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JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

Jane Austen (1775-1817), one of England's foremost novelists, was never publicly acknowledged as a writer during her lifetime. Contrary to her reputation as a romance writer—and she was a great romance writer—she also wrote and wrote about enduring topics such as human nature, class systems and poverty, enslavement, and the rights of women. 2025 will be the 250th anniversary of her birth.

The Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA)

- Founded in 1979 by Joan Austen-Leigh, Henry G. Burke, and J. David Grey.
- A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering the study, appreciation, and understanding of Jane Austen's works, her life, and her genius.
- Approximately 5,000 members and more than 80 regional groups in the U.S. and Canada, including a virtual and an international region.
- Educational outreach programs provide Austen novels and curriculum support to teachers.
- Publications include a peer-reviewed print/digital journal available for library subscription and a free online peer-reviewed journal with open access.
- Each year a region hosts the Annual General Meeting, a three-day literary conference. Featuring keynote speeches by well-known figures, 700-800+ members from all over the world, participate in lectures by Austen scholars, workshops, exhibits, entertainment, local tours, a banquet, and Regency ball.

Vision: Because literature has the power to change and enrich our lives, we want to see more people reading the great authors, with special emphasis on Jane Austen.

Mission: Our mission is to foster among the widest number of readers the study, appreciation, and understanding of Jane Austen's works, her life, and her genius.

Diversity and Inclusion Statement: To fulfill JASNA's mission of fostering among the widest number of readers the study, appreciation, and understanding of Jane Austen's works, her life, and her genius, JASNA strives to ensure that all people are welcome and feel valued in its meetings, events, and community spaces. JASNA is committed to supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion within the Society. There is no place in JASNA for discrimination or exclusion, including on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, ability, appearance, or education.