



*A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU
ALL*

from the
Jane Austen Society of North America
Indianapolis Region

Next Meeting--February 16—at Butler University- Regency drama; details tba

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Indianapolis Region—We now have 44 JASNA members! Well done!

From the Regional Coordinator

December is the month when JASNA marks Jane Austen's birthday—December 16, 1775—with their major events, the birthday teas. Once again, our Indianapolis region held the birthday tea at the beautiful Columbia Club on the circle in downtown Indianapolis. After braving the snow-covered roads and messy weather, our group met on the tenth floor with a wonderful view of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument strung with the fabulous Christmas lights. Megan Fairview once again provided the beautiful background harp music while we enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, after which Dr. Debbie Corpus of Butler University led us all on a literary tour of England. Throughout the afternoon, every attendee, wearing their personalized luggage tag/name tag with passports in hand, visited Pemberly, Steventon Rectory, Chawton Cottage, Ibbthorpe, Netherfield, Longbourn, and St. Nicholas Church in Steventon. To Jo Mader whose inspiration and creativity brought this virtual tour to life, we owe a great debt of thanks. To Liza Lozano, through whom we have access to the Columbia Club hospitality, we also are indebted, just as we are to all those who had a hand in making this a very special event. Our silent auction helped fatten our treasury and provided attendees with some holiday gifts. Thanks to all who attended, and, to those of you who could not attend this year, mark your calendars for December 13, 2014. when, once again at the Columbia Club, we will celebrate Jane Austen's 239th birthday with a very special event focusing on music in the Regency Period. It will be an

afternoon filled with wonderful live entertainment provided by very talented musicians, so plan to be there! In the meantime, please have a healthy, happy, prosperous new year of 2014.

Toast to Jane Austen on her 238th birthday

“On NPR recently I heard an author speaking about a totally different topic, do what so many do—refer to Jane Austen. Everyone in this room and around the world has had the same experience—in movies, novels, radio, TV,—out of the blue will come a reference to Austen—why? She is as universal as Shakespeare. She portrayed over 200 years ago, the people we are related to, those crazies with whom we work or serve on committees, folks we meet in the grocery store or live next door to. She engages, entertains, and challenges us. Most of all, she reminds us that civility has a place in this, according to Don Henley, “graceless world.” We are indebted to her for all these gifts, and today, on her 238th birthday, we salute her. To Jane Austen....”

Membership information

In the fall newsletter, I stated that our region would no longer collect the \$10 dues we had been soliciting from the beginning in order to build up our new bank account. The reason for doing this is to clear up the confusion regarding membership. To clarify...

1. Continued attendance at our region meetings and special events is allowed only by membership in JASNA itself—the US/Canada organization--and not by any region dues.
2. Those regions which have region dues, do so in order to offset meeting expenses, printing and mailing costs, and other miscellaneous costs, which is a valid reason—especially for larger regions—and might apply to our region as well now that we have grown.
3. We might want to continue to collect \$10 (semantics issue here—call it “dues” or “donation”) from those of you who wish to help support our region’s expenses. Just keep in mind that this is not the “free ticket” to region meetings.
4. **So...region dues are really donations to the local group, rather than the privilege of actually attending meetings.**
5. According to JASNA’s policies, membership in JASNA is required to attend any region meetings after the first one or two visits (this is where the policy is vague. I have not been keeping track of how many times anyone attends before joining JASNA, but I probably should do so soon).
6. Membership in JASNA has many benefits beyond allowing attendance to any region meeting anywhere in the US or Canada, including the JASNA News and Persuasions publication, special announcements about trips to England and other information.
7. Having said all this, keep in mind that –with or without region dues--special events staged by any region would probably mean that every attendee would be charged a fee, but most regions charge one price for JASNA members and a greater price for non-members or guests.



2013 Jane Austen Birthday Tea



Jo and John Mader



The Greenfield group



Omar Martin and Amy Reel



Our Regency costume expert, Fran Willis

2014

(Something extra: Maura Hutchinson would like to host once again her fabulous Irish Tea. Those of you who attended this event in Greenfield last year remember how very special it was. When we work out the details, we will let you all know!)

Feb. 16—Talk by Butler U professor on Regency drama, specifically Lovers' Vows from Mansfield Park--Butler University, 2 pm

April 27—Discussion of Mansfield Park—controversies, conventions, context—Landaw home, 2 pm

June 21—Garden, landscaping tour, lecture at IMA, time tba

July 19 and 20—Louisville Festival

August 17—Fund-raising auction; talk by Jo Mader on British navy, specifically William Price and Austen brothers--Bowers home, 2 pm

September 13--Saturday—Crafts workshop, specifically quilting—Irvington Library, 2 pm

October 10—12—AGM Montreal—"Contexts, Conventions, Controversies in Mansfield Park"

December (date and venue tba)—Birthday Tea with vocal concert by Lisa Whitaker, 2 pm

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Feb 15—Letters of Jane Austen (Deidre leFaye edition recommended)—Landaw home, 2 pm

April 19—Jo Mader presentation on Historical background of Regency Period and formal tea--Skooglund home, 2 pm

June 13--Saturday—Special event on Regency health and medicine—Indiana Medical History Museum, time tba

July—Louisville Festival or Crafts workshop

August 16—fund-raising auction and Georgette Heyer book discussion. Bowers Home, 2 pm

September 12--Saturday—Crafts workshop—Glendale Library, 2 pm

December (date and venue tba)—Birthday Tea with harpist and speaker on Regency composers, 2 pm

This and That

Would you like to be a part of our **Facebook group** so that you can see postings, comments, and/or offer your own insights about all things Austen? If so, just "friend me" on Facebook and ask to become a part of the JASNA—Indiana group. We have had some interesting exchanges already, and it's a great way to see what others are discovering.

Send me those book blurbs anytime. I will put them on the website; you can put them on the Facebook group. I know some of you are reading sequels, spin-offs, and nonfiction related to JA. If you have read an Austen- related book recently and would like to pen a very brief review, or if you come across Austen or Regency Period related news items or trivia, I would love to include it/ them. Don't be shy. Send to jslandaw@gmail.com or share on the Facebook group.

The Web Site (a project looking for a leader)

It continues to be a work in progress, but it is, at last and at least, a start. I need to establish a new domain name, work on making it an online community or at least a link to one, and expanding the information on some of the links—mainly Regency Period and Biography. Here is a list of the links thus far: AGMs, Announcements, Austen Reading List, Biography, Book Reviews, Fund Raising, Games and Puzzles, Images, Membership, Regency Period, Tea Rooms, Trivia, Upcoming Events). If you forget the web address, it can be retrieved if you use “JASNA Indianapolis Region” as your search term on your web browser.

Upcoming Events

2014 Annual General Meeting, Oct. 10-12, Montréal, Québec, Canada Theme: *Mansfield Park* in Montréal: Contexts, Conventions and Controversies

2015 Annual General Meeting, Oct. 9-11, Louisville, KY USA Theme: Living in Jane Austen's World

2016 Annual General Meeting, Oct. 21-23, Washington, D.C. USA Theme: *Emma* at 200: “No One But Herself”

2017 Annual General Meeting, Oct. 6-8, Southern California USA Theme: Jane Austen in Paradise

If anyone ever asks....

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