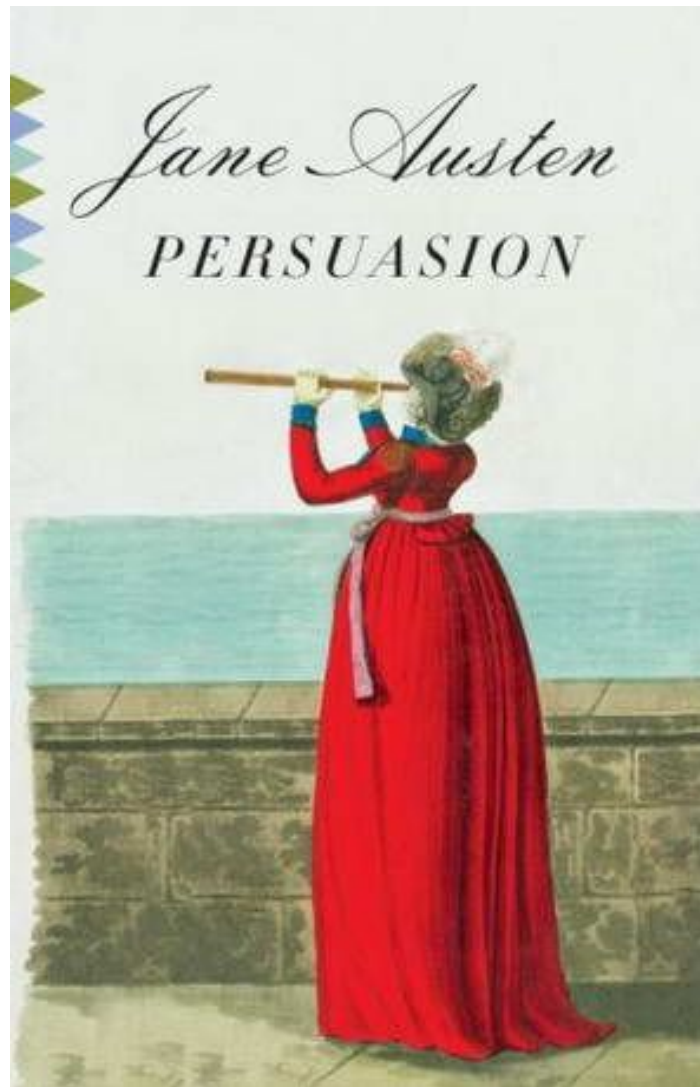




Jane Austen Society of North America, Southwest Region

## August 2018 Newsletter

# Fall 2018 Regional Meeting: "200 Years of *Persuasion*"



[Registration](#) is now open for our Fall Meeting! Don't miss this special celebration of the 200th anniversary of the publication of *Persuasion*, Austen's final full-length novel.

200 Years of *Persuasion*  
Saturday, September 8, 2018  
Pasadena Public Library  
Donald Wright Auditorium

Tickets: \$20 per person

Speakers:

Collins Hemingway

*Persuasion* and the Art and Science of Austen's Fiction

Erika Kotite and Lynda Hall

*A Room of Anne's Own: Homelessness and Female Spaces in Persuasion*

Schedule:

9 a.m.--Registration/coffee and pastries

9:30-9:45 a.m.--Welcome and announcements

9:45-10:45 a.m.--*Persuasion and the Art and Science of Austen's Fiction*,  
Collins Hemingway

10:45-11 a.m.--Break

11 a.m.-noon--*A Room of Anne's Own*, Erika Kotite and Lynda Hall

Noon-12:30 p.m.--Book signing

Collins Hemingway--*The Marriage of Miss Jane Austen*

Erika Kotite--*She Sheds*

12:30 p.m.-Departure and lunch in the neighborhood on your own

In the meantime, you might find these articles (from 2017) of interest:

[Persuasion: Jane Austen's kung fu novel?](#) (from *The Guardian*)

[Persuasion: Jane Austen's greatest novel turns 200](#) (from *The Conversation*)

## JASNA Membership Renewals

As you may recall, JASNA national has transitioned from a fixed-date membership year of September 1-August 31, to an anniversary model with one year's membership beginning on the date of your renewal.

For those of you who renew annually, you will have recently received an email or paper reminder to renew your JASNA membership.

We rely on dues and donations in order to bring you high-quality regional programming, and we work very hard to keep the costs as low as possible. So if you are able, please renew your JASNA membership!

To keep costs down and better serve our membership, we also have changed our meeting registration policies to allow only members (no guests) to pay the member rate at our full-day events. To benefit from the lower meeting pricing, renew your membership today.

To renew, go to the [JASNA Member Portal](#).

To join for the first time, or renew a lapsed membership, visit the [Join JASNA page](#).

Thank you!

*Jane Austen in Hollywood*  
Winter 2018 Regional Meeting

Join us at Sony Pictures Studio in Culver City for a very special Winter 2018 Regional Meeting.

*Jane Austen in Hollywood*  
Saturday, December 8

**Tickets**

Members, \$85

Guests and Nonmembers, \$100

Students, \$50

*Free parking*

Actual cost of the event, \$120

(the rest of the cost is being underwritten by JASNA Southwest as a thank you to our members for our successful 2017 Annual General Meeting in Huntington Beach)

Speakers will include:

Linda Troost and Sayre Greenfield  
(authors of *Jane Austen in Hollywood*)  
*The Unfilmable Jane Austen*

Member registration begins in early October.

General public registration will begin late October/early November.

NOTE: Members will be able to sign up guests during the member registration period, but must pay the nonmember rate for guests.

The graphic features the title "SENSE AND SENSIBILITY" in large, white, sans-serif capital letters on a green background. Below the title, on a blue background, is the text "IN BRIEF" followed by "Austen's beloved classic in a fresh, new and theatrical adaptation". To the right, in white text on a green background, is "Adapted by Jessica Swale from the novel by Jane Austen directed by Casey Stangl" and "SEPTEMBER 1 - 29, 2018 • SEGERSTROM STAGE".

South Coast Repertory theatre in Costa Mesa is kicking off its 2018-19 season with a production of *Sense and Sensibility*, adapted by Jessica Swale and directed by Casey Stangl. The play will run from September 1-29. The production is recommended for audiences age 12 and up.

Post-show discussions will be held on Wednesday, September 12 and Tuesday,

September 18.

[South Coast Rep](#) is offering JASNA Southwest members discounted tickets. Use the code "JASNA" when ordering to receive the pricing below on the specified dates:

Sept. 1-6: \$25

Sept. 8-16: \$32

Sept. 18-29: \$40

(no discount available for opening night, Sept. 7)

## Volunteers Needed!

As part of its production of *Sense and Sensibility*, South Coast Repertory is holding a special event -- Bringing Literature to Life -- on Thursday, September 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. JASNA Southwest will be staffing a table at the event and we could use volunteer help to greet visitors and discuss JASNA. We will have brochures and "I'm a Jane Austen Fan" fans to give to attendees.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Susie Wampler](#). Or if you just want to stop by our table, we'd love to see you there. Tickets for the performance that evening are just \$25 for JASNA members (see article above!). Make a night of it!



## 2018 Young Filmmakers Contest



The Southwest Region of the Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA) is accepting video submissions for our second Young Filmmakers Contest.

Students at the high school, college and graduate-school levels (including spring 2018 graduates) are eligible to compete for the contest. The top submissions will be screened at our December 2018 regional meeting and a "crowd favorite" award will be bestowed on the

favorite submission selected by JASNA Southwest members.

Winning entrants will receive a small cash prize, a year's membership in JASNA and paid admission to the Dec. 8 JASNA Southwest regional meeting at Sony Pictures Studios. 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. Otherwise, contestants are encouraged to use their imagination. You may submit comedies, dramas or documentaries in live action or animation. Your entries 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. Let your imagination and inspiration run wild!

Deadline is November 1, 2018. View our [entry form](#) for more details and all rules and regulations. For any questions, contact [Erika Kotite](#).



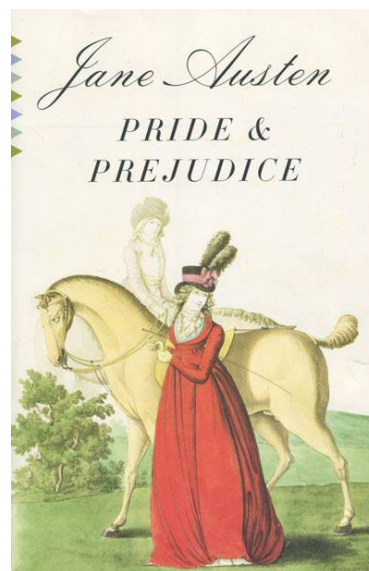
## Vote for *Pride and Prejudice* in the Great American Read on PBS

Don't forget: You can [vote for Pride and Prejudice](#) once a day on the PBS website as part of the Great American Read series.

The winner will be announced in September.

[The Great American Read](#) is an eight-part series that explores and celebrates the power of reading, told through the prism of America's 100 best-loved novels (as chosen in a national survey). It investigates how and why writers create their fictional worlds, how we as readers are affected by these stories, and what these 100 different books have to say about our diverse nation and our shared human experience.

Janeites represent!



## How to Hoot for AGM Roommates and Rideshares

If you are going to the 2018 AGM and want to find hotel roommates and/or rideshares to and from the airport, use our Hootboard. Here's how it works:



1. Email [Erika Kotite](#) to request an invitation to our Hootboard.
2. Once you get the "Join Hootboard" email, click on the link and sign up with your email and select a password.
3. Use the Community Code z72q2.
4. View the posts and reply – OR put up a new post of your own.

Questions? Contact [Erika Kotite](#).



# Reading/Game Groups

## **North Orange County Reading Group**

A new North Orange County reading group is forming. If you are interested, please contact [Melissa Buell](#). Or check out the group's [Facebook page](#) for more information. The group plans to meet monthly in Fullerton.

Sunday, August 5, 2-4 p.m.

## **South Bay Reading Group**

*Howard's End* by E.M. Forster

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

Thursday, August 9, 7:30 p.m.

## **NEW GROUP: Janeites Reading Trollope**

*The Claverings* by Anthony Trollope

Location: West Los Angeles

For more information, contact [Lora Walker](#).

Saturday, August 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## **San Gabriel Valley Reading Group**

*Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys

Location: Lamanda branch library, 140 S. Altadena Drive, Pasadena  
Potluck

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

Sunday, August 12, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

## **West Los Angeles Reading Group**

*Picnic at Hanging Rock* by Joan Lindsay

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact [Clara Browda](#), 310-278-8759.

Saturday, August 25, 10:15 a.m.

## **NEW GROUP: North Orange County Reading Group**

Initial planning meeting (new members welcome!)

Fullerton Public Library

353 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton CA 92832 (714-738-6333)

For more information, contact [Melissa Buell](#), 714-349-6139.

Saturday, August 25, 1-3 p.m.

## **Westside/405 Reading Group**

*Cry of the Peacock* by V. R. Christiansen

Location: home of Syrie James

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

Sunday, August 26, 2-4 p.m.

## **Riverside Reading Group**

*Longbourn* by Jo Baker

Location: home of Vicki Broach

For more information, contact [Vicki Broach](#), 951-907-3948.

Sunday, August 26, 5 p.m.

## **Santa Monica Reading Group**

*Old New York* by Edith Wharton

Location: home of Kathi Stafford

For more information, contact [Kathi Stafford](#).

Sunday, September 2

## **Pasadena Area Reading Group**

*Persuasion* by Jane Austen

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact [Susan Ridgeway](#), 626-357-1397.

Saturday, September 15, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

## **Ventura County Reading Group**

*Persuasion* by Jane Austen

Location: E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street, Ventura

For more information, contact [Priscilla Diamond](#), 805-798-5622.



Sunday, September 16

**San Fernando Valley Reading Group**

*Persuasion* by Jane Austen

Location: home of Susan Share

For more information, contact [Cheryl Cole](#).

Saturday, September 22, noon

**Long Beach Reading Group**

*Jane Austen at Home* by Lucy Worsley

For more information, contact [Sherwood Smith](#), 714-330-7856.

**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, or to RSVP for, upcoming San Diego JASNA meetings, visit [JASNA San Diego's Facebook page](#).

Visit our website!



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