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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 more information, please email the group at smreadinggroup@gmail.com.
Jane Austen in the News!

Janet 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 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.
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.

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.
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 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
Litte 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.actorso-co-op.org](http://www.actorso-co-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!
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