

JASNA-Dayton Newsletter

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Friday, March 16: “The Great JASNA-Dayton Bakeoff: Master Class”



For our next meeting JASNA-Dayton presents *The Great JASNA-Dayton Bake Off: Master Class* with Rose Morgan of Central Perc European Cafe in Oakwood. Rose will be giving a demonstration and hands-on class on how she makes her fabulous scones. Rose and her husband Mike, who come originally from Liverpool, will be celebrating their 23rd year at Central Perc this spring. Their café, at 2315 Far Hills Avenue, is a delightful spot for morning scones, noontime soup and sandwiches, or afternoon tea; and it is as perfectly British as if Mike and Rose had never left England.

Rose Morgan “*The Great JASNA Bakeoff: Master Class*”

Friday, March 16, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Culinary Arts Classroom, Centerville High School

500 East Franklin Street, Centerville, OH 45459

(see next page for detailed directions)

Refreshments: Hot water for tea will be provided to drink with the scones and clotted cream. You may bring your own favorite tea and are encouraged to bring your own mug or teacup, though a few mugs and some tea will be available for those who forget.

Cost: \$28 per person (this covers room rental, speaker fee and baking supplies). You must register in advance for this event as space is limited.

RSVP: Make checks payable to JASNA-Dayton and send along with your phone number and email to Mary Ann Gasior at 2727 Old Whipp Ct., Centerville, OH 45440. For questions, e-mail Mary Ann at gasiormaryann@yahoo.com or call her at (937)434-5992.



Mike and Rose Morgan

Directions to Centerville High and Culinary Arts Classroom:

Centerville High School (500 East Franklin Street, Centerville, OH 45459) is most easily reached from I-675 and/or US-48.

1. **If coming from the south:** From I-675 North, take Exit 4. Turn right onto Alex-Bell Rd, then right (south) at the next traffic signal onto US-48/Main Street.
If coming from the north: From I-675 South, take Exit 4, then turn left onto US-48.
2. Take US-48 to Franklin Street. (There is a Graeter's on the corner.) Turn left (east) onto Franklin.



Mary Ann Gasior and Carrie Bebris Enjoy Central Perc Tea

3. To enter the Centerville High School campus, all traffic must use the driveway on the west side of the building. If you are traveling east on Franklin, it will be the first CHS drive you reach; turn right to enter.
4. Upon entering the driveway, keep to the right to pass under the "Elk Country" archway.
5. You are now in a one-way traffic pattern. Move into the left lane, then turn into the first parking lot on the left. (This is the West Unit Lot.) If the West Unit Lot is full, park in the adjacent lot (the "Athletic Lot") and walk back to the West Unit Lot to follow the rest of the directions.
6. There are several building entrances off of the West Unit Lot. Enter the one marked "Theater Entrance." (Note: The entrance name refers to a small theater in the center of the building. Be sure to use this entrance, and not the entrance for the Performing Arts Center, which is at the back of the building and also confusingly labeled "Theater Entrance.")
7. Immediately inside the entrance is a staircase; take it to the second floor. (If you need an elevator, there one next to the staircase; **the elevator requires a key so if you need elevator access notify Mary Ann Gasior in advance.**)
8. When you reach the top of the stairs, the entrance to the Culinary Arts classroom will be on your left between the elevator and a row of lockers.
9. After the program, remember as you leave that traffic is one-way going counter-clockwise around the building. When exiting the parking lot, turn left onto the main drive and follow it around the back and east side of the building to reach Franklin Street.

Third Annual Twelfth Night Ball Continues Delightful Tradition

JASNA-Dayton celebrated its third Twelfth Night Ball on January 6. Attendees enjoyed dancing directed by Master and Mistress of the Dance Tom and Toni Tumbusch; Regency card games facilitated by Fred Rueth and James Bebris; and punch and a tasty supper, all topped off by a Twelfth cake. New to this year's Ball was a silent auction which featured several themed baskets, a handsome Regency print donated by Marilyn Rueth, and a spectacular Regency bonnet sewn by Fundraising Coordinator Camilla Mauzy.



Dancing a Daring New Waltz



The Card Room



Elegant Attendees

JASNA-Dayton Executive Committee

Elected Positions

Regional Coordinator	Carrie Bebris	937-436-3716 rc@jasnadayton.org
Program Coordinator	Angela Jaeger	
Reading Group Coordinator	Wilson Palmer	wilson3cp@gmail.com
Treasurer	Judy McCoy	
Secretary	Eilanna Price	
Membership Coordinator	Deb Bentley	937-429-5123 extraone@woh.rr.com
Librarian and Historian	Eilanna Price	937-829-0492 eilanna.price@us.af.mil

Appointed Positions

Assistant Program Coordinator	Tori Manship	
Publicity Coordinator	Lynn Slowden	Lmslowden@aol.com
Fundraising Coordinator	Camilla Mauzy	
Newsletter Editor	Meredith Stoehr	919-302-6528 stoeha@yahoo.com
Webmaster	Mariah Busher	

Executive Committee Election Scheduled for March 16 Meeting

According to JASNA-Dayton's bylaws (accessible through our website, www.jasnadayton.org, under "Resources"), officers who hold elective positions are to be elected every other year. JASNA limits Regional Coordinators to three consecutive terms, but other officers may serve for any length of time. As shown in the list of officers above, seven Executive Committee positions are elective and the other five are appointments by the RC. The 2017-18 election will be held at the March 16 meeting. As usual, the slate is uncontested.

With one candidate running for two offices, the slate of candidates is:

Lisa Tyler	Regional Coordinator
Tori Manship	Program Coordinator
Judy McCoy	Treasurer
Eilanna Price	Secretary and Librarian/Historian
Deb Bentley	Membership Coordinator
Wilson Palmer	Reading Group Coordinator

Newsletter Editor/Coordinator and Staff Members Urgently Needed

I, your Newsletter Editor for the past 13 years or so, have enjoyed my job, which entailed keeping up with all the Region's activities and working closely with a very interesting and agreeable group of people. I particularly have enjoyed writing articles about our members, who turn out to have the most surprising accomplishments. But I live in Raleigh now and am sorely in need of a replacement. Since no one has yet agreed to take on the whole job of Newsletter Editor, the Executive Committee has had the idea of creating a newsletter team. They are looking for volunteers willing to take on various newsletter functions:

- Coordinator (determines contents; assigns/tracks articles and photos)
- Writers for meeting announcements and reviews; Reading Group announcements and reports; feature articles on members or other subjects
- Photographers at meetings and other events
- Editor/proofreader
- Production (layout/and or distribution of the newsletter)

Depending upon your interests, these roles might be combined in various ways. For example, the coordinator might also do layout as the articles come in. Also, it would be particularly useful to have two lists of potential newsletter contributors: one of people willing to write an occasional article (or even just take notes) at a meeting, and one of people willing to take photographs at meetings. Anyone interested in becoming part of a newsletter staff or who would like more information about a position should contact Carrie Bebris at rc@jasnadayton.org.

A Note from Carrie:

Meredith has done such fine job as Newsletter Editor these many years that it might be hard to imagine someone else in that role. But even harder to imagine, is what would happen if our newsletter ceased publication altogether—which is the situation the region faces if no volunteers come forward. The newsletter is vital to our region. For those of us fortunate enough to gather in person, it provides details of meetings and events, and introductions to some of the people we might meet there. It also provides information about JASNA-Dayton itself: where we have been, and where we are going as an organization. In the time I have been part of this region, JASNA-Dayton has grown to nearly 90 members, some of whom live in areas so remote that attending our meetings is difficult. For these members, the newsletter is their sole means of staying connected. As Wilson Palmer writes: “When the JASNA-Dayton newsletter arrives, that is a happy day for me. There is always something to think about or dream about that involves my favorite author. Even if I cannot attend [all of] our Region's finely planned events, the newsletter connects me to a local cloud of witnesses testifying their delight in the work of Jane Austen. I feel befriended by these sympathetic neighbors, even if I never meet them.”

Carrie Bebris Stepping Down After Two Terms as RC

Carrie Bebris has been a member of JASNA-Dayton's Executive Committee for ten years, six of them as Program Coordinator (plus two additional years while a replacement was sought), and the past four years as Regional Coordinator. During all that time she has juggled her work for JASNA-Dayton with two full-time jobs, one as the well-known author of the Mr. and Mrs. Darcy Mysteries and the other as a busy wife and mother. Carrie moved to Dayton from Wisconsin in 2006, when her husband, Alex Bebris, became Director of Public Safety for the City of Oakwood.



Carrie has worked to streamline the work of the Executive Committees to meet the needs of a growing Region. She has succeeded in filling two important new positions, Fundraising Coordinator and Publicity Coordinator, which assist, respectively, in raising funds to allow for more flexible programming, and in communicating with JASNA, our members, and the community.

Carrie has excelled in her core mission of coordinating between our Region and JASNA and implementing JASNA policies at the Regional level. Three JASNA Presidents, Marsha Huff, Iris



Carrie Bebris and Son James at 2017 Ball

Lutz, and Claire Bellanti, have addressed our Region during her tenure as Program Coordinator and RC. Our Region turned out in force for the 2015 Louisville AGM, where we staffed a table at the Emporium. She has also strengthened communications with the RCs of neighboring Regions, who have attended several of our meetings. Other connections Carrie has pursued include our relationship with Jane Austen Books, who have been offering their delightful wares at our meetings about once a year, and partnership in the Ohioana Book Festival in Columbus, which we undertook for the first time last spring.

During her time in Dayton, Carrie has very generously shared with us her insights as an author. She has given talks at five of our meetings: "Tea and Mystery" in 2008; "You Pierce My Soul," on the role of letters in Austen's work, at our 25th anniversary gala in May, 2010; "Duelling and the Code of Honor" in 2012; "*Mysteries of Sanditon*"

in 2015; and “Celebrating Jane Austen” this past fall at the Main Branch of the Dayton Public Library. Carrie’s talks are always thoughtful, insightful, and most enjoyable. In addition, for the past two summers Carrie has attended reading group meetings on two of her books: her first Mr. and Mrs. Darcy Mystery, *Pride and Prescience*, and *The Matters at Mansfield*. Being able to question her directly about her choices in wording, character development, and plot has been a unique, exciting, and most instructive experience.

Carrie has been more than generous with the time and talents she has expended on our Region. While she continues next year to serve on the Executive Committee as Past RC we can look forward to the appearance of her next book, a stand-alone historical novel set in Jane Austen’s time period.

Lisa Tyler Running for Regional Coordinator

Lisa Tyler, one of JASNA-Dayton’s longest standing members, will stand for election at our March meeting to become our next Regional Coordinator. Lisa, who earned her PhD in English literature from The Ohio State University, is a full professor in the English Department at Sinclair College in Dayton. She has a strong interest in twentieth century literature, but she loves Jane Austen too, whom she has taught both in a single-author course and as part of a Great Books course. 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. She serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Hemingway Review*.

Lisa is currently finishing up a three-year term on JASNA’s Board of Directors. For the past several years, she has also served JASNA as a judge for the annual essay contest. At the 2017 AGM in Los Angeles she presented a session entitled “Modernist Jane: Austen’s Reception by Writers of the Twenties and Thirties.”

On the Regional level, Lisa was a long-time editor of our e-newsletter. Some of our members will remember the paper she presented at Wright State’s 2013 *Pride and Prejudice* bicentennial gala: “Postcolonial Austen: Reconciling 21st-Century Globalism and the 19th-Century Novel in *Bride & Prejudice*.” Very old members (as old as myself) will remember an excellent talk she gave



Lisa and James Tyler at 2015 AGM

at Cox Arboretum (in the days when one could just go there and have a meeting for free) on mothers and daughters in Austen.

Lisa's husband, James, is familiar to our members as well. He too has a strong interest in Jane Austen. He presented his own talk at the 2013 Wright State gala entitled "Failures of the Father." Many of our members, who are uncommonly harsh towards Mr. Bennet, agree with his conclusions.

We look forward to welcoming Lisa as our new Regional Coordinator and hope that, with the help of the rest of the Executive Committee and members of the Program Committee and any other committees that may evolve, her tenure will be a pleasant and productive one.

Tori Manship Is Candidate for Program Coordinator

Tori Manship has agreed to take on the job of Program Coordinator for JASNA-Dayton. Tori, together with her mother, Cindy, joined the Program Committee in 2014, and that year they presented a very enjoyable program comparing scenes from three recent *Emma* movies. For the past two years, Tori has served as Assistant Program Coordinator and Chair of the Twelfth Night Ball Committee. As Twelfth Night Chair Tori has been instrumental in the success of the ball, which is fast becoming a signature event for our region. The festive air of the Ball, as well as the very fine menu, owe a great deal to Tori's interest in entertaining, food, and English Country Dancing.

Tori is an artist, with a BFA degree from Ohio University in painting. She currently works as an assistant teacher in Cincinnati while teaching art on the side. Her husband, Alex Petersen, is a Spanish teacher and a regular member of the Reading Group. Tori and Alex enjoy travelling and have so far visited Korea, Japan, Canada, Italy, France, and the Caribbean. Their next intended destination is Ecuador. Tori's other hobby is cooking. (Reading Group members have the greatest respect for both her and Cindy's contributions to the refreshment table.) Tori enjoys creating themed dinners and has given two Regency dinner parties so far.



Tori and One of Her Paintings



Cyndi and Tori Manship

Tori says that Elizabeth Bennet has been her role model since the 1995 *Pride and Prejudice*. She watched other adaptations of Austen novels in the movies and on TV but didn't read the other novels until she joined JASNA-Dayton. In 2013 Tori and her parents took a JASNA tour of England, where she "re-read *Pride and Prejudice* while falling in love with the English countryside, truly feeling like Lizzy Bennet, hiking the grounds of grand estates and seeing the views of Derbyshire."

New Reading Groups Being Formed in Columbus and East Central Ohio

The JASNA-Dayton Region takes in all of Ohio excepting the area around Cleveland, which comprises Ohio North Coast Region. Members in two areas inconveniently far from Dayton have plans to start their own Reading Groups next year.

Sherry Rose-Bond, with the assistance of Sandi Brennan, are working to start a group in Columbus. Sherry sends this message for our many Region members in the **Columbus** area:

By popular demand, we are trying to arrange for a new Jane Austen reading group (Chawton in Columbus) to have its first/planning meeting in April. I am a life member of JASNA and Sandi Brennan is a long-time Janeite. We have attended a number of AGMs and we have gone on one of the wonderful JASNA summer tour to England. I taught English Literature at a college in Philadelphia for ten years before my family moved to Columbus. Jane Austen was always included in my syllabus! I have also conducted professional development classes on Jane Austen for high school English teachers and librarians. Sandi has read extensively on this topic and has also participated in a short-lived reading group in Columbus. Sandi and I are hoping to find like-minded people with whom we can share our passion.

Anyone interested in being invited to our first meeting or with any questions relating to the proposed group, can email me: violethunter@columbus.rr.com.

Diane Reynolds of Barnesville sends this invitation to members in **East Central Ohio**:

We're excited to announce that a new Jane Austen reading group is starting this spring in Barnesville Ohio. Barnesville is near St. Clairsville and Cambridge, Ohio, and not far from Wheeling, West Va. We invite all who are interested in Austen to be in touch. A first meeting date has not been assigned but if you are interested in becoming a member please contact Diane Reynolds at direynolds@earthlink.net or 304-551-1502."

Reading Group Follows Fanny to Portsmouth

On February 11 the Reading Group took up the section of *Mansfield Park* in which Fanny, having rejected Henry Crawford's proposal of marriage, is sent back to her family in Portsmouth for an extended visit. Sir Thomas hopes that she will return to Mansfield Park convinced of the benefits of marrying a wealthy man. The end of this section finds Fanny indeed quite favorably inclined towards Henry.



The discussion, led by Mariah Busher, took many interesting turns. The Portsmouth scenes offer a glimpse of lower class life which is unique in Austen's novels but which would have been familiar enough to Austen herself, who lived several years in Southampton. Are Jane Austen's brilliant descriptions of the noisy dysfunction of Portsmouth and its inhabitants' objective observation or filtered through Fanny's critical eyes? Fanny is the outsider there as well as at Mansfield Park. She has no comfortable home and is like an alien moving from one foreign culture to another.

Love was the main subject of the discussion. Does Fanny love her mother? If not, should she, despite her mother's indifference towards her. Does Fanny love Lady Bertram, or does she only love Edmund, William, and perhaps Susan? There was much discussion about the relationships among Mary, Fanny, Henry and Edmund. Does Mary know what love is? Her happiest memory is of manipulating Edmund into joining the theatricals. If Mary wed Edmund and Fanny married Henry, which couple would have the most chance of success? We seemed to agree on the latter. Henry did not ask or expect Fanny to change and certainly Fanny would have worked harder than Mary to preserve the union. But no one seemed to think Henry would be faithful in the long haul.

Next Reading Group Meeting

Apr. 8, 2018 Vol. III Chapters 12 – 17 (end of book) or chapters 43-48 in continuous editions.
Discussion leader Wilson Palmer
Hostess Eilanna Price, 2334 Lostwood Court, Xenia, OH 45385

JASNA-Dayton an Official Partner in Ohioana Book Festival, April 14



Last year JASNA-Dayton participated for the first time as an official Partner in the Ohioana Book Festival in Columbus. Members of the Program Committee staffed our table, and they enjoyed meeting fellow book lovers and introducing them the JASNA. They were impressed by the number of published authors in Ohio.

This year the event will be held on Saturday, April 14 from 10:30a.m.-5:00p.m. at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square (75 E. State St., Columbus, OH 43215), and we will again participate. The event will include a book fair and book signing featuring authors representing all genres (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, children’s and young adult); panel discussions, children’s and teen activities, food trucks, and more. Admission is free—no ticket or advance registration required.

DLM Good Neighbors Program for JASNA-Dayton

Some years ago JASNA-Dayton joined DLM’s Good Neighbors Program, which directs a small percentage of every purchase you make there towards the charity of your choice. This is a reminder that registration in the program needs to be renewed every year. If you are a regular Dorothy Lane Market shopper and have not yet signed up for the Good Neighbors program, please do so now. If you already have a DLM Club card, you can sign up in one easy step:



Online: At <http://www.dorothylane.com/clubdml/goodneighbor.pl> enter your name, your full Club number (the 11-digit number below the bar code on your Club card, omitting spaces), and our charity number (813).

In person: At the Customer Desk, request a Good Neighbor form, write your name and DLM Club number, and check the box for “Jane Austen Society”

If you do not have a DLM Club card yet, sign up at <http://www.dorothylane.com/clubdml/> or request a form at the Customer Desk before registering for the Good Neighbor Program.