

## *JASNA Dayton Newsletter*

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November 2011

### **Sunday, December 4, 2011 at The Golden Lamb in Lebanon Regency Fashion Show and Jane Austen Birthday Luncheon**

Enjoy a look at the fashions that Jane Austen's heroines, heroes, and her memorable minor characters might have worn at our December 4 meeting! Members of the JASNA Dayton will model day, evening, and ball attire. Fashions will be provided by our members including Toni and Tom Tumbusch, and Martha Caprarotta (Regency Re-Creations dressmaker). Learn the difference between a spencer and a pelisse, a chemisette and a fichu. Some of the dresses modeled will be available to purchase after the show.

A brief emporium will be held after the lunch, just in time for the holiday shopping. Carrie Bebris will sell autographed copies of her newest Mr. & Mrs. Darcy mystery; Martha will sell an extended collection of exclusive Empire/Regency fashion cards; and Jane Austen Books from the Cleveland area will be offering a sampling of their wares.



**LOCATION:** The Presidential Room at the Golden Lamb, Lebanon OH (27 South Broadway, on SR 48)

#### **SCHEDULE:**

- 12:00: Arrival, registration and seating for show
- 12:30: Fashion Show
- 1:00: Luncheon
- 2:00: Door Prize
- 2:00-2:45: Emporium
- 2:45-3:00: Pack up emporium and leave

**Note:** The Presidential Room will be closed to those not in the fashion show until noon (while we set up the show and dress the models). If you arrive before noon, you may go to the gift shop in the basement of the Golden Lamb or see the holiday decorated rooms in the inn.



## LUNCHEON MENU

Hot Shaker Chicken Salad on a flaky pastry point,  
fresh vegetable of the day  
petit Fruit Salad with celery seed dressing.

OR

Vegetarian Meal: Roasted Stuffed Portobello Mushroom  
with roasted shallots and red pepper melded with Boursin cheese,  
fresh vegetable of the day  
petit Fruit Salad with celery seed dressing.

Entrees include a beverage (coffee, tea, or milk)

COST: \$20 for JASNA members, \$25 for non-members. (This includes tax and tip.)

RSVP by **November 29** with a check made out to **Dayton Region JASNA**. Mail to Meredith Stoehr, 86 Carmel Court, Centerville, OH 45458. For questions, contact Meredith at 937-434-7567 or [stoeha@yahoo.com](mailto:stoeha@yahoo.com).

The Presidential room is large, so bring your spouses and friends!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need 2 or 3 volunteers to handle the registration table . If you are willing to do this, please contact Martha Caprarotta, [mdcaprarotta@msn.com](mailto:mdcaprarotta@msn.com), or 937-836-2408.



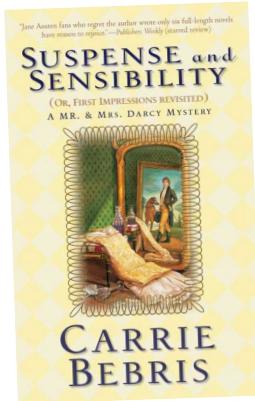
### Shopping with Jane Austen Books

Jane Austen Books has visited Dayton twice lately: at the May, 2010 Gala at the University of Dayton and the May, 2011 talk by JASNA President Iris Lutz at Sinclair. They brought a delightful sampling of their wares-- a comprehensive selection of Jane Austen's own writings, writings about her, and novels based on her and her characters, as well as DVDs, CDs, puzzles, and articles of clothing with appropriate slogans. Shopping time will be tight at the Golden Lamb. To make the most of it, consult their website at [www.janeaustenbooks.net](http://www.janeaustenbooks.net). You can send a list of the items you would like to purchase to proprietress Jennifer Weinbrecht at [AustenBooks@gmail.com](mailto:AustenBooks@gmail.com). Jennifer is a staunch and knowledgeable Janeite, being Regional Coordinator of the Ohio North Coast JASNA Region

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## JASNA Dayton Library Expanding



JASNA Dayton's library now boasts all five of Carrie Bebris' Mr. and Mrs. Darcy mysteries, generously donated by the author: *Pride and Prescience*, *Suspense and Sensibility*, *North by Northanger*, *Matters at Mansfield*, and *The Intrigue at Highbury*. In addition, librarian Toni Tumbusch took advantage of the presence of Jane Austen Books at our May meeting to add several DVDs to our collection: the 1996 A&E *Emma*, the 1999 *Mansfield Park*, the Emma Thompson *Sense and Sensibility*, *Becoming Jane Austen* (2007), *Bride and Prejudice* (the 2005 Bollywood musical), and *The Lake House* (2006). These purchases were

financed by a \$50 grant from the Board and generous donations from Gary Mitchner and Jean Long.

To borrow a book or movie from the JASNA Dayton library, see the library section of our Web page ([www.JASNADayton.org/lending-library/](http://www.JASNADayton.org/lending-library/)) or contact Toni at (513)-752-5115 or [victoriantoni@netzero.net](mailto:victoriantoni@netzero.net). This year's membership mailing will include an option to contribute to the library.



## Reading Group to Resume *Emma* November 13

Our first Reading Group of the year will meet Sunday, November 13, at 2:30 at the home of our leader Jean Long. Last year we started *Emma*, and we are now a few chapters into Book 2. We will be taking up Emma's story at a point where her first big error—separating her friend Harriet from an appropriate suitor and trying to attach her to a gentleman—has had its repercussions. Much ashamed of that fiasco, Emma has resolved to do better, but remains resolved to preserve Harriet from low connections. The whole Frank Churchill story lies ahead, along with continued immersion in the delightful atmosphere of Highbury.



The format of our Reading Group sessions is for each person to read a few lines and to explain why he or she has found them to be particularly enjoyable or interesting. These readings are the starting point of many lively discussions. In preparing for the sessions, mark plenty of passages, since your first (or second, or third) selection may already be taken before your turn comes around.

The schedule for this year will be:

November 13, 2011	<i>Emma</i> Vol II, 5-9 (23-27)
January 8, 2012	<i>Emma</i> Vol. II, 10-18 (28-36)
February 12, 2012	<i>Emma</i> Vol. III, 1-7 (37-43)
April 8, 2012	<i>Emma</i> Vol. III, 8-13 (44-49)
May 6, 2012	<i>Emma</i> Vol. III, 14-19 (50-55)

Unless otherwise specified, Reading Groups are held on Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Jean's home, **927 Far Hills** (Route 48) in Oakwood. The back of her condominium faces Far Hills, so to enter, turn onto Park Avenue (left if you're going north on Far Hills, right if you're going south), and turn left almost immediately, just before the municipal building. (The street says "City cars only.") You'll be on an alley that leads to the parking lot of Bob and Jean's building. A sidewalk runs between 2 sections of the complex. If you are facing Far Hills, Jean's condominium is on the right. If you have questions, call Jean at 927-298-0436 or e-mail [jtrnlong@aol.com](mailto:jtrnlong@aol.com).

## October 1 Meeting with the Regency Doctor a Great Success

Our first meeting of the 2011-2012 year was particularly enjoyable. The setting—The National Exemplar Restaurant at the Mariemont Inn—was delightful, the food excellent, and the doctor most informative. I now understand in considerable detail surgical procedures I had only vaguely imagined before. Albert Roberts has been portraying Federal and Regency period doctors for the past seven years (he says the only difference is his costume, medical knowledge having made no advances in that time span). With the help of his elegant assistant Maggie Waterman, he gave a most lively and engaging performance. I took full notes, but in deference to my readers' sensibilities, I decided to let the pictures speak for themselves.



## Recent Successes for Judy Dapolito

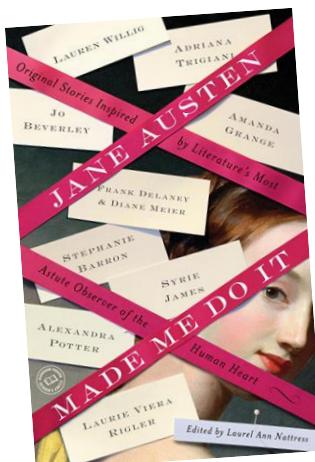
JASNA Dayton member Judy Dapolito, a retired English professor from Sinclair College, has written several books for young adults. She finds herself in that most arduous phase of authorship—finding a publisher. I have consulted Judy about that process on behalf of my daughter, who pretty briskly wrote a story and has now begun the journey through the labyrinth of writers' groups and conferences, query letters, and pitches. It is like something from *Pilgrim's Progress*, a test of the character and soul. We therefore congratulate Judy most heartily on her recent successes. Her story "The Fairy Godmother's Trial" has been published in *Fairy Tale Magazine* (<http://fairytalemagazine.com>), and another story, "John's Bluff" placed in the top ten in the Children's/Young Adult Fiction category of the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual *Writer's Digest* Writing Competition.



## A Really Busy Month for Carrie Bebris

JASNA Dayton Program Chair and author Carrie Bebris is having an extremely hectic autumn. Here in Dayton she launched her sixth Mr. and Mrs. Darcy novel, *The Deception at Lyme*, October 3 at Books & Co., and on October 29 and 30 hosted "Teas with Mr. and Mrs. Darcy" at Basically British. Also, in conjunction with JASNA's Annual General Meeting, she participated in the launch of *Jane Austen Made me Do It* at Barnes & Noble in Fort Worth.

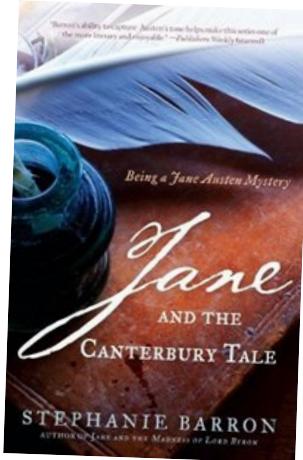
*Jane Austen Made Me Do It* is an anthology of 22 new short stories, all by different authors. The compiler, Laurel Ann Nattress, writes and edits the prominent Austen blog *Austenprose*. Carrie's contribution, "The Chase," came out of her research for *Deception at Lyme*. It features "Jane Austen's brother Francis William Austen (who eventually rose to the Royal Navy's highest position, Admiral of the Fleet) as the daring 26-year-old commander of the HMS Petterel the March 1800 action off Marseilles that earned him such exploits earned Captain Wentworth his rank and station. provides a handy introduction to about Jane Austen and her



Fleet) as the daring 26-year-old sloop. It depicts the true events of Marseilles that earned him such exploits earned Captain *Jane Austen Made Me Do It* many of the authors now writing characters.

## New Adventure for Jane

Stephanie Baron's latest Jane Austen mystery, *Jane and the Canterbury Tale*, has just come out. I discovered Stephanie Baron this past summer and had an excellent time gobbling up all of her books in the library. Baron's Jane is own detective, and there is nothing genteel about her adventures. Through her acquaintance with the mysterious Lord Harold Trowbridge, Jane becomes involved in political affairs and espionage at the highest levels. If we doubt that espionage and Austen belong together, we have only to look at the author's biography: Stephanie Baron was for some years employed by the CIA. *Jane and the Canterbury Tale* is set at Godmersham, which is located on the old pilgrimage road, and should be excellent fun.



## P. D. James to Emulate Carrie in Chronicling the Darcys' Detecting Career

Having sent her Inspector Dalgleish off to live happily ever after, P. D. James has chosen Mr. and Mrs. Darcy to be her next sleuths. Her *Death Comes to Pemberley*, to appear this month in England, finds the Darcys established as the happy parents of two sons, living near their dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bingley. Trouble comes when, on the night before the annual autumn ball, Lydia Wickham arrives, screaming that her husband has been murdered. (Lydia does the same thing in Colleen McCullough's recent *The Independence of Miss Mary Bennet*, though I hope P. D. James's Lydia will comport herself with more restraint.) It will be interesting to see how this author, after so many years of uncovering the depths of evil in our modern world, will treat Austen's characters and period.

## Mary, Lou, and Cass: Jane Austen's Nieces in Ireland

*Mary, Lou, and Cass: Jane Austen's Nieces in Ireland* is a non-fiction book by Sophia Hillen, a former Assistant Director of the Institute of Irish Studies at the Queen's University of Belfast. This is the story of three daughters of Jane Austen's wealthy brother Edward, the owner of Godmersham and Chawton. A bank failure in 1816 left these young women in a situation similar to that of Jane's more impoverished heroines. Cassandra Jane, the youngest sister, waited eight years to marry the Irish aristocrat Lord George Hill, his mother opposing the match on account of Cass's poverty. Cass died after the birth of her fourth child. Her sister Louisa then became Lord George's second wife, despite laws prohibiting marriage to a wife's sister. The third sister, Marianne, lived the long life of servitude reserved for impecunious maiden ladies, keeping house first for her father and then for a succession of brothers.