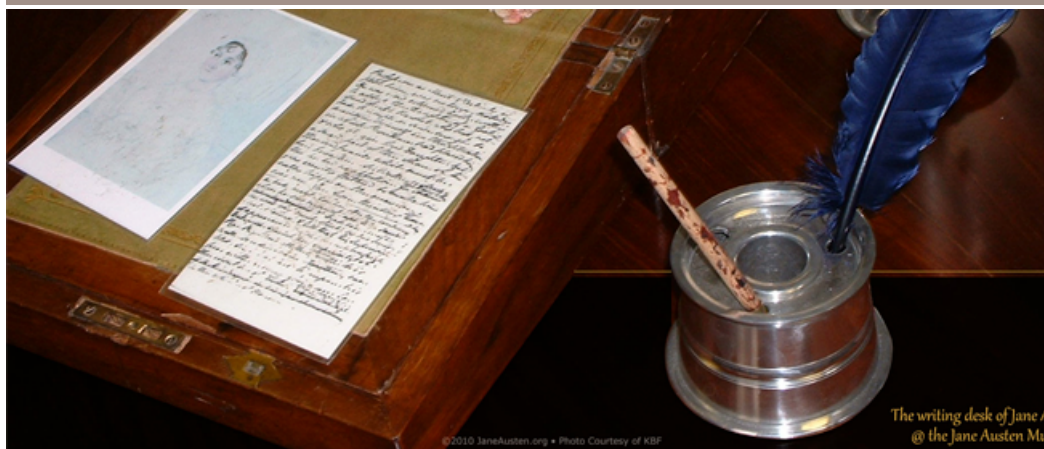


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My idea of good company is the company of clever, well-informed people who have a great deal of conversation."

— JANE AUSTEN

From the Desk of the Indiana Regional Director Mary Miller

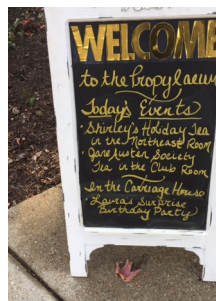
WELCOME to 2016! I managed to survive my first full year as your Regional Coordinator with all your help!! 2016 is looking to be a fun filled leap year of Jane Austen fun!! But let us back track for a moment to review our Christmas Birthday Tea! The weather was unseasonably warm for a mid-December day! Not sure we have ever had to turn on the A/C on for one of our December tea's before but there is always a first time! The Propylaeum was beautifully decorated for the holiday! Maura Hutchinson did a splendid job presenting about the importance of tea and Kevin Patterson of the Indianapolis Opera Company gave us the inside scoop about the upcoming Mansfield Park Opera premiering here in March!!

You will find our 2016 calendar of Jane Austen fun in this issue. By the time this newsletter goes out, our book discussion of *Evelina* lead by Heidi Green will have happened. Full disclosure to my Janeites, I didn't have the time to read it but I promise to in the future!! In February, *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* comes out and several us will go see it. While it might not be the best "gateway drug" to Austen, you have to start somewhere!! Our next regular meeting will be Sunday February 28th at Maura Hutchinson's home. She will once

again treat us to one of her famous teas and we will discuss *EMMA* which is the 2016 theme for JASNA to celebrate its 200th year! More info will be coming out via a formal invite very soon! Other 2016 events to look forward to is the Mansfield Park Opera on March 20--the Indianapolis Opera Company is doing a special program for JASNA that day and members from Louisville are planning on attending! Make sure to watch your email and our Facebook group page for more info on all the happenings for JASNA INDIANA in 2016.



Above: The Propylaeum!
Right: Welcome to the 2016 Jane Austen Society of Indianapolis!



Book Review Murder and Matchmaking

By Debbie Cowens

"It is a truth universally acknowledged, when you have eliminated all which is impossible, then whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife."

Murder and Matchmaking is the ultimate

mashing of Jane and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle! Only this time, Mr Darcy is Sherlock Darcy.

His friend is Mr. Bingley. The two have been summoned to Meryton to investigate the brutal murders of three of Jane Austen's beloved characters--Emma Woodhouse, Fanny Price and Charlotte Lucas. Elizabeth Bennet has also been busy with her own investigation of her dear friends' tragic deaths. When Elizabeth and Darcy finally stop fighting each other, they realize too late that the murderer is closer than they realize and about to strike again!

This is a fun read and with my love of all things Austen and Sherlock, it was even more fun!!



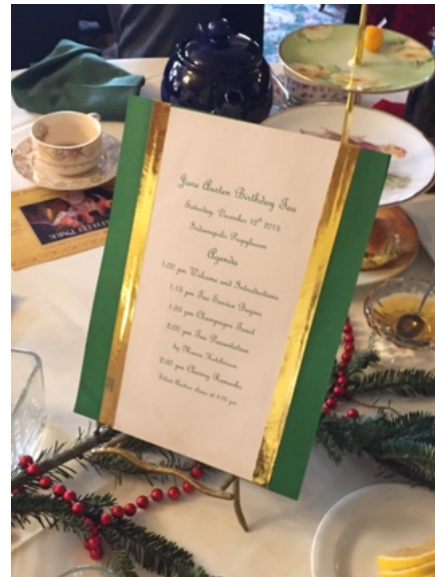
Scenes from the Propylaeum



Above: Mary Miller prepares to welcome guests!



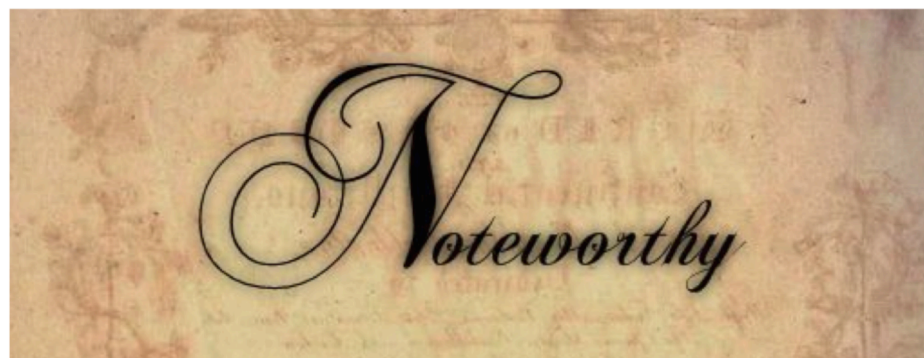
Above left: Mary Miller and Anne Alexander **Above center:** Maura Hutchinson enlightens us on the history of tea.
Above right: The lovely table settings.



Don't forget!
We still have
our Wristlets
for sale!



Please send any future newsletter items or ideas to **Jacque Carroll** at:
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Check out these interesting Jane Austen related websites for news, events, and other items of interest!



<http://www.bustle.com/articles/131206-12-book-to-movie-adaptations-to-look-forward-to-this-year>

What Happened to Bingley?

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-3375199/Forget-Darcy-happened-Bingley-Colin-Firth-s-Pride-Prejudice-star-shunned-stardom-English-teacher.html>

Queen of Sass!

<http://www.bustle.com/articles/133885-11-jane-austen-quotes-that-prove-she-was-the-queen-of-sass>

Downton Abbey in Indiana!

<http://dressingdownton.com/tour/>



Cool Jane Poster!

<https://anglotees.com/product/jane-austen-poster/>



Consider Traders Point

<http://traderspointcreamery.com/>



2015 EVENT CALENDAR

Jan 24: Book Discussion of *Evelina*
at Heidi Green's-Northside Indy

Feb 6: Viewing of *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*

Afternoon showing Glendale 12,
Northside Indianapolis

Feb 28: Book Discussion of *Emma*
and High Tea at Maura
Hutchinson's – Greenfield

March 20: *Mansfield Park* Opera
Butler University/Schrott Center for the
Arts

**April 10: Presentation by Kim
Wilson, author of several books on
Jane Austen's life and times;**
Benton House, Irvington, Eastside
Indianapolis

June 11: Box Hill Picnic

Spencer Farms, Noblesville

July 15, 16, 17: Jane Austen Festival,
Louisville

**August 13: Playing Jane Austen
Games.** Pike Library

**October 20 to 23: Washington DC
Annual General Meeting**

**December 10: Birthday Christmas
Tea,** Propylaeum Indianapolis

Extra Events

March 13: Louisville chapter is
having Dr Janine Barchas doing her
"What Jane Saw: The Shakespeare
Gallery of 1796" presentation.

May 7th Chicago chapter is having
their Spring Gala at the Woman's
Athletic Club of Chicago.

For more information on joining
JASNA, please contact Mary Miller,
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News from Around the Regions of JASNA

What's the Play and Where's the Stage?: A Theatrical Family of the Regency Era: A Review featured in The JASNA/Vermont Region

<https://janeausteninvermont.wordpress.com/>



March 20, 2016 @ 2:30

An Afternoon at the Opera!

<http://www.indyopera.org/mansfield-park.html>

For more information about the opera go to:

<http://www.jonathandove.com/works/stage-works/mansfield-park/>



Here are some goals for 2016 recommended by the blog Just Jane:

<http://justjane1813.com/2016/01/01/new-year-new-goals-new-jaff/>

Celebrating 200 Years of Emma!



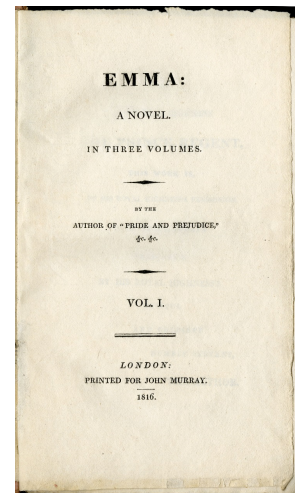
The Greater Chicago Region is welcoming JASNA President, Claire Bellanti in February

<http://www.jasnachicago.org/gcr-events/icalrepeat.detail/2016/02/07/69/-/jasna-gcr-winter-meeting-2016>

Watch a charming video of the 2015 AGM featured on the GCR website:

<http://www.jasnachicago.org/events/austen-related-events>

Jo Mader and Kevin Patterson of the Indianapolis Opera discuss the American Premiere of Mansfield Park, The Opera.



Before she began the novel, Austen wrote, "I am going to take a heroine whom no one but myself will much like." In the first sentence she introduces the title character as "Emma Woodhouse, handsome, clever, and rich." Emma is spoiled, headstrong, and self-satisfied; she greatly overestimates her own matchmaking abilities; she is blind to the dangers of meddling in other people's lives; and her imagination and perceptions often lead her astray.