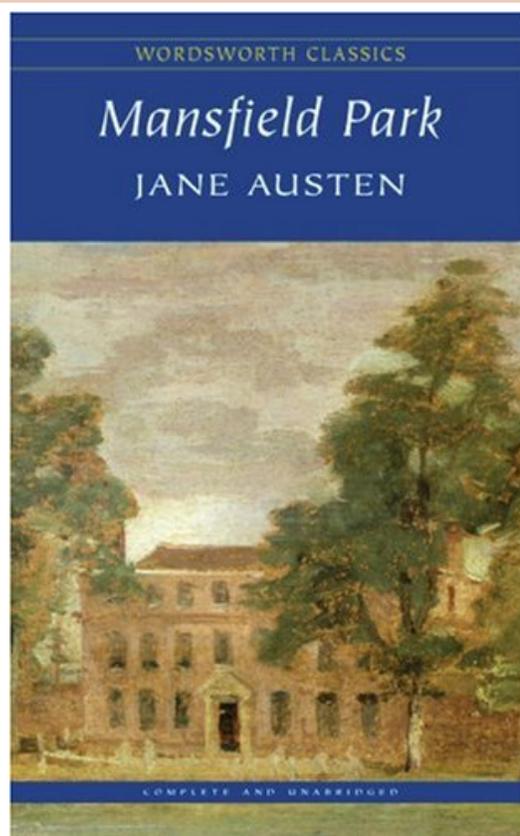
Jane Austen fashions go mainstream. [Click here](#) to look at the Huffington Post article.

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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 one of the other ways to spread Jane to the masses.

To volunteer, emilyannebergman@gmail.com. Indicate times you are available: Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon.

Spring Meeting: May 31, 2014 In the Garden with Fanny Price



The spring meeting will be held at the UCLA Faculty Center on May 31. (Note: This is a new date!) In the Garden with Fanny Price will include UCLA's Ann Mellor on the slave trade as referenced in Mansfield Park, Kim Wilson, author of In the Garden with Jane Austen, Claremont Graduate University's Dr. John Halperin, author of the 1984 The Life of Jane Austen, on "Mansfield Park as Autobiography," and will feature walking tours of



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UCLA's Botanical Gardens with an introduction by Phil Rundel of UCLA's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Registration will open and more details will be announced in mid-April.

April Calendar

Saturday, April 5, 1:30pm - BLEAK HOUSE by Charles Dickens with the Long Beach Reading Group.

Please join the Long Beach Reading Group to discuss Bleak House, the Charles Dickens classic novel.

For more information please [email coordinator Gerda Kilgore](#), or call her at (562) 496-4452.

Sunday, April 13, 6:00pm - THE IMMORTAL DINNER: A FAMOUS EVENING OF GENIUS AND LAUGHTER IN LITERARY LONDON 1817 by Penelope Hughes-Hallett with the Santa Monica Reading Group. Please

join the Santa Monica Reading Group as they discuss The Immortal Dinner: A Famous Evening of Genius and Laughter in Literary London 1817. For more information, please [email Diana Birchall](#) or call her at (310)394-2196.

Saturday April 19, 11:30am - EMMA by Jane Austen with the Ventura Reading Group. Please join the Ventura Reading Group at the E.P. Foster Library for a discussion of Emma, Jane Austen's wonderful novel of matchmaking and love. For information about the Ventura Reading Group, [please click here for their blog](#).

Dance and Music Events

Dust of your dancing shoes for some wonderful spring events!

The Social Daunce Irregulars Ball on Saturday, April 12th. A Victorian ball that's been going strong for over 25 years and where I got my start as an event organizer. The grandest Victorian grand ball in Southern California. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Downtown Abbey Ball in San Diego, Saturday, April 19th. An early 20th Century style ball with a fine band (The Heliotrope Ragtime Orchestra). It comes highly recommended. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Avalon Ball in Catalina, Saturday May 17th. About the most impressive event you are likely to attend. Dance in an amazing Art Deco palace to Dean Mora's marvelous big band with 500 or so other dancers. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Lanterman Summer Whites Picnic and Ukulele Rendezvous, May 25th

This is not specifically a dance event, though Mr. Randy Woltz will be taking your dance requests up in the ballroom. You are encouraged to come to this free event, wear your summer whites (any period), bring a picnic and, if you are inclined, a uke or other sociable instrument and make your own music with your friends. [Click here](#) for more information.

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A special online edition of PERSUASIONS is available. This edition focuses on teaching Jane Austen. Access it by [clicking here](#).

Jane Austen Society of North America 2014 Essay Contest

Essay Contest Topic: In celebration of the 200th anniversary of *Mansfield Park*, JASNA is looking for short essays on the following topic:

Consider the role of silence in *Mansfield Park*. Sometimes silence is chosen, sometimes it is forced, and sometimes it just happens. The number of times the narrator remarks that people say nothing is quite surprising, yet the narrator too is silent on important points. And sometimes only the narrator fills the silence on equally important points, especially about Fanny. What do we learn from the silences of *Mansfield Park*?

Who Is Eligible: Students at the high school, college, and graduate school levels.

Entry Deadline: May 15, 2014

Awards: Judges will select first-, second-, and third-place winners in each of the three divisions. Winners will receive:

- Cash scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000.
- Complimentary registration and two nights' lodging for the 2014 JASNA Annual General Meeting in Montréal, Québec, next fall.
- One-year free membership in JASNA for winners and mentors.
- Publication of the winning essays on the JASNA website.

For More Details: Entry form, criteria, and past winners at www.jasna.org



Upcoming Jane Austen Events

JASNA-SW to host 2017 AGM! The 2017 AGM, Jane Austen in Paradise, will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Huntington Beach. JASNA-SW will need a lot of volunteers over the next three years to assist with the planning and hosting of the AGM. Please let us know if you want to help. JASNA-SW will also be posting volunteer opportunities as needed.

JASNA-SW will have a booth at the 2014 Los Angeles Times Festival of Books. We hope you will stop by if you attend the festival or volunteer if you have the time!

Jane Austen Summer Program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. This four-day symposium runs from June 12-15, 2014. The 2014 program is on Sense and Sensibility. Anyone with a passion for all things Austen is welcome to attend. For more information, to see photos

from last summer, or to register, go to the JASP website, janeaustensummer.org.

7th Annual Jane Austen FESTIVAL
Presented by the JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA- GREATER LOUISVILLE REGION
July 19th & 20th, 2014
For more information, jasnalouisville.com
Held at the scenic 1790s National Landmark, LOCUST GROVE, 561 Blankenbaker Lane, Louisville, KY 40207



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