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**Jane Austen in
the News!**

January Calendar

**Sunday, January 5, 5:00pm - THE PURSUIT OF LOVE
by Nancy Mitford with the Santa Monica Reading
Group**

Please join the Santa Monica Reading Group as they discuss the novel of growing up and marrying as an upper-class woman, *The Pursuit of Love*. For more information, please [email Diana Birchall](#) or call her at (310)394-2196.

**Sunday, January 12, 7:00pm - LONGBOURN by Jo
Baker with the Pasadena Reading Group.**



One of the most famous portraits of Jane Austen was sold at Auction in December. Read the full story [here](#).



Death Comes to Pemberley, the miniseries adaptation of the P.D. James novel, has already aired in Britain. Keep an eye out in 2014 for it to come to the PBS show Masterpiece Theater. Read more [here](#).

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Please join the Pasadena Reading Group to discuss Longbourn , a new "downstairs" view of Pride and Prejudice. For more information, current group members may [email Susan Ridgeway](#), or you may call her at 626-357-1397. NOTE: This group is at capacity and can't accept new members, please see the information on the San Gabriel Valley Reading Group below.

Saturday, January 18, 11:30am - LONGBOURN by Jo Baker with the Ventura Reading Group.

Please join the Ventura Reading Group at the E.P. Foster Library for a discussion of Longbourn, a new perspective of Pride and Prejudice from the servants' point of view. For information about the Ventura Reading Group, [please click here for their blog](#).

Sunday, January 19, 12:30pm - JANE AUSTEN: THE WORLD OF HER NOVELS by Deirdre Le Faye with the

Orange County Reading Group. Please join the Orange County Reading Group for a discussion that will take you back in time with Jane Austen: A World of Her Novels. For information about the Orange County Reading Group, please [email Maryann Pelensky](#) or call her at 949-363-1165.

Saturday, September 25 at 11:00am - Mansfield Park by Jane Austen with the San Gabriel Valley Reading Group.

Please join the San Gabriel Valley Reading Group at the Hill Avenue Branch Library for a potluck and to discuss Mansfield Park for the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's classic. For more information on the San Gabriel Valley Reading Group, [email Kelly Duir](#) or call her at (909) 967-6630.

Sunday, January 26 at 1:00pm - A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY by J. L. Carr. with the San Fernando Valley Reading Group.

Please join the San Fernando Valley Reading Group as they discuss a Month in the Country, the the story of how Tom Birkin restores his life whilst resting a mural. For



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information , please [email Gina Gualtieri](#) or call her at (818)788-4383.

Looking ahead to Early February:

Saturday, February 8 at 1:30pm - FRANKENSTEIN by Mary Shelley with the Long Beach Reading Group.

The Long Beach Reading Group will be discussing Frankenstein, Mary Shelley's gothic novel. For more information please [email coordinator Gerda Kilgore](#), or call her at (562) 496-4452.

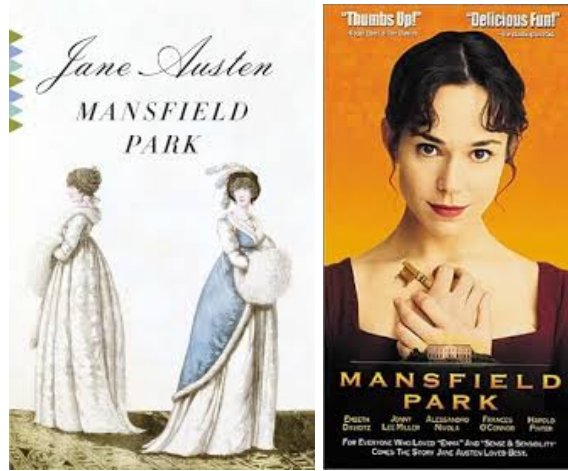
Winter JASNA-SW Meeting Recap



Pictured: Liz Philosophos Cooper. Photo by Ariane Lange

The winter meeting was a success with 115 in attendance. The meeting celebrated those characters that we all love to hate in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. If you were not in attendance at the meeting, you missed some great speakers, wonderful company, and a lovely luncheon at the classic Town and Gown Ballroom at the University of Southern California. There was even a reporter, Ariane Lange, from the website Buzzfeed who wrote an article about the program and the fans of Jane Austen. You can access it by [clicking here](#) .

Mansfield Park Turns 200!



Happy New Year and Happy 200 years of Mansfield Park. 2014 marks 200 years since Mansfield Park was first published. Written over the course of 1811 though 1813, Mansfield Park was Jane Austen's third published novel. The novel is quite a departure from the earlier two novels, *Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility* and remains possibly one of the most controversial of Austen's novels. Although the morality of Fanny Price was much appreciated in the Regency era, in the modern day she is often criticized for not being as strong as Austen's other leading women. Nor do modern audiences identify with the heroine's displeasure with theatricals often finding dear Fanny unlikeable. With that said, Mansfield Park is beloved by many Austen fans and will be celebrated throughout 2014 in many ways.

Upcoming 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.

The Spring Meeting, *In the Garden with Jane Austen*, will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of *Mansfield Park*. Details will be announced in the next couple of months.

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!

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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