

# JASNA DAYTON

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## **Victoria Hinshaw on *Northanger Abbey to Downton Abbey*, September 15**

JASNA Dayton will hold its first meeting of the 2013-2014 program year on Sunday, September 15. This is a very special meeting in several ways. Victoria Hinshaw, well-known to JASNA members as an expert on English great houses and abbeys, will speak on “From Northanger Abbey to Downton Abbey,” explaining the history of abbeys and other religious houses in Britain, and how, after the Dissolution of Monasteries by Henry VIII, many of them were converted into private homes (such as the fictional Northanger Abbey and Downton Abbey).



The meeting will be held at Normandy United Methodist Church, a venue particularly suited to the topic. Normandy Church began as a private home built in the Medieval English Manor style and incorporating architectural antiques imported from old European buildings--very much the type of building Victoria Hinshaw will be talking about, except that it started as a home and ended as a church instead of the other way around. The meeting will include a tour of the building, and it will also feature an elegant tea catered by Central Perc.



The meeting is sponsored by grants from both JASNA and JASNA Dayton.

**Location:** Fellowship Hall, Normandy United Methodist Church  
450 West Alexander-Bellbrook Road, Centerville 45459

**Schedule:**

1:30 – 2:00	Gather and socialize
2:00 – 3:00	High Tea
3:00 – 3:15	Welcoming Remarks
3:15 – 4:15	Victoria Hinshaw’s Presentation
4:15 – 5:00	Guided tours of Normandy Church



### Menu:

Finger sandwiches (egg salad, cheese & Branston pickle, cucumber, ham)  
Mini-quiche, Chicken vol-au-vent

Scone with jam and cream

Mini-pastries: (Eccles cake, Bakewell tart, Chiffon cake, Fruit meringue)  
Black tea with and without caffeine

**Attire:** Attendees are welcome to wear Regency, Edwardian, or 21st-century attire.

**Cost:** \$32 for JASNA Dayton members, \$37 for non-members

**Note:** This is a large venue and a very special meeting, so guests are particularly welcome.

**Registration:** By September 11 send your check made out to JASNA Dayton along with phone number and vegetarian preference, if any, to:

Mary Ann Gasior  
2727 Old Whipp Court  
Centerville, OH 45440

For questions e-mail Mary Ann at [gasiormaryann@yahoo.com](mailto:gasiormaryann@yahoo.com) or call her at (937)-434-5992.



**Directions:** Normandy Church is on Alex Bell west of SR 48 (a right turn if you're coming from the north and left if coming from the South) and west (a left turn) off the Centerville exit from I-675. Drive past the church to reach the entrance gates. Turn left through the gates, then make another quick left. The main parking lot will be straight ahead. There is a circular drive with handicapped parking in front of the Fellowship Hall entrance. Enter at the door under the plain green canopy with the sign that says "Fellowship Hall".

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### Executive Committee Members Duly Elected at May Meeting

At the May 2013 meeting all Executive Committee members (excepting Jean Long, who began her term as RC last September) were elected to two year terms. The terms begin September 1, 2013. Mariah Busher and Deb Bentley joined the Executive Committee by RC appointment during the 2012-2013 program year. Judy McCoy, replacing Martha Caprarotta as Treasurer, will be assuming her office on September 1, and we are very happy to welcome her aboard.

### Change in Membership Renewal Period

In the past, our Membership renewal period has been open ended, with no clear cutoff date. The Executive Committee has decided to limit the renewal period to September 1 through December 1, so that membership for current JASNA Dayton members will end on December 2 unless 2013-14 dues have been paid. Benefits for members include hard copy of the newsletter if desired; meeting reminders; and membership rates for meetings.

Remember that members of JASNA Dayton are also required to join the national organization. For more details, see JASNA's website, [www.jasna.org](http://www.jasna.org).

## Victoria Hinshaw to Speak at September 15 Meeting

Victoria Hinshaw is the author of twelve novels and novellas published by Kensington Zebra and Pocket Books, many now available as e-books. A graduate of Northwestern University, Victoria also holds an M.A. from the American University, Washington, DC.



Her blogs, [www.victoriahinshaw.com](http://www.victoriahinshaw.com), and [www.onelondonone.blogspot.com](http://www.onelondonone.blogspot.com), bear witness to her lively and well informed interest in all things Regency and British—costume, furniture, architecture, gardens, and the arts—and to the enviable amount of travel she devotes to pursuing these interests.

In addition to her writing, Victoria has held positions at the Voice of America in Washington, DC, Alverno College in Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee Art Museum. She is a frequent speaker for JASNA, civic organizations and writers' groups on topics such as "Why We Love Jane Austen," "The English Regency, 200 Years Later," and "English Country Houses: A Cultural and Historical Perspective."

## Celebrate Jane Austen's Birthday December 14 with Katie LePage



Our December meeting will feature JASNA Dayton member Katie LePage, who will talk and lead a discussion on a most intriguing topic—"The Ones We Love to Hate: Austen Characters Most Likely to Appear on a Dartboard."

The meeting will be held on Saturday, December 14 at Jay's Seafood Restaurant, the location of our meeting last September, which we remember fondly for its excellent food and attractive ambiance.

## Spring Meeting to Be a Theater Party in Cincinnati

Many of us remember fondly the theater outing Angela Jaeger organized for us a couple years ago. It included a lively and well done *Sense and Sensibility* put on by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, and a spectacular brunch at the gorgeous art deco Netherlands Hotel. This year Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park will be putting on *Pride and Prejudice* in March and early April, and Angela has again offered to organize a theater party and brunch for us.

## Reading Group to Resume November 10

This year JASNA Dayton's Reading Group, led by Jean Long, will finish *Sense and Sensibility*. The past year brought the Dashwood girls through many trials: their father's death and the loss of their home and fortune; Elinor's attachment to Edward Ferrars and the discovery of his secret engagement to Lucy Steele; Marianne's infatuation with Mr. Willoughby and his abrupt and unexplained departure. What more can go wrong? How can it all be resolved?

Our meeting schedule, with chapters to be covered in each session, is as follows:

Nov. 10	Vol. II, Chapters 4-10 (Continuous 26-32)
Jan. 12	Vol. II, Chapters 11-14; Vol. III, Chapters 1-2 (Continuous 33-38)
Feb. 9	Vol. III Chapters 3-8 (Continuous 39-44)
Apr. 13	Vol. II Chapters 9-14 (Continuous 45-50)

Unless otherwise specified, Reading Groups are held on Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 at Jean's home, **927 Far Hills** (Route 48), **Oakwood, 45419**. The back of her condominium faces Far Hills. 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).



## Cincinnati Company Offers Austen Paper Craft Supplies



Lisa Tyler draws our attention to Papertrey Ink, a company based in Cincinnati, which is selling Jane Austen stamps, matching dies, and *Pride and Prejudice* paper. Just go to [papertreyink.com](http://papertreyink.com) and search for "Jane" to see their products, which can be ordered online.

## Pride and Prejudice: A Bicentennial at Wright State October 10-12

Wright State University and their Center for Collaborative Education, Leadership, and Innovation in the Arts (CELIA) are putting together an ambitious program to celebrate the bicentennial of *Pride and Prejudice*, to be held October 10-12. The organizer is Crystal Lake, a JASNA Dayton member and Assistant Professor of English at Wright State.



The three day symposium will feature

- Presentations, workshops and displays by experts on Jane Austen, British literature, history and culture
- A luncheon and English tea service, with Carrie Bebris as featured speaker
- Theatrical and musical performances
- A Regency ball



Plenary speakers will include Janine Barchas, also to be a plenary speaker at this year's JASNA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Minnesota; Devoney Looser, a former AGM plenary speaker and plenary speaker at the big *Pride and Prejudice* conference at Cambridge University this past June; and JASNA Dayton member Laura Vorachek, an Assistant Professor of English at the University of Dayton, who addressed a breakout session at the 2012 AGM on "The Piano in the World of Jane Austen." Carrie Bebris, JASNA Dayton Program Chair, author of the successful Mr. and Mrs. Darcy mysteries, and frequent AGM speaker, will speak at the tea. For those of us who can't regularly attend the AGMs, this symposium can be a great chance to catch up on what we've been missing.



The Regency Ball will be held in Memorial Hall on October 12 with JASNA Dayton members Tom and Toni Tumbusch calling the dances. Tickets for the Ball may be purchased separately.

If at least 10 JASNA Dayton members register for the full conference or the Ball, we will receive a 10% discount on our tickets. To take advantage of this offer, register through Toni Tumbusch, [victoriantoni@netzero.net](mailto:victoriantoni@netzero.net).

For more information on the event as it becomes available see the web page <http://www.wright.edu/events/pride-prejudice-bicentennial> or contact Crystal at [crystal.lake@wright.edu](mailto:crystal.lake@wright.edu).

## Ballgowns Available from Regency Recreations

If you need a gown for the upcoming ball (see previous article), JASNA Dayton member Martha Caprarotta, proprietress of Regency Recreations is willing to undertake custom-made gowns, and she offers several options for people who need headpieces: turban, pearl-wrap headpiece, and evening "beret". She also has a dozen dresses on hand, in bust sizes 32 to 44

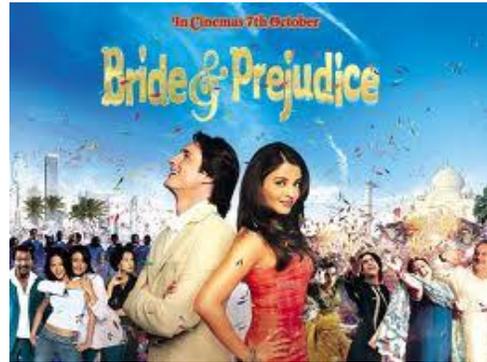
Contact Martha by email at [mdcaprarotta@msn.com](mailto:mdcaprarotta@msn.com), or phone at 937-836-2408 evenings or weekends.

NOTE: To see these gowns in full color, check our website at [www.jasnadayton.org](http://www.jasnadayton.org).



## May Meeting on *Bride and Prejudice* Was a Delight

Our last meeting of the 2012-13 program year was Dr. Veena Kasbekar's presentation on *Bride and Prejudice*, held May 4 at the Kettering-Moraine Library. Veena showed several scenes from the movie and talked about how they resembled or differed from the corresponding scenes in Austen's novel. She asked, "does the movie retain Austen's spirit and wit, set as it is against the backdrop of a Bollywood extravaganza, or does it pollute the shades of Pemberley?"



Much of the plot of Austen's novel survives in the movie. The mother's quest for well-to-do husbands for her daughters is as much at home in Indian culture as in the British. Mr. Darcy's initial haughtiness, Jane's disappointment at Mr. Bingley's defection, Mary's misplaced artistic affectations, Wickham's amorality, and Mr. Collins's awkward enthusiasm all survive—a tribute to the universal humanity of Austen's characters. Only Elizabeth's wit is lacking.

The movie introduces a multi-cultural wrinkle by making the suitors American, English, or expatriate Indian. It is international stereotypes that lead to the misunderstanding between the main characters. Mr. Darcy, a workaholic hotel mogul from California, is distracted from the beauty of the heroine and his surroundings by glitches in the phone service. Johnny Wickham, a scruffy British backpacker who professes enthusiasm for everything Indian, is more to her taste. On the other hand, leaving India seems to enhance a young man's eligibility by guaranteeing him a comfortable income. The hilarious Mr. Collins figure, Mr. Khohli, offers his bride a splendid home in California, unimaginably rich in closets and bathrooms.

Far from "polluting the shades of Pemberley" *Bride and Prejudice* pays it the complement of emulation. That the plot and characters survive the transplant so well attests both to their universality and to India's lingering affection for British culture. The double wedding at the end, with the happy couples ensconced on elephants, represents a pretty complete triumph for India. We thank Veena for putting this delightful program together and for sharing with us her views as an Indian long in love with British literature.

## **Fair at New Boston August 31-September 2**

The Fair at New Boston should be great fun for anyone this Labor Day weekend. The Fair, held at George Rogers Clark Park near Enon, is meant to recreate the earliest on the Ohio frontier, from 1790 through the War of 1812—certainly within Jane’s era, but hardly her accustomed milieu. The activities include opening and closing ceremonies featuring frontier heroes; artisans of all kinds, from blacksmiths to lace makers; magicians, and tightrope walkers; taverns; battle reenactments with cannon; period dancing and music. This is a juried event, which means that the presenters’ clothing and equipment will be perfectly accurate for the period; so there will be much to learn as well as to enjoy at the Fair.



For more information see at their web site [www.fairatnewboston.org](http://www.fairatnewboston.org).

## **JASNA Dayton Members Attended Austen Tea at Patterson Homestead**



Four JASNA Dayton members, Cynthia Manship, Tom and Toni Tumbusch, and Angela Jaeger, provided local color at an Austen-themed tea at the Patterson Homestead in. Our members, who attended in costume, stood by the door to greet people as they arrived and chatted with the people at their tables during the tea. At the end of the program, Tom gave a short talk about JASNA Dayton. The Patterson Homestead offers monthly teas with different themes, usually seasonal. For information on upcoming events contact the Patterson Homestead at (937) 222-9724.



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