Jane Austen Society of North America, Southwest Region

November 2020 Newsletter

Register Now for Nov. 14 Zoom Meeting on Regency Fashion

At our virtual meeting from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Pacific time on Saturday, November 14, JASNA Southwest board member Jane Boltz will share images and inspirations behind the numerous Regency-style outfits she has made over the years, including hats and reticules. She will also provide a general overview of changes in fashion from 1790 through 1820.

Register now!

She has titled her talk "Exploring Regency-Era Fashions for Women and Men by a Prejudiced and Amateur Seamstress" in homage to Jane Austen's "A History of England by a Partial, Prejudiced and Ignorant Historian," which is part of the Juvenilia. Boltz says she is "prejudiced" in her desire to create Regency clothing that will flatter her.

After the presentation, she will share a list of her patterns, fabric sources and sewing tools (accessible to any interested attendees via JASNA Southwest's website).

In the photo above from the 2019 JASNA Annual General Meeting in Williamsburg (which celebrated JASNA's 40th anniversary), she is modeling a sash she created out of tote bags from AGMs she has attended.

Jane Tomi Boltz has been a JASNA member for 12 years, and currently serves on the JASNA Southwest board. Now retired, she raised two daughters and lives with her husband in Glendale, Calif. After their oldest daughter, Mary Jane, introduced her to the Austen film adaptations in the 1990s, Boltz rediscovered the author's literature.

She learned about Regency history and fashion through JASNA lectures, workshops, publications and countless friends -- all the while enjoying the company of clever, well-informed people who have a great deal of conversation.

She frequently dresses in Regency attire at our JASNA Southwest events.

Register for All-California Event!

Register now for a very special celebration on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 2-4 p.m. Pacific time. JASNA Southwest is joining the other California regions for this first-of-its-kind virtual event. You'll receive a Zoom link after you register. (Note that the registration is being handled by another region, so it won't look the way ours usually do.)

Register now!

Young Filmmakers Contest 2020 Wraps on Nov. 30

Check out our new 2020 Young Filmmakers Contest trailer! The contest is open to all amateur filmmakers in North America under age 30. Submissions from Austen enthusiasts in high school, college and graduate school are especially welcome.

Cash prizes and adulation await the top three original shorts of five minutes or less. **Deadline for entries has been extended to November 30, 2020.** We encourage you to share this info with anyone you think would be interested, especially among high school and college film and English teachers and students. We have an all-star panel of judges

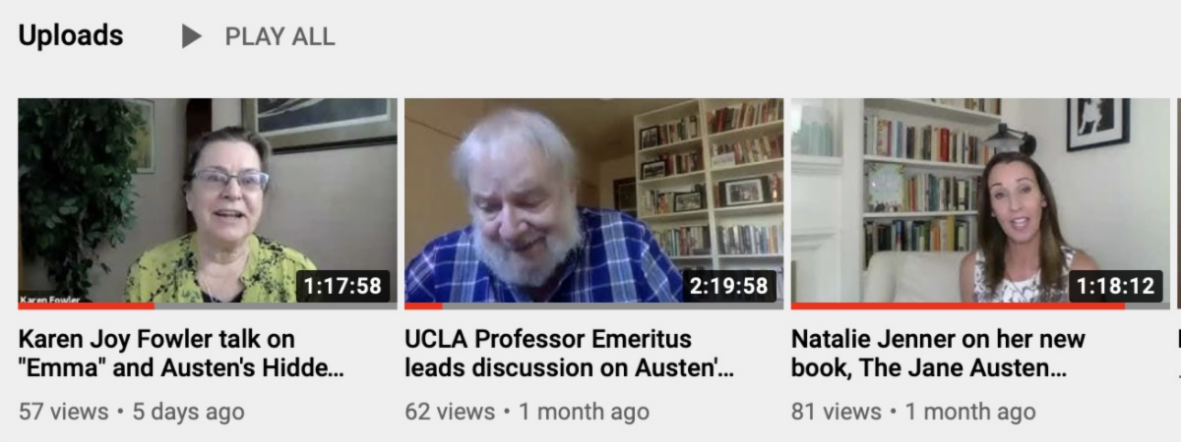
lined up to review this year's entries.

Our [JASNA Southwest website]() has additional details, as well as the [2020 Young Filmmakers flyer]() and [2020 entry form]. You can also link to and view past winners.

For questions, contact youngfilm@jasnasw.org.

Recent Zoom Presentations

Did you miss one of our previous Zoom presentations? You can catch up (or revisit them) now on JASNA Southwest's [YouTube channel]! Our past Young Filmmakers Contest winning entries are also available on our channel.



Catching Up on All Things Austen

Watch

In the late 18th century, Pear Tree Green chapel was the choice for wealthy residents of the spa town and resort of Southampton -- including the family of Elizabeth Austen, originally of Tonbridge in Kent, and her husband, John Butler Harrison II, wine merchant and politician.

In fall 1793, they hosted an extended visit from Elizabeth's cousins, Jane and Cassandra

Austen. Jane celebrated her 18th birthday during that visit, and became godmother to the couple's eldest daughter, Elizabeth Matilda. When Jane Austen became a resident of Southampton in 1806, she made several visits to Pear Tree, a five-mile circular walk from her home in Castle Square. Eventually the Butler Harrisons chose for their family memorial a plot at Pear Tree Church, the oldest Anglican church anywhere in the world, built in 1618 and consecrated in 1620.

As part of the 400th anniversary celebration of Pear Tree Church, the Butler Harrison memorial has been repaired and stabilized, and a literary trail, writers' bench and exhibition have launched. Watch the Pear Tree Church video to learn more or follow the Pear Tree Literary Trail.

Listen

Listen to the Chawton House podcast, which includes such topics as "Before the Knights," "Gothic Month" and "The Rehang Project," which explores the creation of a new visitor journey at Chawton House.

Or start at the beginning with an introduction to the great house by Chief Executive Katie Childs, or a discussion by curator Clio O'Sullivan of the current exhibition "Man Up."

Reading/Film/Game Groups

Sunday, November 8, 2 p.m.
South Bay Reading Group
Belle: The Slave Daughter and the Lord Chief Justice by Paula Byrne
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Jeanine Holguin.

Saturday, November 14, 12:30 p.m.
Long Beach Reading Group
Vanity Fair by William Makepeace Thackeray
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Sherwood Smith.

Sunday, November 15, 1-3 p.m.
Orange County Reading Group
Austen Years: A Memoir in Five Novels by Rachel Cohen
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Maryann Pelensky.

Sunday, November 15, 1 p.m.
Riverside Reading Group
The Other Bennet Sister by Janice Hadlow
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Vicki Broach.

Sunday, November 15, 2-4 p.m.
San Fernando Valley Reading Group
Jane Austen at Home by Lucy Worsley
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Cheryl Cole.

Saturday, November 21, 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
North Orange County Reading Group
Jane Austen at Home by Lucy Worsley (chapters 12-14)
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Melissa Buell.

Saturday, November 21, 10:30 a.m.

San Gabriel Valley Reading Group
Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen (second half)
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Kelly Duir.

Saturday, November 21, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Ventura County Reading Group
The Fishing Fleet: Husband-Hunting in the Raj by Anne de Courcy
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Phyllis Michaels.

Sunday, November 22, 7 p.m.
Pasadena Area Reading Group
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Susan Ridgeway.

Sunday, December 13, 1:30-4 p.m.
West Los Angeles Reading Group
Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Katie Walker Boeck.

Wednesday, December 16, 7 p.m.
Pasadena Area Reading Group
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
For more information, contact Susan Ridgeway.

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