

JASNA-Dayton Newsletter

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“Mr. Darcy in Film” Saturday, March 12 at Patterson Homestead

On Saturday, March 12, JASNA at Patterson Homestead (1815 Brown Street, Dayton, OH 45409) JASNA Dayton presents Amy Patterson speaking on “Mr. Darcy in Film.” Amy grew up with Austen before the current wave of Austen-mania emerged, so her concept of Mr. Darcy was formed in the days before Colin Firth. She writes:

For two decades Colin Firth has stood as the unquestioned definition of Mr. Darcy. His smoldering good looks are enough to capture the hearts of even the proudest & most prejudiced fans. But long before the *Wet Shirt*, other Darcys were making their way onto movie and TV screens--including the master himself, Sir Laurence Olivier. For me, Firth's performance just doesn't stand up to the True Darcy Spirit. My Darcy is young, stone-faced, a bit awkward, and hardly the master of his own imposing height and lanky frame. Having grown up with the 1980 BBC miniseries starring David Rintoul, I came to Andrew Davies' heavy-handed masculine approach to the 1995 series with skepticism. In my talk I will compare my Darcys, along with great Darcys through history, to find which brings out the best--and worst--of the sexiest man ever written.

An added attraction at the March 12 meeting will be the opportunity to shop with Jane Austen Books, owned by Amy Patterson and her mother and sister, and familiar to us from several previous JASNA Dayton meetings including the May 2010 gala and the December 2011 Fashion Show.



Schedule

11:30 - 12:30	Arrival and Shopping
12:30- 2:00	High Tea and Announcements
2:00 - 3:00	Talk by Amy Patterson on Mr. Darcy in Film
3:00 - 4:00	Shopping and Farewells

Refreshments

*Carrot-Ginger Muffins, Lemon-Thyme Scones,
Chocolate-Almond Pound Cake*

*Egg Salad Sandwiches, Carrot-Salnut Cream Cheese Sandwiches,
Herbes de Provence Scones*

Strawberry-Rhubarb Crumble, Rout Cakes, Irish Cream Sugar Cookies

Cost: \$27 for JASNA members; \$30 for guests

RSVP: By March 7 please send your check made payable to JASNA-Dayton along with your phone number and email address to:

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

March Speaker Amy Patterson

Amy L. Patterson is a writer and independent scholar who lives in Northeast Ohio's Amish country with her husband and two young boys. Amy has a degree in Political Science from Cleveland State University. She is a contributing editor for *Jane Austen's Regency World Magazine* and a co-owner of Jane Austen Books, the world's only bookstore specializing in books by and about Jane Austen. Amy has given lectures to several JASNA regions around the Midwest on topics ranging from film adaptations of Austen's novels to her travels in England's Austen country, much appreciated for her wit and thorough immersion in her subject.



Jane Austen Books to Offer Wares at March 12 Meeting



Jane Austen Books, founded in 1986, is owned and operated by Jennifer Weinbrecht, the RC of the Ohio North Coast Region, and her two daughters, Amy Patterson and Beth Dean. They handle all kinds of books and materials having to do with Jane Austen and the Regency period, from films and fan fiction to critical studies to T-shirts. In her interview with Darcyholio Diversions (<http://www.darcyholiodiversions.com/2012/11>), Amy Patterson relates how her family came to own Jane Austen Books:

“My mother called to place an order with Jane Austen Books...and heard the devastating news that the owner no longer felt she could run the store! And worse - she couldn't find anyone who would buy it and keep it running as Jane Austen Books - any offers she had received were from people planning to fold her collection into their own.

I don't really know what possessed us to offer a friendly buyout of the store, other than a charming lack of knowledge of what our work as bookstore owners would entail. But we learned quickly, and we love what we do. My mother's small collection of Austen's works, critical studies, and other odd, imported, or just plain fun Austen-related books has now been dwarfed by the collection of 10,000 or so more in her basement, but each one is special to us.

Jane Austen Books operates mostly as a mail-order bookstore, although they are a major vendor at the JASNA AGMs. At the October 2015 AGM the crowds around their booth made it difficult to browse through their collection. It will be a pleasure at our March 12 meeting to be able to shop with them at leisure. For a full catalog of their offerings consult their website at www.janeaustenbooks.net. If you see something you want to be sure to buy, let Jennifer know at AustenBooks@gmail.com and she will bring it to Dayton on March 12.

JASNA-Dayton Executive Committee

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***Emma* Outing on March 20**

Angela Jaeger has put together a March 20 outing to the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's production of *Emma*. This is a Jon Jory adaptation of the Austen novel, and it will be playing from February 26 until March 26. Angela has organized an 11:30 brunch at the Cincinnati Hotel to precede the play. If you would like to join us but did not get tickets with the group, you may be able to purchase them independently and still attend with us that day. Anyone is welcome to join us for brunch also, even if they are not attending the event. If you would like to attend the brunch, please let Angela know at angelac.jaeger@gmail.com. Angela needs to be able to give the hotel a number, although we will pay individually for our meals.

For anyone who hasn't gone to one of Angela's outings before, they are great fun (she is good at selecting restaurants as well as plays) and guests are welcome.

Flying Cloud Presents Regency Ball April 2 in Cincinnati

The Flying Cloud Academy, a vintage dance group that practices and performs dances from many eras, is presenting a Regency Country Dance on April 2 at the Wyoming Center for the Arts (322 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming OH 45215). The cost of the event will be \$20 for Academy members and \$25 for non members. Classes in preparation for the April ball will be held Wednesday evenings Feb. 24 through March 30 at 7:30 p.m. with a cost of \$3 per person for Academy members and \$5 for non-members. There will be live music by the Joyous Occasions Orchestra and light refreshments. For more information see www.vintagedance.net.

Twelfth Night Ball a Dazzling Success

JASNA Dayton's inaugural Twelfth Night Ball on Saturday, January 9 at Patterson Homestead turned out to be a thoroughly delightful experience for the 45 attendees. The event was staged as a play set in the handsome home of Lady Russell (Jean Long) who, with her friend Mrs. Jennings (Cynthia Manship), welcomed each guest. A butler announced each party's arrival into the ballroom, where punch and tea were served by costumed servants from the Patterson Homestead staff. Tom Tumbusch, as Master of Ceremonies, welcomed the guests with a most interesting talk on Twelfth Night customs.



Jean Long (Lady Russell) and Cynthia Manship (Mrs. Jennings) greet guests



Tom Tumbusch, Master of the Dance

There followed three hours of excellent entertainment, with guests moving between the ballroom and the gaming room. In the ballroom, Tom Tumbusch (now Master of the Dance) walked the dancers through each dance before performing it to music. Between his instruction and the comfortable number of experienced dancers present, everyone was able to move creditably through the figures. Card games took place in the elegant Green Room. Carrie Bebris had prepared instruction sheets for the games on offer, and Fred Rueth and James Bebris were on hand to assist the players. Both the ballroom and the card room were well filled throughout the evening. Refreshments, served at the midpoint of the evening, included a very tasty white soup and tea sandwiches produced by the Patterson staff and mince pies and Twelfth Cake from Central Perc.



Gaming in Patterson's Green Room



Tori Manship, Chair of Twelfth Night Committee

A huge amount of work and planning went into this event from our own Twelfth Night committee, headed by Tori Manship and including Carrie Bebris and Tom and Toni Tumbusch, as well as Program Committee members Cynthia Manship, Mary Ann Gasior, and Meredith Stoehr. We especially thank Katie Nowack, Program Manager for Patterson Homestead and her staff for their quick response to queries, for the extraordinary amount of work they did to set up for the event, including clearing the Green Room of most of its furniture, and most of all for the way they entered into the spirit of the event itself.

Toast to Jane Austen, by Jean Long

Although our winter meeting migrated this year to January, it still included the Toast to Jane Austen normally given in honor of her birthday, and also as usual written and proposed by Jean Long.

Charade to 'A Lady'.....

We must trust that this will nourish rather than 'starving our affection entirely away'.....

As you know:

"Everything nourishes what is strong already. But if it be only a slight, thin sort of inclination, I am convinced that one good 'Charade' will starve it entirely away."

*J First, an initial, for our lady, true gold~
A Second, an Author, with six stories sold.
N Third is Northanger, a laugh at tales old ~
E And last is Eternal, for her ~ our love's told.*

*The hints I have given make up just one name
The group now assembled, does so, to her fame
Surely, by now, this charade, all did gain ~
A name I am seeking ~
And that name is!!!! JANE!*



Guests refill their punch glasses preparatory to toasting Jane

Lisa Tyler Elected to JASNA Board of Directors

Longtime JASNA Dayton member Lisa Tyler was elected to the JASNA Board of Directors at the Louisville AGM in October. JASNA's Board (see <http://www.jasna.org/info/board.html>) consists of 29 members in all, most of them officers, AGM coordinators, or the like. Lisa is one of nine directly elected members, three of whom are elected each year to three year terms. Lisa decided to apply after talking with RC Carrie Bebris, who is a member of the Nominating Committee, and Jean Long, who served many years on the Board with special interest in the area of Austen Churches.

Lisa earned her PhD at Ohio State and has taught English at Sinclair College for more than 20 years. Now a full professor, she has taught Austen both in a single-author course and as part of a Great Books course. Some of our members will remember the paper she presented at Wright State's 2013 *Pride and Prejudice* gala: "Postcolonial Austen: Reconciling 21st-Century Globalism and the 19th-Century Novel in *Bride & Prejudice*." Lisa's publications include *Student Companion to Ernest Hemingway* (Greenwood, 2001) and *Teaching Hemingway's A Farewell to Arms* (Kent State, 2008), an edited collection of essays, as well as more than three dozen academic essays in scholarly journals and edited collections.

For the past three years, Lisa has been judging entries in the JASNA essay contest. She was editor of the Dayton chapter's e-newsletter for many years, and most recently proposed and facilitated JASNA Dayton's very successful September 2014 meeting at Sinclair with the director and costume designer of the Theatre Department's production of *Pride and Prejudice*.

The photo shows Lisa with her husband Jim at the Louisville AGM, wearing a dress made by Martha Caprarotta and a turban she sewed in one of Martha's workshops. We are proud of Lisa's achievements and wish her a productive and successful tenure on the Board.



Mary Ann Gasior to Teach Austen Course at UD Lifelong Learning Institute

JASNA Dayton member Mary Ann Gasior will be teaching a course titled “Jane Austen: Her Life, Time and Works” at the University of Dayton’s Lifelong Learning Institute (UDLII) in the spring. Besides being a member of JASNA-Dayton’s Program Committee Mary Ann participates in many local organizations including several book groups and the Peace Museum. She has a Ph.D. in English literature and has taught at several local universities, including Wright State, as well as at UDLLI, where she serves on the Board of Advisors.



The class will meet every Wednesday between March 16 and April 20 at UD’s new River Campus (formerly NCR World Headquarters). She will focus mainly on *Pride and Prejudice*, with brief glances at the other five other complete novels. Excerpts from recent movie and television versions of her works will be shown and discussed. The course will conclude with a visit from Carrie Bebris, speaking about her latest Mr. and Mrs. Darcy mystery, *The Suspicion at Sanditon*.

Upcoming Meetings and Reading Group Sessions

Feb 14, 2016 at the home of Eilanna Price, 2334 Lostwood Court, Xenia 45385
Discussion Leader Kay Berg
Pride and Prejudice Vol. III, Chapter 4 – Chapter 10 (Continuous 46-52)

Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Patterson Homestead: Amy Patterson on “Mr. Darcy in Film”

Sunday, 2:00, March 20, 2016 in Cincinnati: *Emma*, by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company
(Note: Signup is complete for this event, but you may buy your own ticket for the same performance)

April 10, 2016 at the home of Barbara Wenner, 10045 Sprucewood Lane, West Chester 45241
Discussion Leader Wilson Palmer
Pride and Prejudice Vol. III, Chapter 11 – 19 (Continuous 53-61)