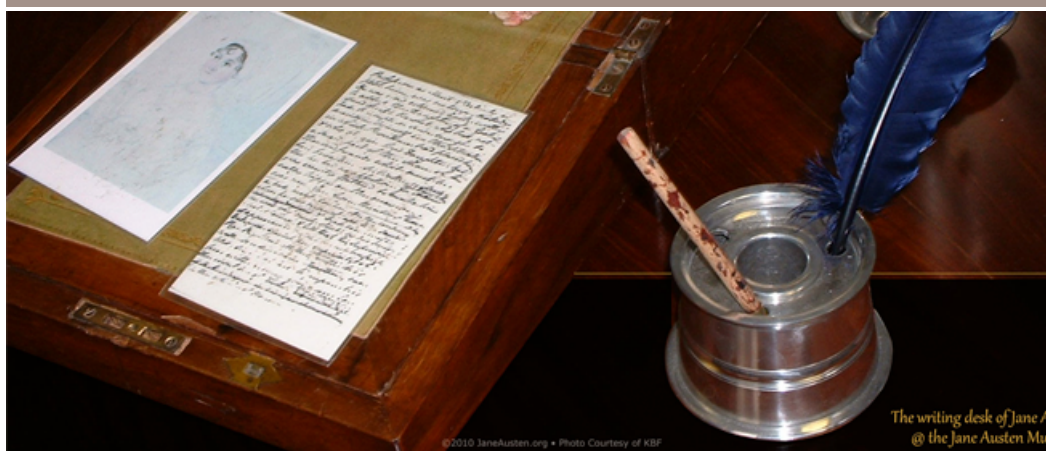


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Jacquie Carroll, *Editor*



I wrote without much effort; for I was rich, and the rich are always respectable, whatever be their style of writing.

JANE AUSTEN, letter to Cassandra Austen, Jun. 20, 1808

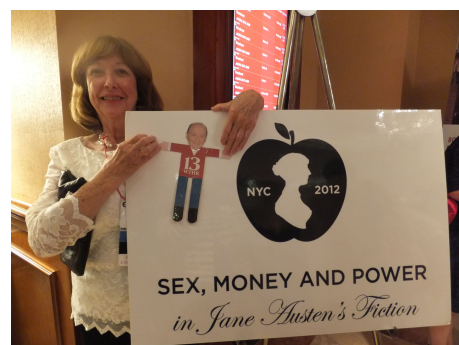
## Farewell Address Sue Landaw

I joined JASNA in 1993, and I can't remember exactly why. My son had just gone off to IU; I was interested in changing how I taught the history of the novel in my British Lit classes; maybe that was it. It was before the explosion of JA popularity brought on by the 1995 BBC production with Jennifer Ehle and Colin Firth, and I am proud to have "beaten the crowd" that followed that series. I had originally joined the Greater Chicago Region because that was the closest, and I still pay membership dues to that region; I eventually became a life member of JASNA in 2005.

In 2006, Susan Haller moved to Indianapolis. She had been very active in her previous JASNA group and wanted to start one here. She enlisted some of the staff who worked with her husband and then contacted the names of Indiana

residents who were members of JASNA—those four lone souls being Suzanne Skooglund, Sondra Bowers, Marilyn Morrison and me. We had an organizational meeting and the rest, as they say, is recent history. A year later, Susan wanted to turn the duties of RC over to someone else due to family obligations, and that's when I began.

There are accomplishments over the last eight years of which I am proud—one being that the region still exists and has grown from fewer than five members of JASNA to the most recent count of 63, with over 160 on the email list, and that we now have region bylaws, an executive committee and a nearly full slate of officers, but mainly that our meetings and events seem to be entertaining, enjoyable and filled with laughter while also remaining centered on



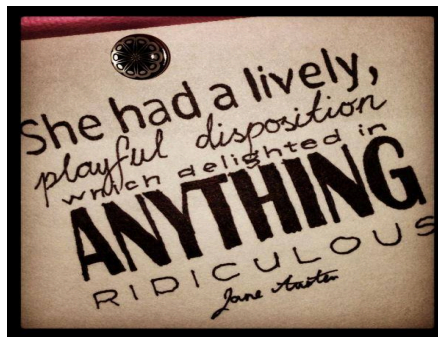
Top: Flat Chuck and Sue at AGM.  
Middle: Sue and Austen display tables.  
Bottom: Mr. Darcy and Me.

Jane Austen and her work. My main personal goal which was to heighten the appreciation of Austen's novels and their place in the literary canon and to promote serious discussion of her work has sometimes been eclipsed by the sometimes overwhelming popularity of extraneous Austen related trivia, but I really hope that that initial goal remains and will continue to guide us.

I have great hopes for this region under our new leadership. It will continue to grow and improve and mature with new standing committees and an executive

committee of officers and a very enthusiastic new RC. I have enjoyed the past eight years and will continue to be involved, especially in serving on the board of JASNA and being involved in the AGMs.

In the next newsletter you will read the full slate of new officers, and committee chairs.



Sue with Jane Austen bookcases.

## *From the Desk of the Indiana Regional Director* Mary Miller

Happy Winter Everyone!! As I look out my office window, I see snow and folks heavily dressed as they go about their business. What a perfect day to curl up in front of fireplace with a book and a cuppa. I am sure Lady Bertram would have replaced the book with her pugs. First off, I want to thank everyone for the trust you have given me as your new Region Coordinator. Sue Landaw's shoes are huge to fill but I am up for the challenge!! While I am not be the most scholarly of our group, I am very organized and have built a great team behind me!! Jo Mader is our new secretary (my former position) and Kirsten Long has taken over for Sonie Bowers as treasurer. Jacquie Carroll is continuing as our AWESOME Newsletter Editor and Publicity person!! And Sue is not leaving us anytime soon as she will continue to serve as Advisor to the Region.

We are putting together committees on Fundraising and Programming so keep an eye open for more on that front. We are having a Planning meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> at my place if you want to learn more and get more involved. Please contact me for details! Our 2015 schedule is set and more info on that is in this newsletter! But I do hope to have some other opportunities to share with our group as we reach out to other groups to learn more about our favorite authors and help our community by promoting reading—at all ages and levels!! As they say in marketing—WATCH THIS SPACE!! Mary Miller Indiana JASNA RC.



## Scenes from our Recent Meetings



Top: Mary Miller and Sue Landaw.  
Bottom: Delectable treats provided by Sue Landaw.



## A Follow-Up to Jane's Letters By Mary Miller

For those who attended the February meeting, we discussed Jane's letters. Or more importantly her fashion comments and gossip news!! One of her quotes reads "Here I am once more in this scene of dissipation and vice, and I begin already to find my morals corrupted.". As a Star Wars fan, I have to wonder if George Lucas read her letters because I just heard in my head-- "Mos Eisley Spaceport. You will never find a more wretched hive of scum and villainy. We must be cautious". Apparently bad places are bad universally. I came up with a list of things in our world today which I bet would cause Miss Austen (and Cassandra) pause and much concern.

**Buzzfeed**—taking quizzes about which of her characters she is most like

- **Amazon**—taking fun out of shopping for gloves, ribbons and tea.
- **Twitter**—who are these tic tac toe people.
- **Facebook**—Let's see Cassandra try to erase Jane's digital footprint after she died.
- **Smartphone**—no lady is without one in her reticule.
- **Pandora**—no need to practice piano or listen to Mary Bennet play.
- **Pinterest**—who needs to learn to be accomplished, all you have to do is steal other persons ideas and pin them on your wall.
- **Netflix**—you can watch Lovers' Vows anytime you want.
- **Ebooks**—who needs a library full of dusty books—unless you are trying to hide from your wife.



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## 2015 EVENT CALENDAR

**April 19:** Maura Hutchinson's home, Greenfield, IN – Tea and Georgette Heyer Discussion-2-4pm

**June 13:** Saturday – Indiana Medical History Museum tour, Westside Indianapolis – Garden tour 11am, Museum tour Noon.

**August 16:** Regency Period History presentation by Jo Mader and Annual Jane Austen Auction, Mystic Bay Clubhouse, Northside Indianapolis-2-4pm

**September 12:** Irvington Library, Eastside Indianapolis – Craft Day, 1-4pm

**October 9 to Sunday, October 11:** Galt House, Louisville, KY Annual General Meeting

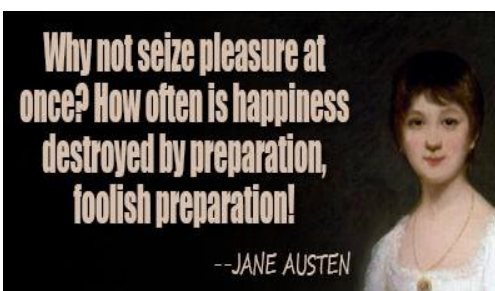
**December 12:** Propylaeum – Old Northside Indianapolis, Jane Austen Birthday Tea – 2-4 pm.

## FUTURE AGM DATES

**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.

For more information on joining JASNA, please contact Mary Miller, Indiana Region Coordinator, indymary@aol.com or 317-727-5058



# Jane Austen Annual Tea and Birthday Celebration

by Jacquie Carroll

Our Indianapolis Region got together at the lavish Columbia Club for the annual Tea Party celebration to honor the birth of Jane Austen. This was a well-attended event and a wonderful way to end the year as is the usual tradition. There were delicious finger foods, an auction, a soloist and a harpist. Jo Mader welcomed guests at the door and ushered them into a wonderfully decorated ballroom. Our great speaker, Sue Landaw opened the event she gave her farewell speech as Regional Coordinator and welcomed Mary Miller as our new coordinator. The planning committee out did themselves again with the lovely table decorations and silent auction items. During tea service we were enchanted by the beautiful harp music of Melissa Gallant while having our own Jane-inspired conversations. Everyone enjoyed the champagne toast delivered by Sue Landaw.

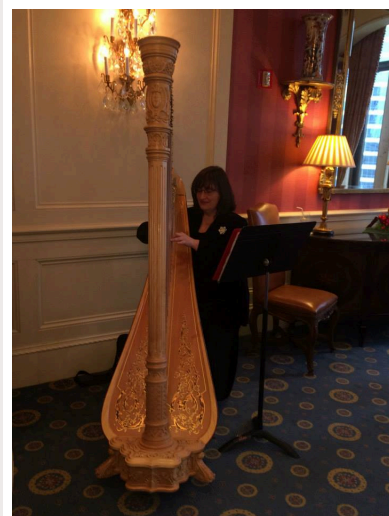
There was a lovely silent auction with something for everyone. Everyone eagerly browsed the tables and put in their bids. Thanks to everyone for their purchases!

We were treated to an exquisite Regency Interlude by soloist Lisa Whitaker. She charmed us with beautiful period Christmas hymns. Thank you, Lisa- it was a true delight.

Thanks to everyone who planned and put this event together. There would be no closure to any year without our annual celebration of Jane Austen. Every time I attend one of these event I feel as Jane is there in attendance and loving every minute!



*Secretary Jo Mader welcomes guests to the annual JA Tea.*



*Top: Charming table decorations.*

*Middle: Harpist Melissa Gallant.*

*Bottom: Our lovely soloist, Lisa Whitaker and her accompanist, Angela Nevitt Roesler.*

## Strawberry and Moscato Punch

Described as "the type of drink you could drink all day"

We were treated to a delicious Moscato punch during our discussion at our February 15 meeting about Jane Austen's letters. Thank you, Sue Landaw! This is a version of that recipe and there are many more out on Pinterest.

### Serves: 8

### Ingredients

1.5 liter of Moscato wine  
1 can frozen limeade concentrate, defrosted  
1 c strawberries, diced plus 1 c strawberries sliced  
1 lime sliced  
2 Liter 7 Up

### Instructions

Place 1 cup of diced strawberries and ¼ cup of limeade in a blender and puree. Run through a strainer to remove most of the seeds. Pour into a pitcher. Add remaining limeade and moscato into the pitcher. Garnish with strawberry and lime slices. Chill in fridge. When ready to serve top each glass with 7 Up.



# *More Scenes from the Annual Tea*

The Columbia Club, Indianapolis

December 13, 2014



*Bottom:* Janeites at the tea! Back Row: Kirsten Long, Erin Webster, Ann Alexander, Lisa Lozano. Front row: Jo Mader, Mary Miller and Sue Landaw.

*Bottom Left:* Guests enjoy a Regency Interlude by soloist Lisa Whitaker.

*Bottom Right:* Guests browse the items up for auction.

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