

# THE PEMBERLEY POST

News from the Vermont Chapter of the Jane Austen Society of North America



*J. Austen*

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**News:** As a test run, we use what seems the most popular name for our chapter newsletter: *What do you think????*

**New Members:** in this newsletter, we welcome Thierry Guerlaine (Montpelier).

**Our Chapter Banner:** Thierry's firm Graphitek created our new chapter banner, which was unveiled at our March meeting. We promise it will display in a prominent place come June 7<sup>th</sup>!



Our **Hyde Park** gathering – a meet and greet over nibbles for a little chatter about anything – was nicely attended. Special ‘thank you’ to **Suzanne Boden** for hosting us at her home, the B&B *The Governor's House in Hyde Park*.

**David White**, of Montpelier, who had hoped to make the Hyde Park gathering, has offered to act as host for a summer movie night. Date to be announced. And he's thinking of films that are *not* Austen-related; so, just a fun gathering over a little food. More news to come...

**Our Next JASNA Meeting:** Sunday, 7 June 2009 at 2 p.m. This meet takes place in Montpelier, at the College of Fine Arts. Our speaker is **Hope Greenberg**, whose topic is “**FASHION IN JANE AUSTEN'S WORLD**”.

We are (of course!) looking for volunteers who would like to help supply refreshments. Please contact Lynne Hefferon, if you would like to bake, buy, or bring! (hefferon10@comcast.net or 802-899-6871)

Also: keep in mind that the Chapter has copies of **Penelope Byrd's** excellent book, *Jane Austen Fashion*; these will be available for sale at the lecture – but if you would like your own copy beforehand, let DEB know! Proceeds go to the Chapter. \$20

**September 2009 JASNA meeting:** will feature **Joan Klingel Ray**! She is a past-President of JASNA, and has the best-seller, *Jane Austen for Dummies* on her list of books she's authored. Takes place on the campus of Champlain College (Burlington) on Sunday, 27 September 2009, 2 p.m., and is entitled “Jane Austen for Smarties”.

As a special treat, Joan has agreed to **meet with JASNA-Vermont members!** Details don't exist yet, but this would take place the day before her public lecture, therefore on Saturday, September 26. We would probably gather for an informal lunch. Anyone wishing to host this event let both Kelly and Deb know. But a nice restaurant (each paying our own way) is also a good option.

We received an email from JASNA saying that some *Persuasions* have lost their wrappers and therefore strayed. IF you have not received your copy of the journal, contact Bobbie Gay (hettyb@comcast.net). Those without a journal *and* email, Bobbie's phone number is in JASNA News (front inside cover), or contact Kelly.

We are promised JASNA website notification of the when mailings for the upcoming **AGM in Philadelphia** get sent out. Early reports confirm that registration will be brisk! So consider *online* registration. Keep your eyes peeled for the announcement of the mailing having gone out to members. We've been told that two days later, online registration will begin.

A bit closer to home, and fast approaching: Join the **Burlington Country Dancers** on Saturday, **June 6, from 8-11 p.m.** for what else: DANCING! This proved *very* popular in December, at our Austen Tea – so do consider joining in the dance again! We are keeping our fingers crossed that some of the dancers will attend, *in costume*, Hope's talk on the 7<sup>th</sup>; she is a member of the Burlington Country Dancers, as is JASNA-Vermont member, Val Medve. Val is the gal to contact for information about **Across the Lake: An English Country Dance Gala**. It's on the Vermont side of the Lake this year, at the Elley Long Center (Fort Ethan Allen), Colchester. At the door: \$10 for spectators, \$31 for dancers. Info: 802-899-2378 or valandtom@myfairpoint.net. Website [www.peter.burrage.net/dance](http://www.peter.burrage.net/dance).

If you would be willing to HOST out-of-town dancers, please contact VAL.

Their lovely poster is available on our Vermont Chapter blog: **JaneAustenInVermont.wordpress.com/events**.

And speaking of the blog: we invite YOUR participation: do *not* be shy!! Book reviews, movie reviews, Austen-related information, any thoughts!

**JASNA's Montreal/Quebec City chapter** has announced their **Donwell Abbey Strawberry Party**. Members wishing to attend (\$10 CN; non-members \$12CN), please contact Elaine Bander, the chapter's RC at [ebander@dawsoncollege.qc.ca](mailto:ebander@dawsoncollege.qc.ca) or 514-481-4555. She is requesting RSVPs by June 12; the Party to be **at Elaine's in NDG (4395 Hingston Ave, Montreal) on Sunday, 14 June 2009, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** The talk will be by **JAN FERGUS**, who will 'present some ideas she is preparing for her plenary talk at the 2009 AGM'. Their Reading Group will make sure there's lively discussion of Elizabeth and Jane Bennet's sisterly relationship!!

The Vermont events the Chapter has to look forward to are:

- **6 December 2009:** Annual Birthday Tea, Philip Baruth guest speaker.
- **21 March 2010:** Ingrid Graff speaking on *Northanger Abbey*.
- **6 June 2010:** Box Hill Picnic – speaker and location TBA.

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