



Jane Austen Society of North America, Southwest Region

## February 2020 Newsletter

### *Georgian Justice: Legal Matters in Jane Austen's Time*

Registration Closes Feb. 14



[Registration](#) is now open for our first JASNA Southwest meeting of 2020, "Georgian Justice: Legal Matters in Jane Austen's Time," to be held Saturday, Feb. 29 at the UCLA Faculty Center. Our speakers at this half-day event will be lawyer and frequent JASNA AGM speaker James Nagle on "Inheritance in Jane Austen's Time" and historian Walter Nelson on "Crime and Punishment in the Regency Era." These illustrated talks will provide a fascinating look behind the scenes in Jane Austen's novels.

Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. with the program running from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Attendees will have the option of driving together to nearby Westwood Village restaurants for lunch on their own following the meeting. OR leave your car parked and explore campus eateries, such as the new Luskin Center. We will provide a list of nearby restaurants to registrants closer to the event date.

Don't miss out on this wonderful event. [Registration closes February 14](#). We hope to see you there!



**James Nagle**

James Nagle is a member of the Puget Sound Region and a former secretary of JASNA. A semi-retired lawyer, he maintains an abiding interest in all things Regency and has spoken at numerous Annual General Meetings on Austen's life and times.



**Walter Nelson**

Walter Nelson is an historical consultant who has appeared numerous times on the History Channel and A&E. He has participated in hundreds of living history programs in the U.S. and U.K., and is a librarian and web designer for the RAND Corporation.

## Festival of Books: April 18-19



JASNA Southwest will have a booth again at the [Los Angeles Times Festival of Books](#), Stories and Ideas (new name!) to be held April 18-19 at USC. If you're planning on going to the festival to see some of the latest books, meet and greet authors, and get your books signed -- be sure to make a stop at the JASNA-SW booth. We will be having Jane-themed books and merchandise for sale!

Please consider volunteering -- we have a wide range of areas in which you can help. You may talk to visitors about your favorite writer, assist in the decorating or setting up/taking down the booth, help with sales or assist in another way to help to spread Austen to the masses.



To volunteer, contact [Emily Bergman](#). Please indicate times you are available: Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon. Shifts are generally two hours. If you would like to dress in Regency attire (not required!), it definitely helps draw attention to our booth!

## Emma in Cinemas Feb. 21

A new big-screen adaptation of *Emma*, starring Anna Taylor-Joy (Emma) and Johnny Flynn (Mr. Knightley), will be released on February 21. The film is directed by Autumn de Wilde with a script by Eleanor Catton.

We are organizing informal watch parties at local cinemas with a post-viewing discussion. Tickets are not yet on sale, so exact times and locations are to be confirmed. Planned outings include:

**Friday, February 21** (around 6 p.m.)  
Century Stadium 25 **Anaheim**

**Saturday, February 22** (afternoon)  
AMC 15 Westfield **Century City**

A **Calabasas** watch party is also anticipated.

Email [Susie Wampler](#) for more information or to be added to the list for Century City (or other locations, to be announced). For the Anaheim watch party, visit the [North Orange County Facebook](#) page.



The film also stars Bill Nighy as Mr. Woodhouse, Miranda Hart as Miss Bates, Mia Goth as Harriet Smith, Rupert Graves and Gemma Whelan as Mr. and Mrs. Weston, and Callum Turner and Amber Anderson as Frank Churchill and Jane Fairfax. Watch the [trailer](#).

Visit the [official site](#) for more information and behind-the-scenes images.

## Upcoming Talks and Performances

### [The New Vic Theater](#)

*Jane Austen's Emma* (the musical)  
33 West Victoria, Santa Barbara  
February 6-23, 2020

### [L.A. Theatre Works](#)

*Frankenstein* staged reading  
James Bridges Theater/UCLA  
February 28-March 1, 2020

## Reading/Film/Game Groups

Sunday, February 2, Noon

**Riverside Reading Group**

*Belle: The Slave Daughter and the Lord Chief Justice* by Paula Byrne

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

Thursday, February 6

**Janeites Reading Trollope**

*Phineas Finn* by Anthony Trollope

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

Saturday, February 8

**Westside/405 Reading Group**

*The Particular Charm of Miss Jane Austen* by Ada Bright

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

Sunday, February 9, 1:30 p.m.

**West Los Angeles Reading Group**

*Sanditon* by Jane Austen

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

Saturday, February 15, 10 a.m.

**North Orange County Reading Group**

*The Jane Austen Project* by Kathleen Flynn (first 10 chapters)

Location: Panera Bread, 1028 S. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton

For more information, contact [Melissa Buell](#) or visit the group's [Facebook page](#).

Saturday, February 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Ventura Reading Group**

*A Long Fatal Love Chase* by Louisa May Alcott

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

For more information, contact [Phyllis Michaels](#).

Friday, February 21, approximately 6 p.m.

**North Orange County Reading Group**

*Emma* watch party

Location: Century Stadium 25, Anaheim

Exact time to be announced once movie times are posted. Check the group's [Facebook page](#) for information.

Saturday, March 7

**Long Beach Reading Group**

*Sanditon* miniseries and *Sanditon* by Jane Austen and Another Lady

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

Sunday, March 15, 2-4 p.m.

**San Fernando Valley Reading Group**

*The Gentleman's Daughter* by Amanda Vickery

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

Sunday, March 15, 5 p.m.

**Santa Monica Reading Group**

*The Bride of Northanger* by Diana Birchall

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

Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.

**North Orange County Reading Group**

*The Jane Austen Project* by Kathleen Flynn (second half)

Location: Panera Bread, 1028 S. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton

For more information, contact [Melissa Buell](#) or visit the group's [Facebook page](#).

Saturday, March 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Ventura Reading Group**

*Rational Creatures*, edited by Christina Boyd

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

For more information, contact [Phyllis Michaels](#).

### 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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