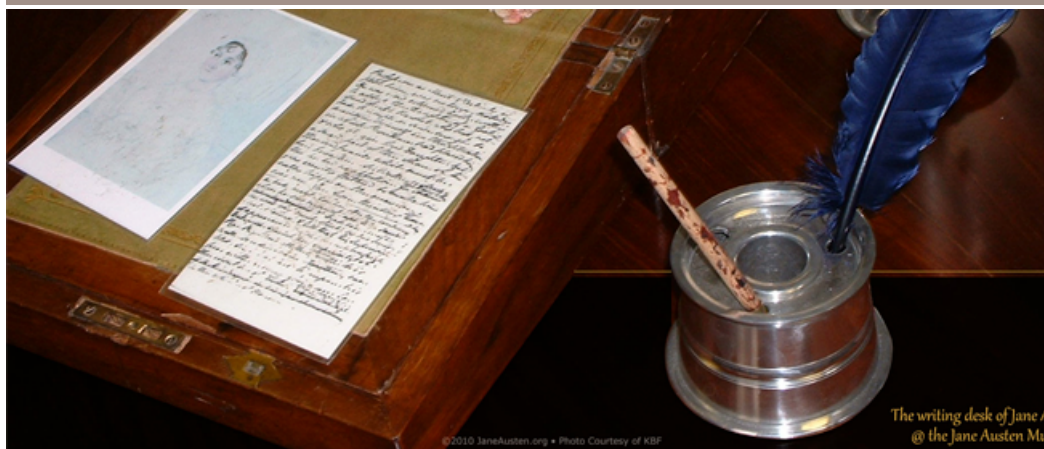


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“A lady’s imagination is very rapid; it jumps from admiration to love, from love to matrimony in a moment.”

– JANE AUSTEN

From the Desk of the Indiana Regional Director Mary Miller

HAPPY 2017!! I have been in remiss in not taking up my quill before now! Between the AGM, the University of Indianapolis EMMA series, the holidays, and our Christmas Birthday Tea, I have let my correspondence slide. And I don’t have Lydia’s excuse of being a married woman being the cause for not writing!! I humbly apologize for my lack of communication.

This past fall the University of Indianapolis hosted a series of lectures and programs on *Emma* along with an online credit course on the novel. I attended many of the events along with several other members of our Region. The opening speaker was Dr. Devoney Looser, who will be a main speaker at the 2017 AGM. Her husband Dr. George Justice, was the final speaker of the series. You have to love a family who loves Jane! There was also a Regency concert and a staged reading of an *Emma* play. In addition to this, the University of Indianapolis hosted author Alexander McCall Smith, who wrote a modern *Emma* in 2015 for a special lecture at the Central Library.

And then there’s the 2016 Annual General Meeting, which was held in Washington DC in late October. I attended along with members Fran

Willis and Polly Spiegel. While there I visited the Will and Jane exhibit at the Folger Shakespeare Library, and even saw *The Shirt* from the BBC *Pride and Prejudice*. Over 850 fellow Janeites attended from around the world.

Back in Indiana, the historic Artcraft Theatre in Franklin showed the 2005 *Pride and Prejudice* on the first Friday in November. Over 500 people attended! There was even a book discussion hosted by the Johnson County Public Library and our own Lisa Lintner Valenzuela! Several of my fellow Janeites and Sherlockians attended!!

Finally, our Region held its Annual Christmas Birthday Tea at the Indianapolis Propylaeum on Saturday, December 10th. The silent auction and raffle raised a lot of funds for the treasury, and 34 attended the tea and buffet luncheon.

My presentation was just the second time I had ever done a program for our Region! It was titled “Jane 1816 / Jane 2016 or The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same”. The toast was conducted by our Dowager R.C. Sue Landaw. You will find it reprinted in this newsletter!



RC Mary Miller and “Stonecold Jane Austen” Dr. Devoney Looser as seen at the University of Indianapolis Emma series lecture.

Lynn Rhamy

Lynn passed away on Jan 25, 2017 at the age of 91.

WE WILL ALL MISS our friend and fellow Janeite. Lynn Rhamy. Lynn enjoyed the Jane Austen gatherings and didn't want to miss any of them. She usually rode with me and other friends to these events, and her commentary as we drove around Indianapolis was always interesting and enlightening as she reminisced about growing up in the city, working at the Star, and all the changes she has seen. She often instructed me on my driving and questioned the route I was taking—even to the yearly tea in Greenfield at Maura's home, one of her very favorite events.

Lynn wrote for the Indianapolis Star for several years before teaching 24 more years in the North Central English Department. In her retirement at the Forum, she wrote the newsletter, interviewing new residents and sharing news of others. She was an avid reader, and always put me to shame with what she could remember about what she read. Lynn was very proud of having lived in England for a time, especially since her daughter Jennifer was born there. She loved to discuss British Literature and history, and on these topics we often voiced friendly, but different opinions (Prince Charles camp versus Diana camp, whether Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson were



examples of classic 'all for love' figures or idiots taken in by Adolf Hitler).

On the way home from our last December tea, she once more said how happy she was to have reached her 90th birthday in October of 2015 and felt that her 91st birthday was a bonus. I will miss her; her daughter Jennifer and other family members will miss her; all her friends will miss her; the Forum residents will miss her; the Glendale Library will miss her. I picture her looking up Henry VIII and giving him a piece of her mind or cornering Shakespeare and asking him who really wrote all those wonderful plays.

Rest well, Lynn.

5 QUESTIONS WITH HEIDI GREEN

Member Heidi Green is currently promoting her book, *Yogadevotion: Practicing in the Presence*. She is a Lifetime Member of JASNA. She took time from her tour to answer our 5 Questions!

1) When did you first read Austen? 14 years old. My mother, who was not a big reader but knew I was, gave me her high school edition of *Pride and Prejudice*. It was love at first read.

2) What is your favorite Austen book and why? I adore *Northanger Abbey*—Team Tilney! I love satire and wish it had sold in her lifetime so that she would have had the financial incentive to write more satires. As it is, it's her only satire.

3) How long have you done yoga?

Forever. Over 40 years. I started in 1974 as a teen. I wanted my Dad to stop smoking and had heard it was helpful. Dad and I went to my first yoga class together. Classes were very different back then from studio yoga classes today. Back in the day you spent as much time chanting and in meditation as you did doing the poses. But I was hooked. The Beatles had also just broken up so I was in mourning and needed solace.

4) Why write a book about yoga?

Americans today practice a very secular, physical kind of yoga and as a result don't experience the profound healing and spiritual growth that comes with a classical yoga practice. Yoga was originally intended not as an exercise program but as a means to create additional space for God to be present in the practitioners life. Our book shows folks how to integrate their own faith traditions into an American-style yoga practice. Also, I had experienced great benefit from my personal yoga practice while I was undergoing cancer treatment five years ago and wanted to share that gift of healing with others.

4) What would you discuss with Jane Austen if you met her for tea? After I finished gushing, I imagine we would both engage in some good character bashing of the Prince Regent, and I'd try to wheedle out of her the story behind all those letters that Cassandra burned.



2017 Indiana Region JASNA Calendar

Saturday, January 28, 2017: 2-4pm

Jewelry of the Regency Period

By Carrie Wright at the
Lawrence Library, Indy NE Side

February, 16 - 18, 2007: 7pm

(Thursday to Saturday)

Pride and Prejudice Play

Covenant Christian High School
Indianapolis Westside

Sunday, March 5, 2017: Time 2-4pm

Irish Tea and Royal Naval Talk

Maura Hutchinson's home,
Greenfield, IN

Saturday, April 8, 2017 Time: 2-4pm

Book Discussion of Sanditon

My Sugar Pie, Zionsville, IN

Sunday, April 23, 2017: Time 2-4pm

JASNA, Patterson House, Dayton,
OH. Guest speaker JASNA President

Claire Bellanti-2-4pm
(RSVP by 4/ 10)

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Time: 11am-2pm

Box Hill Picnic

Holliday Park, NE Indianapolis

Friday, July 14 to Sunday, July 16,

2017-Jane Austen Festival

Louisville, KY (most members will
attend on Saturday, July 16)

Tickets available via

www.jasnalouisville.com

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Jane Austen 200th

Anniversary Celebration

Locations around Central Indiana

Sunday, August 13, 2017

**Austen Live Auction and Regency
Mourning Customs/Time 2-4pm**

Benton House, Indianapolis

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Letter Writing

Location TBA

Friday, October 6

to Sunday, October 8, 2017

Huntington Beach CA, Annual
General Meeting

Saturday, November 11, 2017 - 2018

Planning meeting/Location TBA

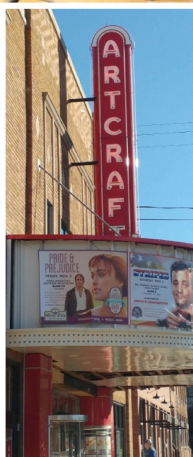
Sunday, December 3, 2017

Annual JA Birthday Tea

Tina's Tea Room, Carmel, IN

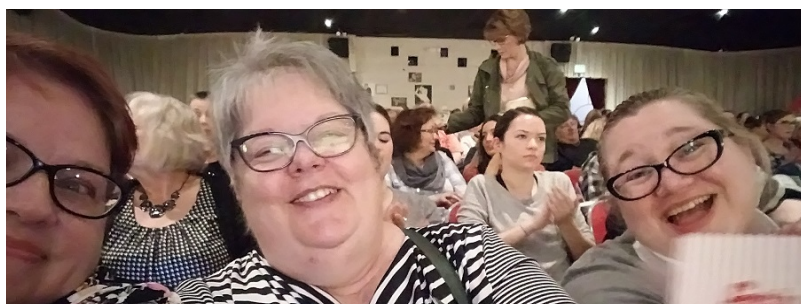
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Indiana Region's Jane Austen Photo Album!



Clockwise from top: 1. The Emma staged reading held at the University of Indianapolis. 2. Regency Concert at the University of Indianapolis. 3. Mary with the Regency Concert performers. 4. Pride and Prejudice was one of the features for the Reel Women series at the Artcraft Theater in Franklin, Indiana. 5. Janeites out and about in Indy: Kelly Maucere, RC Mary Miller and Becky Tilson Squires. 6. 2016 AGM: Fran Willis and Jane Boltz at the Saturday Gala.

Below: 1. RC Mary Miller and JASNA-IR members Ann Alexander and Lisa Lintner-Valenzuela at the Artcraft showing of the 2005 movie Pride and Prejudice. 2. Dowager RC Sue Landaw and Sondra Bowers along with Elkhart members Susan and Jonathan Fiet at the Christmas Tea.



Please forgive the absence of iambic pentameter
And remember that these lines were writ by an
amateur.

In the present day with its lack of good taste
And its "busy little nothings" setting our pace,
Its absence of decorum, of manners and grace
With rudeness and coarseness, alas, in their place,

We oft turn to Austen for a glimpse of the past
With its behavior more civilized and love that
will last,
And dramas of life so eloquently penned
With humor and satire and wit without end,

Elinor and Marianne, Elizabeth and Jane,
Captured our hearts and led us through pain,
And dear Emma with her friends with something
to hide,
And Fanny whom some of us just cannot abide,
And Catherine too young and Anne more mature
Who finally show us that love can endure.

So for the ultimate bliss of all these dear lasses,
To Jane, our dear Jane, we all lift our glasses.



JASNA-IR Marketplace

It's not too late to by a wristlet!

We have 2 different versions for sale:



Top: The Jane Austen Bookplate Wristlet
Sale Price: \$15.00

Bottom: The Jane Austen Silhouette Wristlet
Sale Price: \$10.00



Kicking Up Your Heels Austen-style!

By Lisa C. Whitaker

WE HAVE MANY WAYS that we celebrate Jane Austen, her life, and her works. In fact, the AGM 2015 in Louisville, KY was devoted to Living in Jane Austen's World, and we saw delicious costuming at every turn, heard presentations on subjects such as gardening and the marriage market, and were treated to a glorious ball on the last evening of the event.

"To be fond of dancing is a certain step towards falling in love," wrote Jane. There was nothing she enjoyed more than a lively assembly where she could dance with family, friends, and neighbors. For over two years now, that opportunity is open to all on the south side of Indianapolis at the Garfield Park Family Arts Center. Once a month, on the second Thursday, a diverse group of dancers meet to learn and perform English Country Dances, which range from circle dances from the 15th Century to "longways" sets more familiar with Austen aficionados.

Unlike folk dances such as clogging, which are primarily concert dances, and ballroom dances in which dancers waltz with their partners independently



of others, country dancing is meant for general participation. This monthly dance session welcomes all - old and young; novice, amateur, and pro; couples and singles, and everyone in between! The dances are taught first, then "called" by the "dance masters" of the evening. Live music helps keep all the dancers engaged and moving through the steps.

You'll be surprised at how fun and energetic these dances get - Mr. Darcy might even call us "savages," due to the raucous enjoyment!

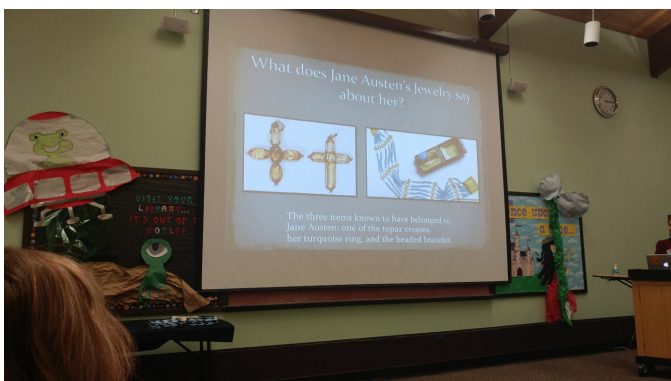
The March dance is coming up soon! Join us Thursday, March 9th from 6:30 - 8:30pm. The event is FREE. No costumes are necessary, but are always admired! If you have further questions, contact me at: aibrean3@yahoo.com

Garfield Park Family Arts Center
2432 Conservatory Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Future Dates:

Thursday, March 9
Thursday, April 13
Thursday, May 11

Carrie Wright Presenting on Jane Austen's Jewelry January 28, 2017



Around the Web with Jane Austen

- <http://www.bbc.com/culture/story/20170110-the-teenage-writings-of-jane-austen>
- <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4080652/Jane-Austen-appear-2-coin-10-note-mark-200th-anniversary-death.html>
- <https://www.thestar.com/entertainment/books/2016/10/23/jane-austen-fans-gather-in-washington-dc-to-celebrate-authors-works.html>
- Absolutely charming review of *Pride and Prejudice*:
- https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/23/books/review/in-trying-times-the-balm-of-jane-austen.html?_r=0
- <https://www.bl.uk/romantics-and-victorians/videos/jane-austens-manuscripts>

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