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What dreadful hot weather we have; it keeps one in a continual state of inelegance." Letter, 1796

"To sit in the shade on a fine day and look upon verdure is the most perfect refreshment." Mansfield Park

From the Regional Director

Sue Landaw

What a beautiful, historic and interesting city we had for our 2014 AGM. There were around 700 attendees, and I can't speak for the other 699, but I thought the main speakers and breakout session speakers were among the best I have ever heard in all the sixteen AGM's I have attended since 1999. It was a terrific experience to listen to so many clever and creative presenters.

Our own Fran Willis was dressed each day in different spectacular costume. There were many decked out in wonderful Regency attire and many men in fabulous period correct suits or uniforms. I saw an amazing looking gentleman in an admiral's uniform, so I asked if I could have a photo taken with him. He was quite chatty, asking if I had visited his part of Britain around Lyme. I was happy to tell him absolutely—several times, once to hike in that area. To my astonishment, on the final day of the conference when the main speaker was introduced, whom did I see approaching the podium but "my admiral" Patrick Stokes, whose greataunt was.....JANE great-great **AUSTEN!**





TOP: The "Admiral."

BOTTOM: Fran Willis and her sister-inlaw in Regency attire.

Highlights from the RC Forum, Board Meeting, and RC Business Meeting

At the 2014 JASNA board meeting in Montreal, an amendment was passed to the by-laws which will have (I hope) a positive impact on our region. There are now term limits for RCs—one person cannot serve more than three two-year consecutive terms. I will address this issue in a separate email to all Indiana JASNA members.

Call for papers for the 2015 AGM are due at the end of October. One of our members has already submitted a proposal!

There are five new regions which have formed in the past year—Southern Nevada, Northern Nevada, Iowa, East Tennessee, and Hawaii.

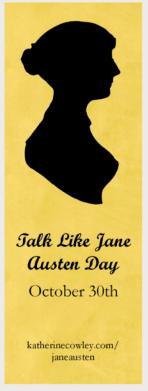
There are now 5,178 members of JASNA. Letters to lapsed members will be sent out the first week of December and those lapsed members have until the end of December to renew.

JASNA members are encouraged to sign up for JASNA email.

For information about signing up for the Jane Austen clipping service, see your last issue of JASNA News. There is a legal reason for the necessity for members to agree to receive these emails.

SAVE THE DATE UPCOMING EVENTS

October 26th: Death Comes to Pemberly by P.D. James comes to Masterpiece Mystery this Sunday at 9:00! James' novel is a sequel to Pride and Prejudice. The film adaptation will be shown in three parts on Masterpiece Mystery.



October 30th: Talk Like Jane Austen Day. Yes, this really exists. For more information go to Katherine Cowley's blog:

http://www.katherinecowley.com/janeausten/talk-like-jane-austen-day/

December 13th: Be sure you put the Jane Austen Birthday Tea on your calendar: December 13 at the Columbia Club. This event gets better every year, and this year the focus will be on Regency music with a vocal concert!





FINANCES, MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION!

The membership year for JASNA ends on August 31; the reminder letters have gone out, and the lapsed members letters will go out soon. Please renew asap. Important reminder: To continue to attend our Indianapolis Region events and meetings, you must be a member of JASNA. (We now have 62 from Indiana; this is especially heartening to me because when I joined JASNA and the Greater Chicago Region around 1997, I couldn't find anyone else from Indiana on the list. When our region was formed in 2006, there were only four of us!)

Membership in JASNA is aside from membership in any region of JASNA. Our region used to charge \$10 dues, but this requirement was dropped in order to promote more membership in JASNA itself. We do, however, eagerly welcome any \$10 donations to help our treasury grow.

There are many other advantages of membership in JASNA, so check it out. Also, consider a life membership before the cost of this increase significantly.

I so appreciate the response to that plea. Several have volunteered for committees and offices, and we now have a nearly complete slate to be voted on by the Indiana JASNA members. Until this is approved, it

would be inappropriate to announce all the changes here, but the final slate of candidates will go out for approval very soon. These new positions will go into effect on December 31. Because of the change in the JASNA by-laws regarding RC term limits, JASNA-Indianapolis Region will have a new RC. (YEA!) Although I have loved helping to build this region, it is past time for someone new to take over; I will stay on the executive/ steering committee as advisor. This new executive committee will be made up of officers and committee chairs as well as newsletter and website So...look editors. for announcement of the new officers, committee chairs, and executive committee in the next newsletter!

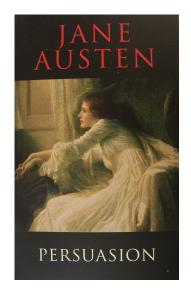


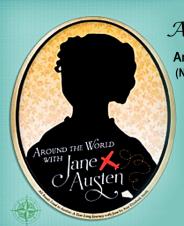
Díd You Know?

In her lifetime Jane Austen completed a total of six novels. They are:

Northanger Abbey Sense and Sensibility Pride and Prejudice Mansfield Park Emma Persuasion

Only four of them were published before her death.





Austen-tacious E-News

Around the World Wide Web with Jane Austen (Newsworthy and Fun things about Jane on the net)

by Jacquie Carroll

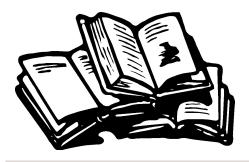
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2015 EVENT CALENDAR

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.

FUTURE AGM DATES 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.

Meeting Minutes

by Mary Miller

Minutes of the JASNA Indiana Chapter from Sat June 21, 2014.

We gathered out the IMA Greenhouse for a picnic under the trees. We had 2 guests that came up from Bedford, IN to join us. After our picnic, Dr Christine Hull, Purdue Master Gardner, lead our tour of the Oldfields Gardens. Even though the temperature was rather high, we all had a great time seeing the Gardens and learning the history of the family and surrounding area. Our next meeting is Sunday August 17th at Sondra Bower's house.

Minutes from Sunday August 17th Meeting

We gathered at Sonie Bower's lovely home in Carmel for our annual Auction meeting. Jo Mader led a riveting discussion on the British Navy in the 1800's and the involvement of Jane Austen's brothers Charles and Francis and it's impact in the Austen Novel Mansfield Park. We had 18 members in attendance. Our auction raised over \$300 (\$301 exactly). Our next member is Saturday Sept 20th at Sue Landaw's home where we will be doing Austen crafts!









Misc Announcements

Our Indiana JASNA members list has increased to 62! Thank you, everyone!

Be sure you put the Jane Austen Birthday Tea on your calendar, December 13 at the Columbia Club. This event gets better every year, and this year the focus will be on Regency music with a vocal concert!

Death Comes to Pemberly, the film adaptation, in three parts, of P.D. James novel, her sequel to *Pride and Prejudice* will be shown on PBS beginning on October 26, 9 pm on *Masterpiece Mystery*.

Facebook group IR – Join our region's Facebook page! Facebook page JASNA – Join the Facebook page of the international group!

Tina Jesson of Tina's Teas has announced the opening of her new tea room in Carmel in a space with the Simply Sweet Shoppe at 30 N Rangeline Road. Google her and check it out!

If anyone ever asks....

There are about 4500 members of JASNA in Canada and the US and there are over 70 regions.

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