



**Jane Austen Society of North America
Southwest
December 2015 Newsletter**



This month, we celebrate Jane Austen's birthday (December 16, 1775).

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**Jane Austen in
the News!**

**JASNA-SW Winter Meeting:
Reading in the Time of
Jane Austen**

**Saturday, Dec. 5
UCLA Faculty Center**

Registration 9-10 a.m.

Program 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



Jane Austen
Unscripted returns to
[The Broad](#), Dec. 4-20.

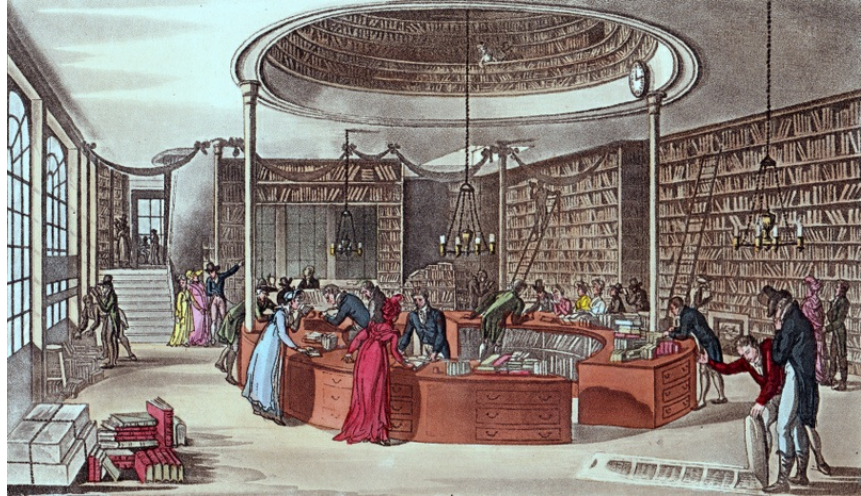


The annual [Jane Austen Evening](#), featuring an afternoon of tea, discourse, music, and dance in the spirit of the estimable Miss Austen, returns Jan. 23.



The release date for [Pride and Prejudice and Zombies](#) has been announced for Feb. 5, 2016.

Join Our Mailing List!



We look forward to seeing you at the Winter Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 5 at UCLA. If you can't make it, the next issue of the JASNA-Southwest newsletter will recap the day's highlights.

For those who are attending, this meeting's raffle will allow you to choose which wonderful basket of Austen goodies you wish to "compete" to win.

We also will hold a White Elephant Sale. Members are invited to donate books and other items of interest to JASNA-SW members. Proceeds will support JASNA-SW.

We'll also be treated to the following presentations:

Claire Bellanti

"You Can Get a Parasol at Whitby's": Circulating Libraries in Jane Austen's Time

This presentation is an illustrated talk about an 18th century social institution that was very important to Jane Austen in her own life and her fiction, the Circulating Library. Claire will give us a brief history of the circulating library and citations from Austen's novels and letters to explain the centrality of the circulating library and other forms of sharing books in Regency England.

Emily Bergman and Alice Bergman

Bibliotherapy and Healing: "What Would Elizabeth Bennet Do?"

Reading is a healing experience and that experience is the core of Bibliotherapy, an expressive therapy that uses the patient's relationship to the content of books to assist with the resolution of complex problems. The treatment is based on the human inclination to identify with others as expressed in literature. In this presentation, which include audience participation, Alice and Emily will show us how *Pride and Prejudice* is used in therapy to assist patients and



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positively impact lives.

Rand Boyd

Pressman and Bookbinder: A Look at 18th Century Book Design and Printing

Rand Boyd, coordinator of Special Collections and Archives at Chapman University, will provide a broad overview of the developments in book layout, ornamentation and typography in North America and England during the 18th century. This special presentation will focus specifically on the novel.



JASNA 2016 Essay Contest

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of the publication of *Emma*, the Jane Austen Society of North American is accepting submissions for short essays on the following topic:

Education is a running theme in *Emma*. For instance, the story includes teacher/pupil relationships, a school, and former and aspiring governesses. Discuss how this emphasis shapes the plot, develops the characters, or reflects the views of the period.

Eligibility: Students at the high school, undergraduate, and graduate level may enter.

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

Awards: Winners will receive cash scholarships (ranging from \$250 to \$1,000), a year's membership in JASNA, and publication of their essays on the JASNA website. First-place winners will receive complimentary registration and two nights' lodging for the 2016 JASNA Annual General Meeting in Washington, D.C., Oct. 21-23.

Entry deadline: May 15, 2106

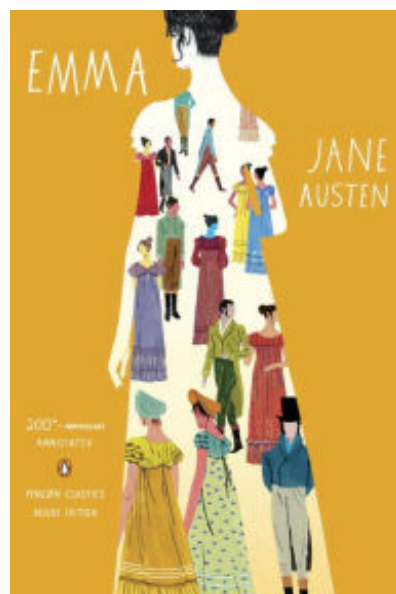
Information: Visit the [Essay Contest](#) page of jasna.org.

Emma's 200th anniversary

Emma Woodhouse turns 200 this month and is being revisited not only by Janeites but also by scholars and journalists/bloggers alike. Following are just a few recent stories on the enduring and sometimes endearing Miss Woodhouse and her eternally brilliant creator:

Why Jane Austen's *Emma* Still Intrigues 200 Years Later, [Time](#)

Q&A with Juliet Wells, editor of the 200th Anniversary Annotated Edition, [AustenProse](#)



Why *Emma* is Jane Austen's Greatest Achievement (another interview with Juliet Wells), [flavorwire](#)

Eugene Lang College Celebrates 200th Anniversary of Jane Austen's *Emma*, [The New School blog](#)

Review of the 200th Anniversary Annotated Edition by Jane Austen, [PopMatters](#)

(including actress Emilia Clarke on her love for *Clueless*, which she mentioned on *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* in June)



Austen-Style Holiday Shopping

The holiday season is fast upon us. What do you get for the Janeite who has everything? Perhaps a limited edition *Emma* anniversary [t-shirt](#)? Or a [Mr. Darcy ornament](#)? The deluxe [annotated](#) versions of all of the novels (except for *Mansfield Park*, not yet available)? A Jane Austen [action figure](#)? A [Marrying Mr. Darcy](#) board game?



A few websites highlighting Austen-inspired gifts:

[Jane Austen Gift Shop](#)

Austen gifts at [Amazon.com](#)

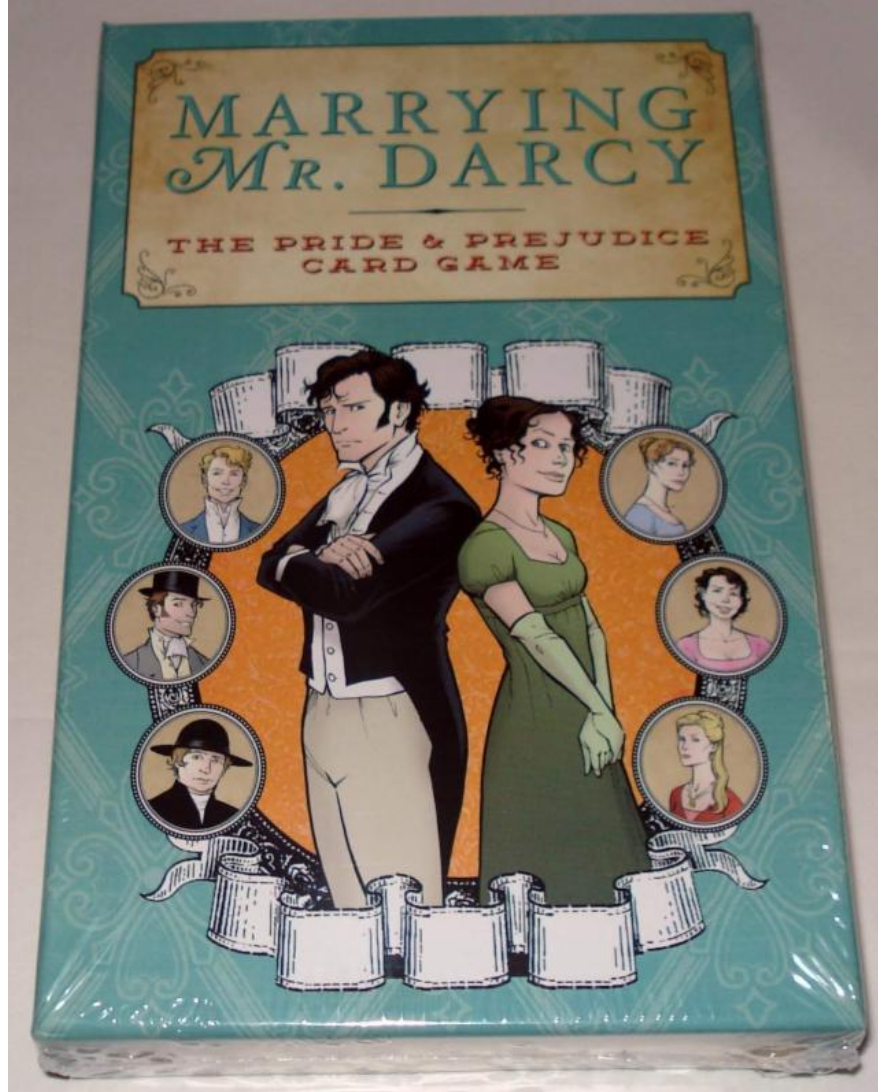
[PopSugar](#)

[Zazzle](#)

[Etsy](#)

[Cafe Press](#)

[Buzzfeed](#)



Reading Groups Upcoming Meetings/Info

ANNOUNCEMENT:

A new South Bay Reading Group has formed! The first meeting will be on Sunday, January 10 in Redondo Beach. See details below.

Send us photos from your reading group so we can share them here, on our Facebook page and/or the JASNA-SW website.

Saturday, December 12, 12:30 p.m.

Long Beach Reading Group

Lady Susan by Jane Austen

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

Sunday, December 13, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

West Los Angeles Reading Group

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Discussion leader: Dr. Charles Lynn Batten

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may email [Clara Browda](#) or call her at 310-278-8759 for more information on upcoming meetings.

A second Westside Reading Group has formed! To get on the mailing list, email [Karen Berk](#) or call her at 310-477-6753.

Sunday, January 10, 2-4 p.m.

South Bay Reading Group (NEW!)

The Real Jane Austen: A Life in Small Things

by Paula Byrne

Location: Redondo Beach (email/call for address)

This will be the first meeting of the new South Bay reading group! To RSVP or for more information, email [Jeanine Holguin](#) or call her at 805-444-8999.

Sunday, January 17, 5:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Reading Group

The Fair Jilt by Aphra Behn

and

The Secret Life of Aphra Behn by Janet Todd

Location: Hermosa Beach (email/call for address)

For more information, email [Diana Birchalls](#) or call her at 310-394-2196.

Sunday, January 17, 12:30 p.m.

Orange County Reading Group

Emma by Jane Austen

For more information, email [Annmarie Thomas](#) or call her at 949-487-7028.

Sunday, January 24, 1:30-4 p.m.

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

Pursuit of Love by Nancy Mitford

For more information, email [Cheryl Cole](#) or call her at 310-422-5475.

Saturday, January 30, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Reading Group

Location: Lamanda Library, 140 S. Altadena Drive, Pasadena

Book: TBD

For more information, email [Kelly Duir](#) or call her at 909-967-6630.

Sunday, February 21, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

West Los Angeles Reading Group

Shirley by Charlotte Bronte

Discussion leader: Dr. Charles Lynn Batten

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may email [Clara Browda](#) or call her at 310-278-8759 for more information on upcoming meetings.

Sunday, March 6, 2-4 p.m.

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

Jane's Fame by Claire Harman

For more information, email [Cheryl Cole](#) or call her at 310-422-5475.

Sunday, May 15, 2-4 p.m.

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

Ivanhoe by Sir Walter Scott

For more information, email [Cheryl Cole](#) or call her at 310-422-5475.

Sunday, July 17, 2-4 p.m.

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

The Prime Minister by Anthony Trollope

For more information, email [Cheryl Cole](#) or call her at 310-422-5475.

Sunday, September 18, 2-4 p.m.

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

Emma by Jane Austen

For more information, email [Cheryl Cole](#) or call her at 310-422-5475.

Sunday, November 13, 2-4 p.m.

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

Dean's Watch by Elizabeth Goudge

For more information, email [Cheryl Cole](#) or call her at 310-422-5475.

Additional Reading Groups

Pasadena Area Reading Group

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may email [Susan Ridgeway](#) or call her at 626-357-1397 for information on upcoming meetings.

The San Gabriel Valley Reading Group is accepting members. Email [Kelly Duir](#) or call her at 909-967-6630.

Riverside County Reading Group

Meetings are held at the Temecula Public Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula, in Community Room B. For more information, email [Rebecca Weersing](mailto:Rebecca.Weersing@temeculapubliclibrary.org) or call her at 951-595-7046.

Ventura Reading Group

The group usually meets on the third Saturday of every month at 11:30 a.m. in the E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street, Ventura, California 93001, 805-648-2715.

San Diego Reading Group

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 upcoming San Diego JASNA meetings, email [Jeanne Talbot](mailto:Jeanne.Talbot@jasna.org) or call her at 808-342-0666.

Join us on Facebook

Are you on Facebook? So is JASNA-SW! Stay connected in between our meetings and e-newsletter updates, share your Austen-related stories, favorites, travel, and more with fellow Janeites!

