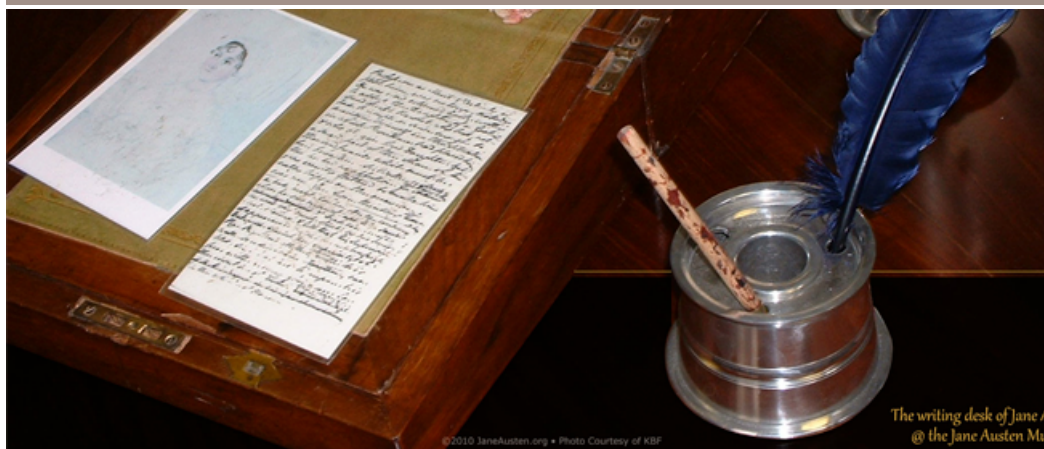


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I wish as well as everybody else, to be perfectly happy; but, like everybody else, it must be in my own way.

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

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

So much has happened since our February meeting! We have been getting our 2015 schedule finalized and 2016 started! Lots of fun is headed our way! I went to the Dayton JASNA meeting on March 21st. They are now having general meetings and teas at the historic Patterson House in downtown Dayton. Their RC is Carrie Bebris. Many of you are familiar with Carrie as she is the author of the *Jane Austen Mysteries*. She was also a guest speaker for our chapter back in 2010. This meeting was significant as the 2015 AGM Co Chairs presented the AGM 2015 Program. Also in attendance were 3 former RC's from Dayton and Cleveland. All in all, there were 7 current and prior RC's at this meeting and this wasn't even an AGM!

The following Saturday, many of you graced my humble cottage to plan the details from 2015 and lay the groundwork for 2016. With an AGM in our backyard this year, many of us

are planning to attend as well as having a table at the emporium. All this requires planning and discussion on what to sell as well as travel plans.

Our April meeting was hosted once again by Maura Hutchinson with yet another one of her wonderful high teas. The discussion on Georgette Heyer was led by Heidi Green. Heidi gave a stunning presentation on Heyer and her Regency works. I also had the great pleasure of giving away books to 5 lucky Janeites. We had 3 guests attend in addition to 16 members. Much thanks again to Maura for hosting!!



*Maura's Lavish Tea!*

## Recipe from April Tea Party at Maura Hutchinson's

### **Barefoot Contessa's Lemon Bars**

(Makes 20 squares or  
40 triangles)

#### **For the crust:**

- 1/2 pound unsalted butter at room temperature
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt

#### **For the filling:**

- 6 extra-large eggs at room temperature
- 3 cups granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons grated lemon zest (4 to 6 lemons)
- 1 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

For the crust, cream the butter and sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Combine

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the flour and salt and, with the mixer on low, add to the butter until just mixed. Dump the dough onto a well-floured board and gather into a ball. Flatten the dough with floured hands and press it into a 9 x 13 x 2-inch baking sheet, building up a 1/2-inch edge on all sides. Chill.

Bake the crust for 15 to 20 minutes, until very lightly browned. Let cool on a wire rack. Leave the oven on.

For the filling, whisk together the eggs, sugar, lemon zest, lemon juice, and flour. Pour over the crust and bake for 30 to 35 minutes, until the filling is set. Let cool to room temperature.

Cut into triangles and dust with confectioners' sugar.

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***A Janeite in  
Sir Arthur's Court***  
By Mary Miller

*Many of you know I have been getting involved with the local Sherlock group or scion as they call them. These are the musings that were going on in my head at the first dinner I went to!*

**My First Scion Dinner**

Hey there are boys here!! Men actually—older men! Not a bunch of Mr. Darcy wannabes. Wow! I might like this after all. Why are they talking about “the canon”? Just how many stories did he write? And who is the literary agent?? I thought Conan Doyle wrote the stories. SIXTY! Wow again! Just think if Jane had lived longer, sigh. Just to have a couple more of her works would mean the world to us Janeites. But sixty from the original author — how remarkable. Not 60 or 600 sequels, knock offs, Austen porn (or worse yet Austen gay porn — though *Pride and Prejudice* makes *50 Shades* look like Dr Seuss).

Ok, remember your manners. First course speak to the person on your right and second, to your left. Stop nodding your head like a bobble head doll. Smile and ask for the butter as you try to understand why tobacco ash is so damned important. I mean no one smokes anymore!! What do you mean there is a quiz! Hell, I barely had to time to read the story! I hate tests! Last test I took was to see what kind of girl I was on Playbuzz. And I got Girly Girly Princess! ME!! I drink like a fish and curse like a sailor! Actually worse than a sailor as my son, the 6 year Naval Petty Officer, reminds me daily!

The ladies here seem as interested as the men in the stories. They should be. Women are better at details anyway! Remember you were an insurance investigator for 20 years. And the daughter of a detective too! Mom still has to tell the story of me getting Dad's fingerprinting kit out and trashing the walls and curtains. Thank God they are both retired in Florida!! And married to other people! Pay attention, the President is speaking! Wait, the what Client?? Illustrious Client? Isn't that one

of the stories, crap another one I have to read? Hold on, there are different orders to read them?? Publication or chronologically?? Ok, this is gonna be harder than I thought. I wonder if Conan Doyle ever read Jane. It's funny, they don't call him Arthur. I would think if you love someone this much, you would refer to him as Arthur. We love Jane that much! Holmes and Watson are as close as Jane and Elizabeth. Hey there is a story for you, Sherlock and Elizabeth. Looks like I have some writing to do!! Can't wait for the next JASNA meeting — and Client's meeting. Life just got very interesting....





## Regional News

### 2015 JASNA-GCR Spring Gala

Mary attended the Annual Spring Gala at the Greater Chicago Region on May 2nd.



"What Jane Saw"

This year the festivities took place over two days; Saturday, May 2nd at the beautiful Woman's Athletic Club of Chicago. The featured presenter was Janine Barchas, author of *Matters of Fact in Jane Austen: History, Location, and Celebrity*, and curator of the website *What Jane Saw*, a virtual reconstruction of the British Institution exhibit of the works of Joshua Reynolds that was held in the Institution's galleries in Pall Mall in 1813. Professor Barchas spoke about this groundbreaking exhibition and its influence upon Jane Austen, her writing, and her world. Please make sure to visit the website: [whatjanesaw.org](http://whatjanesaw.org)

### Cinema Event

On April 30th the Janeites of the Indianapolis Region were invited to a special screening of *Far From the Madding Crowd* starring Carey Mulligan. If you did not see it you may consider it after reading this review:

<http://www.citizen-times.com/story/entertainment/movies/2015/05/24/hardy-made-like-madding-crowd/27891019/>



### June with Jane JASNA – IR June Meeting

#### SAVE THE DATE!

You are cordially invited to attend The Jane Austen Society of North America Indianapolis Region June Meeting. It will feature:

**Tour of the Indiana Medical History  
Museum and Medical Garden**  
Saturday, June 13, 2014  
11am Garden Tour  
Noon Museum Tour

**Indianapolis Medical History Museum**  
3045 W Vermont St  
Indianapolis IN 46222  
Cost is \$10/Seniors(65+) \$9 – cash only

For those who are interested, late lunch  
(2:30pm) at:  
Dawson's On Main  
1464 W Main St  
Indianapolis IN 46224

RSVP to Mary Miller by June 9th as Museum needs headcount for tour guides and Dawson's needs number for tables!  
[Indymary@aol.com](mailto:Indymary@aol.com) or 317-727-5058

PLEASE NOTE THE MUSEUM IS NOT ADA COMPLIANT FACILITY SO IF YOU HAVE ISSUES WITH STAIRS YOU WILL HAVE ISSUES ON THIS TOUR.

### June is an Austentatious Month at Marquette Retirement Community

It will feature a lecture by Jo Mader about Jane Austen and her times... (Indiana Chapter of the Jane Austen Society) Tuesday June 2nd. If interested, call Marilyn for start time and further details at: 317.875.9700. Jo has been invited to the June 29 costume luncheon, as have the JASNA members.

Marilyn would love for members of the Jane Austen Society to come to any of the internal Marquette programs (especially the Fashion Show—if you wanted to come in Regency dress—that would be great!). Contact Marilyn Martin so she can plan appropriately. Below is a list of events that are planned – stay tuned for dates!

- An Indianapolis Museum of Art Garden Tour.
- A Fashion Show/Ladies Luncheon (June 29 here at Marquette).
- Luncheon at Tina's Tearoom (June 12, 11:30 am).
- Tech Talk: "Reading with Your Hand-Held Device".
- A visit to Indiana Historical Society to see another exhibit of fashion "That Ayres Look".
- Dinner at a nice, fancy restaurant in the metropolitan area.

#### For more information contact:

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### 2015 EVENT CALENDAR

**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.

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

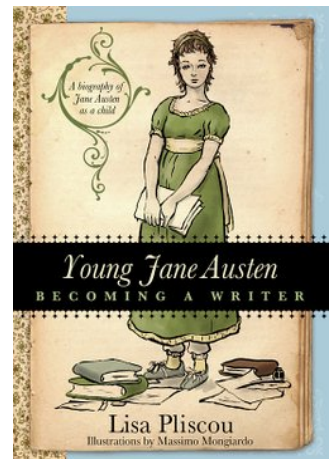
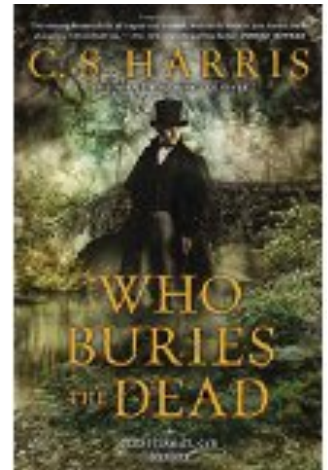
## Book Reviews from Mary's Library

### By Mary Miller

One of the "perks" of being RC is coming home to find books on your doorstep sent to you by authors and/or publishers this past April I have received 2-a Regency mystery involving Jane Austen and one about Jane Austen as a young girl.

The Regency mystery is *Who Buries The Dead*, the 10th book of C.S. Harris's Sebastian St. Cyr Mystery series. Since I have not read the previous nine novels, jumping into the middle of a series can be a bit overwhelming. However, that was not the case here. The reader can pick up the series at this late date and understand how St. Cyr has gotten to where he is now in the story. The Jane Austen tie in involves not only Jane but her brother Henry, his bank and his wife Eliza. I won't spoil the story, but if you want a fun mystery read with Jane's involvement, I would recommend this book. Now I have to find time to read the prior nine books!

The second book I received was *Young Jane Austen* by Lisa Pliscou. This is her first book on anything "Austen". The premise is to give the reader some background on what Jane's early years were like. There really isn't much information that most Janeites don't already know about Jane's young years. The book is set up in two parts. The first part is a simple story with lovely drawings and the second is an annotated version of the first explaining how the information was obtained. This would be a nice book to give to a young reader learning about Jane.



## Tea Room Reviews

I will try to have a tea room review in every newsletter from here on out!

I am up for the challenge of tasting food and drinking tea served by lovely persons – the sacrifices I make for you Janeites!

### Tina's Traditional Old English Tearoom

[www.tinastraditional.com](http://www.tinastraditional.com)

On a very cold and wet day in early March, Jo Mader, her lovely husband John and I met for luncheon and tea at Tina's Old Traditional Tearoom in Carmel. Many of us have been treated to Tina's offerings in the past. There is a menu of different teas and the food menu changes daily with many being authentic British fare. Jo had the Ploughman's Plate as she was still recovering from her shoulder injury and all this fare is already in bite size pieces



for her! I was just so happy to have my English Morning tea with milk and quiche and soup!! Tina's staff was very helpful as was Tina herself! We will be having our Christmas tea at the Propylaeum this December.

**Other New Tearooms To Consider**  
**Suzy's Teahouse and Bakery** is a new tea room in Franklin, Indiana.

**Tilly's Tearoom in Fishers**  
<http://www.tilystearoom.com>

Please send any future newsletter items or ideas to **Jacquie Carroll** at:  
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