

Pacific Northwest Super-Regional Gathering—February 6, 2021

Chat Text with Links, including Victoria, BC, Information

Dancing

I'd also encourage anyone interested to check out the activities of the Country Dance and Song Society:
<https://www.cdss.org/>

P & P ball in Edmonton: They have a FaceBook page and website Pride & Prejudice
www.prideandprejudiceball.ca

The Victoria English Country Dance Society (not associated with the P&P Ball organizers from Alberta), welcomes both new and experienced dancers. They dance weekly and hold a ball in April every second year - sadly cancelled this year for obvious reasons! For <https://vecds.bc.ca/>

Regency Dancing every Sunday at 2:40pm Pacific:
<https://www.valleyareaenglishregencysociety.org/about.html>

Food

I'm vegetarian and was looking up white soup. I haven't made this, but
<https://www.google.com/amp/s/outoftheordinaryfood.com/2011/12/13/jane-austens-vegetarian-white-soup/amp/>

Great place to buy this picnic food in the US: <https://parkersbritishinstitution.com>

Here's some history on lemonade, for folks who want to dig into it a little more:
<https://recipes.howstuffworks.com/what-is-history-lemonade.htm>

East India Talk

If anyone is interested in Francis Austen's time in China and his involvement with the EIC this article is quite interesting: <https://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/the-royal-naval-inspiration-behind-jane-austens-work/>

For those who are interested in PBS dramas, "Beecham House" is a fictional drama about 1795 in India. It shows the East India company, the French and the Mughal Empire jockeying for power. The sets and costumes are great!

My favorite pirate is Ching Shih, Commander of the Red Flag Fleet in the South China Sea 180-11. Frank would have been well aware of her-and perhaps Jane as well. She is regarded as one of the most powerful pirates in history. Her fleet had over 1,500 ships & 80,000 sailors. Defeated navies of England, Portugal & China, whose government finally paid her to retire. Queen of the Canton is a movie about her

Here is a brief youtube about Ching Shih, The Canton Queen:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxyJN1fFm4>

For anyone interested in the Brandon-Hastings connection, check this out for more details:
<https://sharpevessociety.blogspot.com/2011/02/lady-middletons-delicacy-mrs-jennings.html>

Victoria and 2022 AGM Information:

Alison D. Brown JASNA 2022 AGM Coordinator to Everyone : email me at jasnavictoria2022agm@gmail.com for questions on the AGM and/or Victoria. The AGM website is here: <http://jasna.org/agms/victoria/home.php>

Here's some info about the Clipper from Seattle to Victoria: <https://www.clippervacations.com/>

There are ferries from both Anacortes, Washington, and Tsawassen, BC (just south of Vancouver). The ferries are so much fun!

The ferry from Vancouver takes about 1.5 hours, and is very scenic too.

The Clipper is passenger only - no cars. Ferry from Vancouver and from Port Angeles both take cars. Vancouver & Port Angeles ferries are both about 1 hour 35 minutes

Royal BC Museum and Parliament are both interesting to visit.

Or take float plane or helicopter from downtown Vancouver landing in the Victoria Inner Harbour

Kenmore Air (float plane) also flies to Victoria from Lake Union in Downtown Seattle.

Local secret is that you can eat at the restaurant at the Parliament building.

BEST halibut fish n chips in Victoria on the dock at a little stand....and I am from SE Alaska!

Leg restaurant used by employees and also open to public w reservation (at least, pre-COVID)

The Russell books store is amazing. www.russellbooks.com

There's a restaurant with good vegan options just behind Irish time. Rebar! Rebar is great: <http://www.rebarmodernfood.com/>

Yes, there is a dining room for the local politicians that the public can eat at too. It's a lovely ambiance, but you need to go through some security (like x-ray machines.)

Munro's books

We took a bus tour of the island first time we went. Had a nice tour of Victoria and the rest of the area, including a drive by to Buchardt Gardens.

great Dim Sum lunch in China Town!

There's a good afternoon tea place in Chinatown too

Empress has high tea every day

There is an umbrella shop in Fantan Alley (for parasols!).

Wonderful high tea at Butchart Gardens

There's also a great tea shop downtown - Murchie's, which serves tea and cakes.

Miles and miles of waterfront walkways in Victoria.

Craigdarroch Castle is a must see too.

Dashwood Manor B&B is on Dallas Rd. It's a long (30-40 min) walk to the Empress or a quick taxi ride.

They have special buses to Butchart from the Empress. Also the city bus which is cheaper, but lots to stops to get there. My favorite is the Japanese Garden and the Rose garden BG costs 31 dollars to get in!

A good alternative spot to take photos in costume is the Finnerty Gardens on the UVic campus, and it's free!

Beacon Hill Park is also really close to the Empress and has lovely gardens, though not as extensive as Butchart of course.

St Ann's Academy another lovely site

For high tea at the Empress: be sure to reserve well ahead of time, as they book up.

The Willow in Oak Bay is a small, but lovely tea place. A little pricy, but probably less than the Empress.

A young woman was voyaging in the area of Vancouver Island during the time of Jane Austen - interesting article here about this amazing woman living on board ship

<https://www.timescolonist.com/islander/our-history-a-pioneer-on-the-island-s-wild-coast-1.1073480>

Don't know if anyone mentioned it, but US citizens will require a passport to enter Canada. Plan ahead... WA State also has a Enhanced ID that can be used at the border crossings.

The number of people who dress in Regency fashions for an AGM grows every year. Perhaps as high 40-50% dress for the banquet and ball Saturday. There is a much smaller number who dress up for the whole weekend in many changing outfits. When we were in Williamsburg some of us wore clothing of Austen's childhood, 1775-1790, but usually it's 1800-1820.

High Tea at the Empress is nice at the Empress. Roughly \$85 per person. And yes, reserve!

JASNA members will receive an email announcing when hotel reservations will be open. This year, we anticipate opening reservations at the same time AGM registration occurs, probably early summer. Stay tuned!

Author, Alice Munro.

Greek restaurant might be Ithaka.

Yes, Ithaka is a small Greek restaurant in a strip mall, but it's family run and very good!

The Magnolia is very nice

The Laurel Point Hotel is also nice - and is very close (about a ten minute walk from the Empress)

Another good place to stay very near the Empress: The Union Club of British Columbia

Miscellaneous

Here's the cancelled chapters of *Persuasion*:

<http://www.mollands.net/etexts/persuasion/prscancel.html>

<http://jasna.org/about/regions/> lists all the regions for anyone wishing to join JASNA!

blog: <https://randombitsoffascination.com/>

<https://www.scotsman.com/arts-and-culture/day-walter-scott-admitted-waverley-novel-1526645>

There is a 2004 JASNA Persuasions article on this (just googled for proof) that you could read re whether JA read M. Wolstencraft. For sure Jane Austen not only read Wollstonecraft, she wove the Vindication and other of her writings into most of her fiction, including Catharine or the Bower:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKYzhndOGsI>

Dr. Juliette Wells will be speaking via Zoom through the CT Region on March 27th at 2:00pm, the title is Jane Austen in America in 14 objects. Try this: <https://jasnact.wixsite.com/jasnact> Registration will be opening soon. <https://www.facebook.com/JASNACT>

I'm going to look up "The Double Clicks" song Mr Darcy. (from trivia) The Double Clicks:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6oK4_XWx0Is

<https://bookhoarding.wordpress.com/2021/01/22/virtual-jane-con-2021/>