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## December Reading Group Calendar

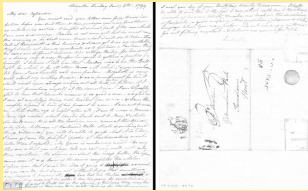
**Sunday, December 14, 5:00pm - DEATH OF A FOOL  
by Ngaio Marsh with the Santa Monica Reading  
Group.**

Please join the Santa Monica Reading Group for a discussion of Ngaio's mystery, Death of a Fool. For

## Jane Austen in the News!



Jane Austen Day! It's official, she gets her own day! [Read the article here.](#)



Newly discovered Jane Austen letter to be displayed. [Read the whole story here.](#)

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information about the Santa Monica Reading Group, [email Diana Birchall](#) or call at (310)394-2196.

### **Sunday, December 14, 1:00pm - Selections from JANE AUSTEN'S LETTERS by Dierdre Le Faye with the Long Beach Reading Group.**

Please join the Long Beach Reading Group to discuss some of the letters written by Jane Austen. For more information please [email coordinator Gerda Kilgore](#) or call her at (562) 496-4452.

## Winter Meeting Recap: Behind the Scenes at Mansfield Park

The Winter meeting was a wonderful day filled with a wonderful array of Jane Austen and Regency period theater presentations. JASNA-SW president Nancy Gallagher delighted the audience with an overview of Jane Austen and the Theater.



Susan Allen Ford

Susan Allen Ford brought context to *Lover's Vows*, the play performed by the characters in *Mansfield Park*. Readings by Brian Allen, Allison Gorjian, Deanna Heikkinen, Karissa McKinney, and Joel Marquez brought the play to life.



Allison Gorjian and Brian Allen read Lover's Vows

After a delicious lunch, Jennifer Howard, a Chapman University student of JASNA-SW Board Member Lynda Hall, read her paper, "...easy manners, excellent spirits, a large acquaintance, and a great deal to say": Eloquence, Artfulness, and Actors in Mansfield Park. She placed third in the JASNA national essay contest for this year's AGM.



Jennifer Howard

The day ended with Syrie James' and Diana Birchall's play, A Dangerous Intimacy: Behind the Scenes at Mansfield Park. With a cast of 12, the play dramatizes what might have been going on beyond the pages of Mansfield Park.





Lauren Bergher as Julia Bertram from A Dangerous Intimacy

## JASNA-SW Elections



New JASNA-SW President and Regional Coordinator, Cheryl Cole and outgoing JASNA-SW President and Regional Coordinator Nancy Gallagher

JASNA-SW is undergoing some changes! Regional Coordinator and President, Nancy Gallagher stepped down from her long tenure as the JASNA-SW leader due to term limits as well as her leading the AGM 2017

planning. The new President and Regional Coordinator is Cheryl Cole, who previously served on the Board as secretary.



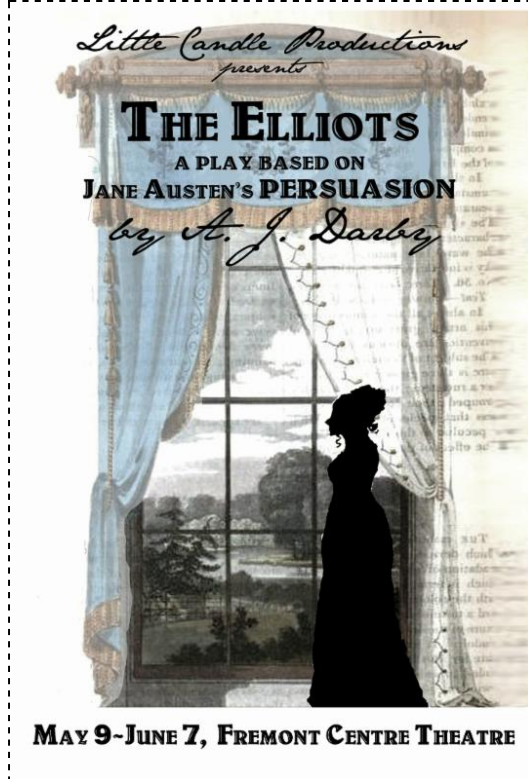
Sonya Samuels, JASNA-SW Treasurer

Sonya Samuels was elected as Treasurer, a position she had been sharing with Claire Bellanti, who had stepped down from the JASNA-SW Board due to her new role as JASNA President.

At the Spring 2015, there will be proposed changes to the Bylaws up for consideration that will serve to outline new leadership roles within the organization.

JASNA-SW is indebted to the leadership and dedication of Nancy Gallagher, who worked so diligently behind the scenes to bring us a wide array of the most delightful meetings and events. We look forward to what you and the committee has in store for us at the 2017 AGM. We all send you a heartfelt thank you, Nancy, for your years of service.

**Jane Austen Inspired  
Theater Productions in 2015**



Little Candle Productions presents The Elliots in May

### **Feb 6 - March 15**

The Actor's Co-Op in Hollywood is producing *Pride and Prejudice* adapted by Helen Jerome. Tickets range from \$15-30. [www.actorsco-op.org](http://www.actorsco-op.org)

### **April 17-May 10**

La Mirada Playhouse is producing a musical version of *Pride and Prejudice*. Book, Music and Lyrics by Lindsay Warren Baker and Amanda Jacobs. Tickets range from \$20-\$70 [www.lamiradatheatre.com](http://www.lamiradatheatre.com)

### **May 9 - June 7**

Little Candle Productions is producing *The Elliots: a Play Based on Jane Austen's Persuasion* by A.J. Darby at the Fremont Centre Theatre. Tickets from \$20-25. Special event tickets \$34. Group rate (for groups of 10 or more) at \$15 per ticket (contact [Karissa](#) to reserve group rate seats.) [www.littlecandleproductions.com](http://www.littlecandleproductions.com)

**Upcoming Jane Austen  
Related Events**

**December 5-14**

**Northanger Abbey performed with puppets.**

Broad Stage, Santa Monica

See the [Broad Stage webpage](#) for more information and tickets.

**January 31, 2015**

**Jane Austen Evening**

Masonic Lodge, Pasadena

See the [website](#) for more information and tickets.

**February 21-22**

**Riverside Dickens Fest**

Relive the Dickensian era at this two day festival that features a tea room, historical reenactments, Evensong, lectures, and more. For more information and tickets visit the [website](#).

**Jane Austen Themed Cruise!**



Join us for some Jane Austen inspired activities while sailing the Mexican Riviera!

Enjoy the company of other Jane Austen fans ~ Partake in scheduled activities  
Participation is not required, however, welcomed.

**Itinerary & activity schedule**

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

7 nights aboard the Crown Princess  
Roundtrip from Los Angeles

**1-DEPARTS** at 4:00PM Los Angeles, CA Sat. Feb 21, 2015 (*Get acquainted – meet at sail way on deck*)

**2-At Sea** Sun. Feb 22, 2015 - (2:00 - 3:30 PM *Persuasion Book Discussion with Dr. Joan Ray*)

**3-At Sea** Mon. Feb 23, 2015 - (*English Country Dance with Dance Mistress Peg Hesley 9:00 – 11:00 AM*); (*Lecture by Dr. Ray 2:00 – 3:30*)

**4-Puerto Vallarta**, Mexico, Tue. Feb 24, 2015, 10:00AM-6:00PM

**5-Mazatlán**, Mexico, Wed. Feb 25, 2015, 7:00AM-5:00PM

**6-Cabo San Lucas**, Mexico, Thu. Feb 26, 2015, 7:00AM-2:00PM (Tender Req'd WHEELCHAIR ACCESS LIMITED)

**7-At Sea** Fri. Feb 27, 2015 - (*English Country Dance with Dance Mistress Peg Hesley 9:00 – 11:00 AM*); (*Period Musicale 3:00 – 4:00 PM, meet up farewell to follow*)

**8-RETURNS** at Los Angeles, CA, Sat. Feb 28, 2015; 7:00AM



Contact Lynn or Karen at  
Cruise Holidays of  
Arrowhead to obtain  
current pricing\* and  
availability.

Final payment Nov. 17, 2014

**Note: This is not a JASNA sponsored cruise.**



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