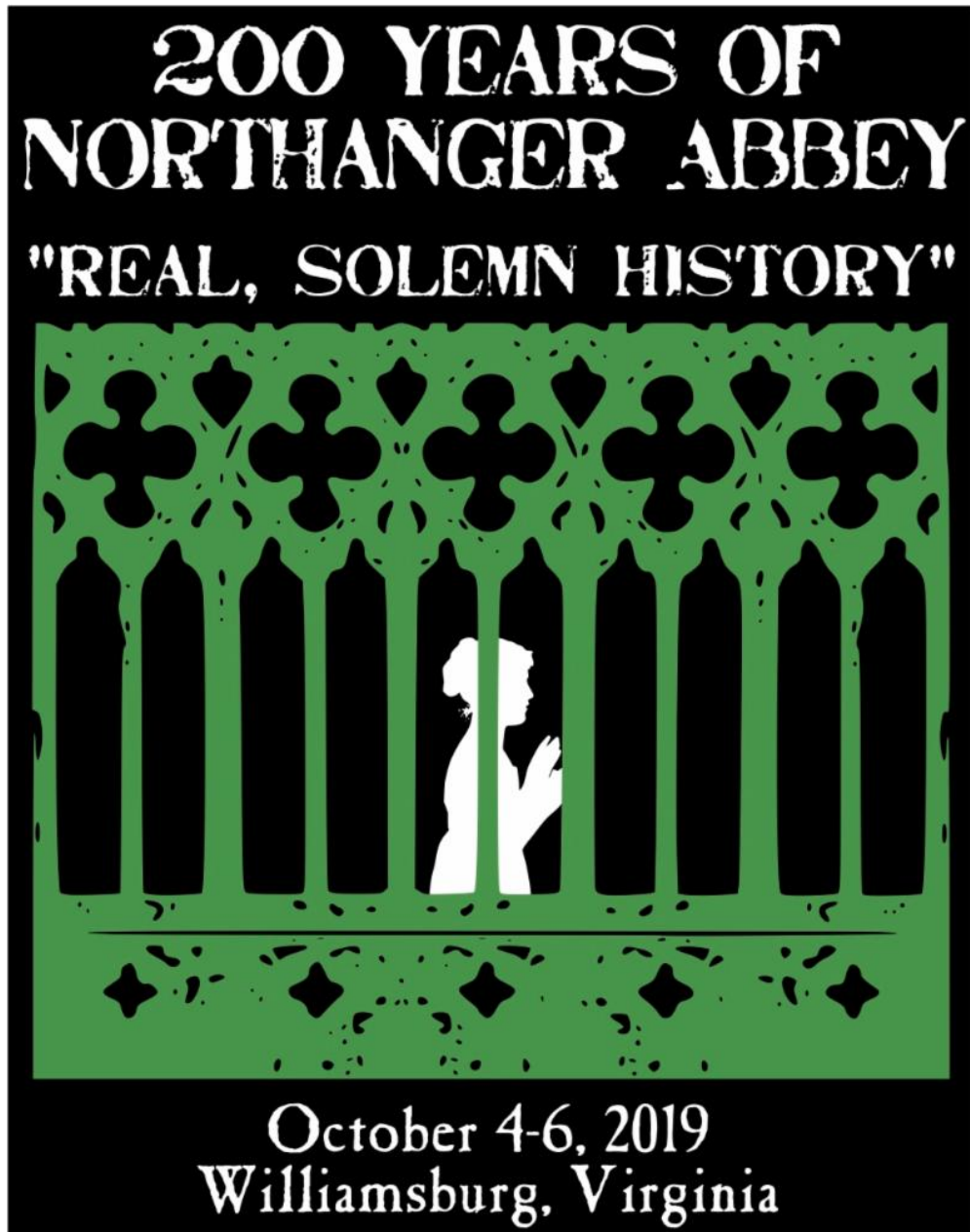




Jane Austen Society of North America, Southwest Region

June 2019 Newsletter

2019 Annual General Meeting



Registration for the 2019 JASNA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Williamsburg, Virginia, opens at 9 a.m. Pacific on Wednesday, June 12. The AGMs often sell out early (sometimes within an hour!), so if you are planning to attend, mark your calendar and set your alarm!

The AGM is held in a different North American city each year and attracts between 700 and 900 Jane Austen fans and JASNA members from throughout the

continent. The three-day meeting includes fascinating plenary speakers, special events and workshops, as well as a dynamic and broad range of breakout sessions (including such topics this year as gothic tourism in the Regency era, *Northanger Abbey's* reception/perception in Brazil, the history of the fictional female detective, dining room dynamics in castles and abbeys, toxic masculinity or a new paradigm for relationships). The conference includes a Regency ball and banquet.

Learn more about [this year's conference](#).



Event at The Huntington Breaks JASNA Southwest Record



Some 180 attendees made our event on June 1 at The Huntington the largest turnout ever for a JASNA Southwest regional meeting! The full story will run in our July issue.

Members and guests enjoyed two compelling talks, as well as the opportunity to see selected items from The Huntington's Austen-related and Regency-era archives, our Jane Austen bench and the beautiful Huntington Art Collections and Botanical Gardens. Speakers were:

- Ted Scheinman, author of *Camp Austen: My Life as an Accidental Jane Austen Superfan*, and his mother, noted Austen scholar Deborah Knuth Klenck, on "Those Who Chose To Be Idle Certainly Might: Mothers as Teachers in Jane Austen's Works"
- UCLA Professor Emeritus Charles Lynn Batten, on "Failed Marital Relationships: Causes and Solutions in Jane Austen's Novels"





JASNA Celebrates 40 Years!

Both JASNA and JASNA Southwest are celebrating their 40th anniversaries in 2019. JASNA was established on October 5, 1979, and JASNA Southwest was among the first nine regions organized at that inaugural business meeting. JASNA Southwest's first meeting followed soon after on December 14, 1979. Since that first meeting, JASNA has become the largest literary society in the world devoted to Jane Austen.

At our meeting at The Huntington, we recorded a [video tribute](#)! View it now on our website homepage.

If you have artifacts, old programs or photos, especially from the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s, we would appreciate a digital copy (or the chance to borrow, scan and return your items to you) for our archives and for our 40th celebration in December at USC, where our region's first meeting was held. Please contact us at jasnasw@jasnasw.com.



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In a contemporary adaptation of the Jane Austen classic, *Pride and Prejudice: Atlanta* follows Reverend Bennet (Reginald VelJohnson, *Family Matters*), a pastor of a prominent Southern Baptist church, and his wife (Jackée Harry, *Sister, Sister*), author of a self-help book on how to find the perfect husband. Needless to say, Mrs. Bennet is less than thrilled that all five of their daughters are still single. When the very eligible Will Darcy (Juan Antonio, *Empire*) arrives in town, Mrs. Bennet sets her sights on the handsome bachelor for daughter Lizzie (Tiffany Hines), leading to a modern-day, comedic take on themes familiar to fans of the novel. The production is the first to feature an all African-American cast of *Pride and Prejudice*.

The film premiered on June 1 on Lifetime but will be rerun on Saturday, June 8 (as well as other times likely!). Check your television listings. It looks like you can also watch the movie online.

Check out the [film's trailer](#).



In Memoriam: Jaye Scholl Bohlen

Longtime JASNA member and Southwest board member Jaye Scholl Bohlen passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on May 4. She is survived by her husband, Charlie, and children Avis, Charles III and Peter.

She played many roles during a storied and varied career -- investigative reporter, communications director for a hedge fund marketing firm and running a financial business. Jaye worked for Barron's from 1982 to 2002, serving as its West Coast editor. She also was a contributing writer for *Alpha* and *Absolute Return* magazines.



Jaye earned her bachelor's degree in history from Skidmore College and then matriculated to Columbia University's Graduate School of Business, where she was a Knight-Bagehot fellow. She was a contributing author to *Writing About Business* and *A Guide to Economics and Business Reporting*, both published by Columbia University Press.

She served on JASNA Southwest's board for the past dozen years in a variety of capacities, including secretary, publicity chair and nominating committee chair. In

addition to her successful career, Jaye was the consummate hostess, graciously holding numerous board meetings at her home in Glendale, making gorgeous flower arrangements for JASNA SW regional meetings, helping put together the beautiful gift baskets raffled at many of our meetings and seeking wonderful new venues for our regional gatherings.

As part of the 2017 national Annual General Meeting hosted by JASNA Southwest at Huntington Beach, Jan Fahey and Jaye (both pictured below) collaborated for months with event planners, caterers, docents and archivists at The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens to create a memorable daylong pre-conference event. Jaye also was instrumental in orchestrating the June 1, 2019 event at The Huntington. That gathering was fittingly dedicated to her memory. Jaye will be truly and deeply missed for her humor, wisdom, intelligence, vivacity and compassion. May she rest in peace.



Reading/Game Groups

Thursday, June 5

Janeites Reading Trollope

Can You Forgive Her by Anthony Trollope

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

Sunday, June 9, 5 p.m.

Santa Monica Reading Group

Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

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

Saturday, June 15, 12:30 p.m.

Long Beach Reading Group

Emma by Jane Austen

For more information, contact [Sherwood Smith](#).

Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m.

North Orange County Reading Group

Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen (second half)

Location: Panera Bread, Fullerton

For more information, contact [Melissa Buell](#).

Sunday, June 23, 1:30-4 p.m.

West Los Angeles Reading Group

Emma by Jane Austen

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact [Clara Browda](#) for more information.

Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ventura County Reading Group

Pride and Prometheus by John Kessel

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

For more information, contact [Priscilla Diamond](#).

Saturday, July 20

San Gabriel Valley Reading Group

Jane Austen's Transatlantic Sister: The Life and Letters of Fanny Palmer Austen by Sheila Johnson Kindred

Location: Mt. San Antonio Gardens meeting room, Claremont

Please bring an item for the buffet.

For more information, contact [Kelly Duir](#).

Sunday, July 21

San Fernando Valley Reading Group

Barchester Towers by Anthony Trollope

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

Wednesday, July 24

Pasadena Area Reading Group

How Reading Changed My Life by Anna Quindlen

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact [Susan Ridgeway](#) for more information.

Sunday, August 11, 1 p.m.

Riverside Reading Group

The Real Jane Austen: A Life in Small Things by Paula Byrne

Pride and Prometheus by John Kessel

For more information, contact [Vicki Broach](#).

Sunday, August 11, 1:30-4 p.m.

West Los Angeles Reading Group

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact [Clara Browda](#) for more information.

Date TBD

South Bay Reading Group

Pride and Prometheus by John Kessel

For more information, contact [Jeanine Holquin](#).

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](#).

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