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You are Cordially Invited to JASNA-Vermont's June Meeting

A Peek into Jane Austen's Regency World

Lisa Brown

*"Of Rears and Vices I Saw Enough' ~ The Royal Navy in *Mansfield Park* and *Persuasion*"*

and **A. Marie Sprayberry**

*"Sex, Power, and Other People's Money ~
The Prince Regent and His Impact on Jane Austen's Life and Work"*

Sunday, 8 June 2014, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

*Fletcher Free Library, Fletcher Room
235 College St, Burlington VT*

Lisa Brown will present an enlightening talk on how the Royal Navy figures in *Mansfield Park* and *Persuasion*. We will learn about the uniforms, the ships, the rating system, prize money, and more; as well as discover how very knowledgeable Jane Austen was about the Royal Navy because of her brothers' involvement. Various uniforms will be on display - but, alas! without a Captain Wentworth in sight!

A. Marie Sprayberry investigates why Jane Austen wrote of the Princess of Wales in 1813: "*Poor Woman, I shall support her as long as I can, because she is a Woman, & because I hate her Husband.*" The Prince Regent brazenly personified the three themes of sex, money, and power - as long as the money was someone else's! But did Jane Austen have particular reasons for disdaining him? And how might her views of the Prince have influenced her work? Photos of contemporary royal commemorative china and medals will illustrate the talk, all from Marie's collection.

*Lisa and Marie are co-regional coordinators of the Syracuse Region; Lisa also co-chairs the Rochester Region, is an ECD teacher, owns a Regency era costume business, and has given various talks on the Royal Navy and Regency fashion; she works as a proof reader. Marie has spoken to JASNA on the Prince Regent and will be speaking at the Montreal AGM on "Fanny Price as Fordyce's Ideal Woman?" She works from her Syracuse home for a NYC-based publisher.

Free & open to the public ~ Light refreshments served
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Upcoming ~ August 2014: Jane Austen's *Letters* [TBA - see blog for details]