

Jane Austen Society of North America
Indianapolis Region

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October—YEARLY DUES RENEWAL MONTH. Send \$10 to Sondra Bowers, 4607 Lambeth Walk, Carmel IN , 46033

Two big events in August;

- 1--group viewing of Austenland as soon as it arrives in Indy theatres**
- 2—August 11--Fund-raising Auction and Pride and Prejudice discussion at home of Sondra Bowers, 2 pm**

Consider becoming more involved in JASNA—IR! Needed: Publicity Chair, Website manager, Newsletter publisher, Program Committee Chair, and more. Interested? Contact Sue Landaw, jslandaw@gmail.com.

From the Regional Coordinator

The program planning committee met recently (like, this morning) and came up with some exciting plans for the rest of 2013 and the calendar years of 2014 and 2015. We are trying to utilize the very knowledgeable members who have, up to this point, been hiding their light under a bushel and, in addition, to call upon those in our community who are experts in various fields. I hope you will find these upcoming events enlightening and rewarding. You will find this tentative schedule further on.

One of the many interesting things about our group is the variety of interests, backgrounds and ages of our members. With that in mind, we do try to schedule convenient events which will appeal in one way or another, at one time or another, to nearly everyone, and this is not easy. The thing we must not lose sight of is that we are a literary society which focuses on Jane Austen and the time in which she lived and wrote. The next two years offer tremendous opportunities to explore in more depth this focus with Mansfield Park, Austen's third published novel, and perhaps her most controversial, followed by "Living in Jane Austen's World" the theme for 2015. We hope to learn more about the later Hanovers who rule England, illnesses and medicine during the Regency Period, as well as music, art, gardening, and pastimes of the time in which Austen lived.

I hope you will take a look at our upcoming programs and plan to attend as many as possible.

UPDATE TO 2013 PROGRAM CALENDAR:

August 11 meeting—Remember to bring your checkbook or cash; this is our fund-raising auction event.

The film *Austenland* opens August 16 on both coasts. As soon as we find out when it opens here, we will set a date for attending. Hopefully, we will be able to promote our region at this event.

SAVE THE DATE: October 6—We have added a crafts workshop to our 2013 program. We hope to offer lessons in silhouettes, paper flowers, quilling, needle cases, 18 inch doll pattern for Regency dresses and more!

2014

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—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

2015

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



Picnic group at Mallow Run, June, 2013

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 jlandaw@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.

REMINDER!!

Our list of national JASNA members continues to grow. We are now at thirty-six; however some of these Indiana addresses are closer to the Chicago or Louisville chapters, but are on our list geographically. Hurray for Indiana! For those of you who have not joined JASNA (national organization), please consider it. The benefits are many. Besides issues of Persuasions, the membership entitles you to attend regional meetings anywhere. Also, according to national guidelines, one must belong to national to continue to attend regional meetings.

If anyone ever asks....

***There are about 4000 members of JASNA in Canada and the US and there are 65 regions.**

***The membership year runs from Sept 1 to Aug 31, same as the JASNA fiscal year.**

***Members who attend region meetings should be members of JASNA; local dues are optional.**

***The bi-centenary of the publication of Sense and Sensibility is in 2011 and Pride and Prejudice in 2013.**

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