Register Now for Jane Austen Bingo, Birthday Celebration and Board Election December 18, 11 a.m. Pacific

Do you know who Old Gibson (Sense and Sensibility) is? How about Mr. Wingfield (Emma)?

Lisa Brown, creator of Jane Austen Bingo, says the most common response she gets from Austen fans who play her bingo game is "I thought I knew the books, but I have no idea who these people are."

Register now for our December 18 event, in which Brown will be our special guest, calling six rounds of Jane Austen Bingo, one round based on each of Austen's novels. You'll learn a lot from playing or watching Jane Austen Bingo, but no learning curve is involved. You don't need to memorize the characters—or even to have read all of the novels. Character names are drawn out of a bowl and players check their cards for a match.

The first person to have five matches in a row is the winner. For Regency-authentic responses, the cry is "huzzah" instead of "bingo."

Lisa Brown
All registrants will have the opportunity to download bingo cards in advance of the event—or you can just observe the proceedings if you prefer!

Prizes will be awarded! As our event takes place two days after Austen's 246th birthday, we'll celebrate that occasion as well.

Register now!

Board Nominations

We will also take a few minutes for members to vote on the slate of nominees for JASNA Southwest's 2022-2023 board of directors.

Following are the nominees:
Regional Coordinators--Jane Boltz/Susie Wampler
Treasurer--Priscilla Diamond
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Venue Coordinator--Glenda Pinney
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Parliamentarian--Jan Fahey
Reading Group Coordinator--Teri Barela

Save the Date!
Dr. Juliette Wells
January 22, 2022, 11 a.m. Pacific

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at 11 a.m. Pacific time, when we'll be joined by acclaimed Austen scholar Juliette Wells for "Why You Should Read Oscar Fay Adams."

This extensively illustrated talk will introduce you to a groundbreaking late-19th century biographer of Austen who is all but forgotten today. Registration will open in late December.

Wells is professor of literary studies at Goucher College, which holds the JASNA archives and many noteworthy Austen-related collections, including multiple first editions of every Austen novel, scrapbooks with one-of-a-kind ephemera and the world's only collection of Austen novels in translation in dozens of languages.

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**Jane Austen in the Pan Pacific**

**Videos Available**

If you missed any part of our "Jane Austen in the Pan Pacific" event on November 13, you can catch up on our YouTube channel. We partnered with JASNA Hawaii for this first-ever Pan Pacific conference on Jane Austen. Seven top speakers from five countries across 12 time zones participated. Thanks to all who attended the event or who have already watched the video presentations.
If you haven't seen the winners and finalists from our fifth-annual Young Filmmakers Contest, you can view them on our YouTube channel now!

Our 2022 contest has officially opened, with a deadline of Sept. 15, 2022. Details are on the [JASNA Southwest website](https://jasnasouthwest.org). The contest is open to any amateur filmmaker under age 30 in North America. We also are seeking additional committee members from any JASNA region to help us publicize and manage the contest. Contact [Erika Kotite](mailto:erika.kotite@jasna.org) for details!

Meghan Hanet, first-place winner for "Lizzy's Adventures in Online Dating"

Jordan Sartor-Francis, second-place winner for "I Had Pride, I Had Prejudice"

Talitha Moniz McMillion, third-place winner for "Strength and Vulnerability"

"Persuasion" by Zoë Hodge, honorable mention recipient

Our first in-person event since the pandemic—"Ms. Austen Goes to Washington: Jane Austen and Politics"—will be held Saturday, April 30.

We'll hear from Austen scholar Sheryl Craig (author of *Jane Austen and the State of the Nation*), who will discuss "Tories, Whigs and Who's Who in Jane Austen," and Congressman Mark Takano (D-Riverside), who launched a Jane Austen reading group in Congress.

The event will be held at the beautiful and historic Mission Inn Hotel and Spa in Riverside (pictured right).
Look for registration information in February, along with special hotel rates for those wishing to spend one or two nights, and information on related activities.

**Reading/Film/Game Groups**

Saturday, December 11, 12:30 p.m.  
**Long Beach Reading Group**  
Jane Austen birthday tea  
For more information, contact Sherwood Smith.

Sunday, December 12, 1:30 p.m.  
**West Los Angeles Reading Group**  
*Washington Square* by Henry James  
Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.  
For more information, contact Katie Boeck.

Saturday, December 18  
**Westside/405 Reading Group**  
*Lady Ludlow* by Elizabeth Gaskell  
This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members.  
Current members may contact Karen Berk for more information.

Saturday, December 18, 10:15 a.m.  
**North Orange County Reading Group**  
*The Other Bennet Sister* by Janice Hadlow (chapters 33–65)  
NEW location: Panera Bread, 2415 East Chapman Ave., Fullerton  
For more information, contact Melissa Buell.

Sunday, December 19, 7 p.m.  
**Pasadena Area Reading Group**  
Birthday Tea  
This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members.  
Current members may contact Susan Ridgeway for more information.

Saturday, January 22, 12:30 p.m.  
**Long Beach Reading Group**  
*Mansfield Park* by Jane Austen  
For more information, contact Sherwood Smith.

Sunday, January 23, 7 p.m.  
**Pasadena Area Reading Group**
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