“The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not the pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid.”

Northanger Abbey

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JASNA is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers, with approximately 5,000 members and more than 75 regional groups in the United States and Canada. Our members, who are of all ages and come from diverse walks of life, share an enjoyment of Austen’s fiction and the company of like-minded readers.

Benefits of membership

- A subscription to the society’s newsletter, *JASNA News*, published three times a year, which carries book reviews, news from JASNA regions and feature articles;
- *Persuasions*, JASNA’s annual print journal and online full archive, a preeminent source for Austen studies, with essays from the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and scholarly articles;
- An invitation to attend the AGM, a three-day conference with an Austen theme held each autumn in a different North American city, featuring speakers, entertainment, tours, banquet and a Regency ball;
- The opportunity to join one of JASNA’s regional groups in the United States and Canada, which host lectures, book discussions, teas and a celebration of Austen’s birthday, December 16;
- Invitations to members-only tours to England, organized and led by professionals with special access to Austen sites.

Have pleasure in many things

Membership dues in JASNA entitle you to membership in JASNA Southwest. Regional membership offers you the opportunity to make friends with local Janeites. Whether you have just discovered Jane Austen or are a lifelong aficionado, you are welcome here!

The company of clever, well-informed people

- Our Southern California location and large, active membership base enable JASNA Southwest to offer a vibrant range of speakers and programming each year for our three annual meetings (Spring, Fall and Winter) – from filmmakers and authors to academic experts and historians, and from sneak-preview performances to Regency gardening and rare book specialists.
- In addition to our regular meetings, JASNA Southwest members also occasionally have the opportunity to attend free film screenings and book discussions.
- We currently sponsor 12 local reading groups, which meet in locations throughout the region.
- In October 2017, the Southwest Region hosted the JASNA AGM in Huntington Beach, drawing more than 800 attendees from across North America. We also dedicated a new permanent tribute to Jane Austen, a bench on the grounds of the Huntington Botanical Gardens.
- Our JASNA Southwest website and monthly e-newsletters keep you aware of local and national events, contain information on our reading and gaming groups, and feature articles and updates of interest to our members.
- Explore jasnasw.org/resources/adaptations for a definitive guide to classic and modernized Austen film interpretations. Our region also hosts a Young Filmmakers contest. View the inaugural winning entry on our site.
- Visit (or volunteer at) our booth at the annual *Los Angeles Times* Festival of Books each spring at the University of Southern California.

The food of love

Our membership dues are $30 for individuals, $18 for students. For family and lifetime rates, to enroll online or to download a membership form, visit JASNA.org.

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