



Jane Austen Society of North America, Southwest Region

## March 2017 Newsletter



# JASNA-Southwest Launches New Website

[JASNA-Southwest](#) has launched a completely redesigned website full of new content and resources, ready for you to explore and engage. We welcome your feedback and ideas for additional content!

Here you'll find:

- a new [JASNA-Southwest blog](#)
- news on the upcoming [2017 JASNA Annual General Meeting](#), hosted by our region this October
- info on all 12 of our [reading groups](#), including the current meeting schedule and a list of past reading selections
- a comprehensive guide to film and television [adaptations](#) of Austen's work, including both traditional and modern/loose versions
- online [polls](#) in which you can vote for your favorite adaptations
- a [quiz](#) to test your knowledge of Austen adaptations
- [upcoming events](#)
- [highlights of past events](#) and an archive of [event recaps](#) dating back to JASNA-Southwest's founding
- an archive of past [newsletters](#)

- JASNA-Southwest's [history](#)
- the benefits of [membership](#), and how to join/renew your membership online or via mail
- information on [volunteering](#) with JASNA-Southwest or [supporting](#) our activities
- a list of [books](#) Austen is known to have read
- a host of [resources and links](#) to Austen-related organizations, exhibitions, digital texts, Regency history and dance groups, and more

A few sections are highlighted below. But we hope you will visit the [new site](#) soon!



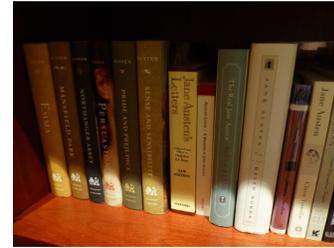
### Film Adaptation Guide

Revisit your favorites or discover new ones in our complete guide to Austen adaptations. [Explore now.](#)



### Event Archive

Scroll through our comprehensive recaps and photos from past JASNA-SW events. [Explore now.](#)



### Reading Groups

Examine reading list archives, histories and more from our dozen local reading groups. [Explore now.](#)

## Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 21, for the JASNA-Southwest Spring Meeting. Details will be announced in the April newsletter, on our website and in an email update with registration information. We look forward to seeing you then!

## 2017 AGM Update

Plans for the 2017 Annual General Meeting hosted by our region in Huntington Beach, California, October 6-8, are well underway. We received nearly 100 breakout session proposals and will be offering 48 such sessions to give you a wealth of options. Watch this space and [JASNA's AGM page](#) for details, and get a [sneak preview](#) now on the AGM website. In the meantime, learn more about our new filmmakers contest and some of the special things planned for the pre- and post-conference tours.

### New! Young Filmmakers Contest

The Southwest Region of JASNA is accepting video submissions for a new Young Filmmakers Contest, part of the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) "Jane Austen in Paradise: Intimations of Immortality."

Students at the high school, college and graduate-school levels are eligible to compete for the contest, a first for a JASNA AGM. Judges will include film industry professionals as well as faculty from Southern California film schools, and up to three winners will be chosen in the three divisions (high school, college and graduate school). A "crowd favorite" award will be bestowed on the favorite submission selected by JASNA members.

Winning entrants will receive a small cash prize, a year's membership in JASNA and paid admission to the AGM on Friday, Oct. 6, when a special filmmakers dinner will honor their efforts. The top submissions will be screened at the AGM.

Works must be five minutes or less in duration, shot in widescreen format and adapted from or inspired by Jane Austen's writing or life, and relate in some way to the theme "Jane Austen in Paradise." Otherwise, contestants are encouraged to use their imagination. They may submit comedies, dramas or documentaries in live action or animation. They may be modernizations or mashups of Austen and another public domain author. They may be set any time from the Regency era to the present or even in the future. They may be cast with puppets, pets or people. We urge entrants to use their imaginations.

Please help us spread the word about this new competition.

Deadline is July 15, 2017.

## Pre- and Post-Conference Tours



### Pre-Conference at the Huntington

On Thursday, October 5, our pre-conference activities will include a special trip to the magnificent [Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens](#) in Pasadena, where we will unveil a bench in Austen's honor.

[Learn More.](#)



### Jane 'Seas' San Diego

As part of the AGM post-conference options, JASNA-Southwest will offer a memorable day in San Diego and San Juan Capistrano on Monday, October 9, with tours of tall ships and the Maritime Museum Regency Dancers performing.

[Learn More.](#)



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## Los Angeles Times FESTIVAL OF BOOKS UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The nation's largest book festival, the *Los Angeles Times Festival of Books*, will be held April 22-23 on the University of Southern California's University Park Campus. For the seventh year, JASNA-Southwest will host a booth at the festival, offering a wide range of Austen books and merchandise and the opportunity to share a love for Jane Austen with like-minded visitors or to introduce our favorite author to new audiences.



Authors of Austen-related books will again be on hand to sign their works during the festival. A full schedule of authors and activities for the festival is expected later this month. Check the [Festival of Books website](#) for more information.

We always need a team of volunteers to help staff the booth, and assist with setup and

breakdown of the tent. Emily Bergman is once again serving as coordinator of the effort. If you'd like to help, please email [Emily](#) and sign up as a volunteer. Please indicate times you are available: Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning or Sunday afternoon.

The Expo line provides easy rail access to the festival. We hope to see you there!

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## Central California Region Event: Music and Jane Austen

The JASNA Central California region is hosting an event, "Of All Things My Delight" -- Music and Jane Austen -- on April 8 from 2-4 p.m. in Fresno at the Vista Theater. The event will include a live concert and discussion of music from Jane Austen's era, as well as music that's been influenced by her work. For more info or tickets, visit the [JASNA Central California website](#).



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## Reading Groups



*Jessica Khattar and Kelly Duir of the San Gabriel Valley Reading Group  
at the 2017 Jane Austen Evening*

Sunday, March 5, 5 p.m.

**Santa Monica Reading Group**

*Child of Light: Mary Shelley* by Muriel Spark

Location: home of Deanna Bradshaw

For more information, contact [Diana Birchall](#), 310-394-2196.

Saturday, March 11, 1 p.m.

**Long Beach Reading Group**

*Wives and Daughters* by Elizabeth Gaskell

For more information, contact [Gerda Kilgore](#), 562-496-4452.

Sunday, March 12, 12:30-3 p.m.

**Orange County Reading Group**

*Tea with Jane Austen* by Kim Wilson

New and returning members are welcome.

For more information, contact [Viki Barie](#), 714-309-6702.

Sunday, March 12, 2-4 p.m.

**South Bay Reading Group**

*Wives and Daughters* by Elizabeth Gaskell

New and returning members are welcome.

For more information, contact [Jeanine Holguin](#), 805-444-8999.

Saturday, March 18, 11:30 a.m.

**Ventura Reading Group**

*The Vicar of Wakefield* by Oliver Goldsmith

*Castle Rackrent* by Maria Edgeworth

Location: E.P. Forster Library, Ventura

For more information, contact [Linda Terry](#), 805-302-0855.

Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m.

**San Fernando Valley Reading Group**

*Atonement* by Ian McEwan

For more information, contact [Cheryl Cole](#), 310-422-5475.

Sunday, April 9, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

**West Los Angeles Reading Group**

*Mansfield Park* by Jane Austen

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact

[Clara Browda](#), 310-278-8759.

Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**San Gabriel Valley Reading Group**

*Matters of Fact in Jane Austen* by Janine Barchas

Location: home of Alison Standley, Claremont

For more information, contact [Kelly Duir](#), 909-967-6630.

Saturday, April 15, 11:30 a.m.

**Ventura Reading Group**

*Belle* by Paula Byrne

Location: E.P. Forster Library, Ventura

For more information, contact [Linda Terry](#), 805-302-0855.

Saturday, April 29, 1 p.m.

**Westside/405 Reading Group**

*Forever Amber* by Kathleen Winsor

Location: home of Syrie James

For more information, contact [Karen Berk](#), 310-477-6753.

**San Diego Region**

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, contact [Jeanne Talbot](#), 808-342-0666.



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