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November Calendar

Saturday, December 8 1:00pm - PERSUASION at the Long Beach Reading Group

"Some of them did decide on going in quest of tea. Anne was one of the few who did not choose to move...she did not mean ...to shrink from conversation with Captain Wentworth." Unlike Anne Elliott, the Long Beach group DOES choose to move on December 8, meeting at the Shamrock & Thistle/ Sussex Teapot Tea Room in Garden Grove in honor of Jane Austen's birthday. They will not shrink from conversation about Anne and Captain Wentworth as they discuss PERSUASION. For more information, please email coordinator Gerda Kilgore at gskmuc@verizon.net or call her at (562) 496-4452.

Sunday, December 9 6:00pm - COMPLETE SHORTER FICTION at the Santa Monica Reading Group

Spend Christmas at Thompson Hall with the telegraph girl, two generals, and a widow as the Santa Monica Reading Group reads four

Tim Erwin's talk at the Dec 1 meeting so he has kindly provided the text of his paper.

[Comic Prints, the Picturesque, and Fashion: Seeing and Being Seen in Jane Austen's Northanger Abbey](#)



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Christmas stories in COMPLETE SHORTER FICTION by Anthony Trollope. Read Christmas at Thompson Hall, The Widow's Mite, The Telegraph Girl, and The Two Generals. For more information email Diana Birchall at birchalls@aol.com or call her at (310) 394-2196.

Wednesday, December 12 10:30am - CHRISTMAS TEA with the Riverside County/Friends of Temecula Library Jane Austen Study Group

"Is it Christmas gaieties that he is staying for?" The Riverside County/Friends of the Temecula Library Jane Austen Study Group gather for gaieties at the Hotel del Coronado, San Diego for their Christmas tea. For more information, email Rebecca Weersing at temeculaausten@gmail.com or call her at (951) 595.7046.

Sunday, December 16 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JANE!

"May I ask whether these pleasing attentions proceed from the impulse of the moment, or are the result of previous study?" Celebrate attentively on December 16th, Jane's 237th birthday.

Military Leaders Should Have Read Jane Austen

Maureen Dowd points out that Generals Petraeus and Allen might have been saved from scandal if they had read more Jane Austen. "'Pride and Prejudice' is full of warnings about the dangers of young ladies with exuberant, flirtatious, 'unguarded and imprudent' manners visiting military regiments and preening in 'all the glories of the camp.' Such folly and vanity, the ever wise Elizabeth Bennet cautioned, can lead to censure and disgrace." [Click here to read the full article.](#)