

# Greater Dayton JASNA

September 2009

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## **Saturday, September 26 Meeting at the Golden Lamb in Lebanon Speaker Rose Linore Burkard on “The Faith of Jane Austen” RSVP by September 18**

The speaker for our first meeting of the year will be Waynesville author Linore Rose Burkard. She has two successful Regency romances to her credit with a third in the works. Christian faith is a prominent theme in these books, and her topic for us will be “The Faith of Jane Austen.” While we know that Jane was a vicar’s daughter and a regular church goer, and we assume that her characters, probably even her bad young men, were members in good standing of the Church of England, Jane did not use religious belief as a theme in her books. Linore will discuss what we do know of Jane’s religious life, focusing on her prayers, and will include some humorous comparisons with pieces from her (unguarded) letters.



Linore Rose Burkard writes “Inspirational Romance for the Jane Austen Soul.” She is the author of a Regency Trilogy from Harvest House Publishers which includes the best selling, *Before the Season Ends* (12/08), *The House in Grosvenor Square* (04/09), and the upcoming release *The Country House Courtship* (Jan. 2010). Her articles have appeared in numerous online magazines and blogs, including the Jane Austen Centre Newsletter. Linore was raised in New York where she graduated magna cum laude from the City University of New York, and now lives in Southwestern Ohio with her husband and five children. A longtime fan of Jane Austen and Georgette Heyer, Linore delights in bringing Regency England to life for her readers and audiences. Visit Linore online at <http://www.LinoreRoseBurkard.com>.

### **Meeting Schedule**

11:30	Arrival for members and guests
12:00	Luncheon, Quiz & Prize
1:30 - 2:30	Speaker, Questions/Discussion
	Linore’s books will be available for purchase

### **Cost** (Includes luncheon, tax, and gratuity.)

JASNA members	\$20.0
Non-members	\$25.00

## **Menu**

Boneless breast of chicken on southern spoon bread with supreme sauce  
Or Vegetarian alternative (**must be specified with reservation!**):  
Roasted Portobello mushroom with roasted shallots and red peppers, with Boursin cheese  
Chef's choice of vegetables  
Petite fruit salad with celery seed dressing  
Peppermint ice cream with chocolate sauce.

Beverage choices are coffee (decaf or regular), hot or iced tea, soft drinks, and milk.

## **Costumes Encouraged**

Participants are always encouraged to wear their Regency garments to the meeting!

## **Other Information About the Facility**

The Golden Lamb is located at 27 South Broadway in Lebanon, at the intersection of SR 48 (Main Street) and SR 63.

Because the Apple Fest will be going on that day, it's advisable to plan on it taking a bit more time to get through the crowds. The Golden Lamb will have complimentary valet parking for people eating at the Golden Lamb. However, those who use this valet parking might want to tip the valet when leaving.

The meeting room is on the second floor. There is no elevator. People will have to walk up a flight of stairs to get to the room.

## **RSVP by September 18**

Reservations must be received by September 18. Send your check made out to Greater Dayton JASNA to

Meredith Stoehr  
86 Carmel Court  
Centerville, OH 45458

The vegetarian option for lunch must be specified in advance, so be sure to include it with your RSVP.

## **Contact Person for Questions**

If you have questions about the meeting, contact Meredith Stoehr at [stoeha@yahoo.com](mailto:stoeha@yahoo.com) or 937-434-7567.

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### **April Meeting with Marsha Huff a Great Success**

National JASNA president Marsha Huff addressed a very full room of Janites at the Dayton Art Institute on April 18, 2009. Her topic, “*Viewing Austen through Vermeer’s Camera Obscura*,” provided striking insights into the works of both artists. Austen and Vermeer both favor domestic scenes centered around women, and Marsha’s method was to pair a series of Vermeer’s paintings with analogous scenes from Austen’s novels: a woman playing the lute for a gentleman admirer is paired with the scene in Mansfield Park where Mary Crawford plays the harp for Edmund; a Vermeer lady reading a letter from her distant husband is compared with the scene in Persuasion where Anne reads Captain Wentworth’s letter.



Besides giving a delightful talk, Marsha was a most gracious representative of the national organization and a real pleasure to meet.

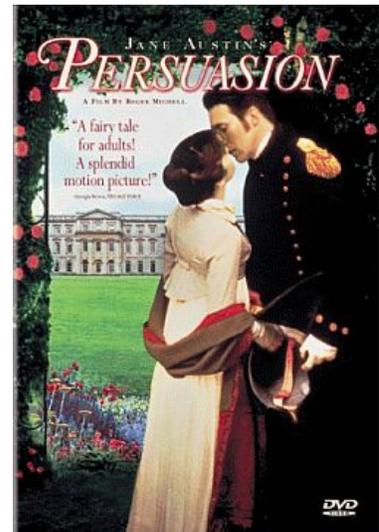
## JASNA AGM in Philadelphia October 9-11

This year's AGM has a particularly interesting theme: "Jane Austen's Brothers and Sisters in the City of Brotherly Love." We are accustomed to focusing on heroes and heroines, but the way Jane's characters deal with their siblings tells a great deal about them as well. Think of the behavior of the Thorpe siblings in *Northanger Abbey*, compared with that of the Tilneys or the Morelands; or compare the relationships of the Bertram versus the Price children in *Mansfield Park*. And then, of course, there are Jane's own relations with her brothers and sister to be discussed. Those who are able to attend will surely have some new viewpoints to bring to our future discussions.

### Reading Group Subject for the Year is *Persuasion*

This year our reading group, lead by Jean Long, will study *Persuasion*, Jane's most popular novel after *Pride and Prejudice*. At 27, Anne Elliot is the oldest of Austen's heroines, and, after Fanny Price, she is the most oppressed by her family. Ten years before, she missed the chance to become a proper Austen heroine. Unsure of her own judgment, she let herself be persuaded out of an engagement to the man she loved. *Persuasion* is the story of her unexpected second chance.

As usual, our Reading Group will meet from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on second Sundays. All meetings except the first and the last will be at Jean's home. Marilyn Rueth will host the first meeting, and the last meeting will be held in Greenville at the 18<sup>th</sup> century Stone's house.



The schedule of readings for the year is:

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| November 15 | Volume I, Chapters 1 – 4. At Marilyn Rueth's home                                                                                |
| January 10  | Volume I, Chapters 5 - 8                                                                                                         |
| February 14 | Volume I, Chapters 9 - 12                                                                                                        |
| March 14    | Volume II, Chapters 1 - 4                                                                                                        |
| April 11    | Volume II, Chapters 5 - 8                                                                                                        |
| May 2       | Volume II, Chapters 9 – 12 and The cancelled Chapters of Persuasion. At the Stone's 18 <sup>th</sup> century house in Greenville |

## Marilyn's Home, 6241 Hempstead Mews

Everyone who attended our Reading Group at Marilyn's home last February will want to repeat the experience and anyone who missed it—now is your chance to see this beautiful place. This home was featured last year in the December issue of *Housetrends*.

Last year some of our members had trouble finding Marilyn's house, so make sure you know where it is before you start out. If you run into trouble, Marilyn's number is (937)-435-7567.



Hempsted Mews is in Washington Township not far from the Dayton Mall. It is off Mad River Road between Whipp Road to the north and Alexander-Bellbrook Road to the south, just north of the windmill. Mad River Road runs from SR 725 (Miamisburg-Centerville Road), right across from the main entrance to the Dayton Mall, and David Road in Kettering, west of Far Hills (SR-48). The 725 exit from I-75 is just a couple blocks west of Mad River Road, so that would be the most convenient exit if you're coming from Cincinnati.

## Program Plans for the Rest of the Year



Plans for the rest of the year are shaping up. For Jane's birthday, we are planning a Regency dance demonstration by members of the Cincinnati Country Dancers with dance lessons from Tom and Toni Tumbush. The party is planned for December 6 in Lebanon, perhaps at the Brandt-Nixon House.

In February, we are planning a presentation by Chapter members Tom and Kathleen Nealeigh.

Tom is a lace maker and historical interpreter who performs at fairs and festivals throughout the area. In the Spring, in conjunction with the publication of her latest Mr. and Mrs. Darcy mystery (set in Highbury), Carrie Bebris will be presenting "Letters as Story Telling Tools."

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Charade by Jane Austen (see last page for answer)

You may lie on my first on the side of a stream,  
And my second compose to the nymph you adore,  
But if, when you've none of my whole, her esteem  
And affection diminish -- think of her no more!

## Monthly Teas Continue at Golden Lamb



The monthly teas at the Golden Lamb in Lebanon are continuing. Dates for the rest of the year are:

September 19 and 20

October 17 and 18

November 21 and 22

December 19 and 20

Teas begin at 2:00 and offer a five course seasonal menu.

Another interesting event at the Golden Lamb is a series of dinners with “Mr. Foster and Mr. Twain” every evening September 23 through 27.

For more information or reservations see their website [www.goldenlamb.com](http://www.goldenlamb.com) or call 513-932-5065.

## Basically British to Offer Teas Starting in September

Basically British, the import shop at 502 East Third Street in Dayton, is adding a tea room, scheduled to open in September. This sounds like an attractive addition to our tea-drinking, scone-eating opportunities here in Dayton.

In yet more surprising news, Basically British is appearing on TV, as a location for a proposed series, J8DED. Owner Terry Ronald is evidently a man of many parts. Retired from a career as a civilian aerospace scientist at Wright-Pat, he also has acting experience, which led to a role in the series pilot.



For more information on Basically British see [www.basically-british.com](http://www.basically-british.com) or call 937-222-1488.

## *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* Makes NYT Top Ten

Our Jane continues to amaze! Evidently, her *Pride and Prejudice* has been able to absorb a large dose of *Zombie* violence without serious impairment. *JASNA News* reported that *P&P&Zombies* had reached Number 3 on the *New York Times* Bestseller List. We must brace for a wave of new, more bloodthirsty members.

## She's Got a Brand New Boyfriend?



*Jane Austen: An Unrequited Love*, by Dr. Andrew Norman, proposes a new suitor for Jane. The following is from an article by Steve Peacock May 27, 2009 in the *Torquay Herald Express*.

“In his new biography, Dr Andrew Norman claims clues in letters between [Jane and Cassandra] plus other evidence point to Dr Samuel Blackall being the novelist's notorious 'nameless dateless lover' during a summer romance beside the seaside in Devon. He



believes the novelist...first met Blackall, a theology student and a fellow at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1798 when he was the guest of mutual friends the Lefroys. Tom Lefroy is supposed to have been Austen's inspiration for the rugged and handsome Mr Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice*. But according to Dr Norman it was the young Blackall who had caught her eye. However, all chances of a romance fizzled out after Blackall appeared to become uncertain over the courtship. According to Dr Norman, Dr Blackall's letters to friends disclose his wish to pursue a courtship with the young author, but his uncertainty was treated as a snub by Austen. "There seems no likelihood of his coming into Hampshire this Christmas, and it is therefore most probable that our indifference will soon be mutual, unless his regard, which appeared to spring from knowing nothing of me at first, is best supported by never seeing me," she wrote to her sister Cassandra.

“Nothing else was heard until Jane and her parents went down to the South Devon coast in 1802. Here we know she met and fell in love with an unknown clergyman, who was visiting his brother who was working in the town as a doctor," said Dr Norman.... "I looked all over the place and found a Dr John Blackall registered in Totnes. He turned out to be Samuel's brother." Few of Austen's letters between 1801 and 1804 survive, making corroboration of the relationship difficult, but Dr Norman said Austen's novels and poems from around this time support the Blackall theory...

This all sounds more or less plausible, but Dr. Norman goes on to propose that Jane and Cassandra were both in love with his new-found hero and bickered about it for the rest of their lives.

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**Answer to Charade:** Banknote