

JASNA Rochester

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They sauntered about together many an half-hour in Mrs. Grant's shrubbery, the weather being unusually mild for the time of year, and venturing sometimes even to sit down on one of the benches now comparatively unsheltered, remaining there perhaps till, in the midst of some tender ejaculation of Fanny's on the sweets of so protracted an autumn, they were forced, by the sudden swell of a cold gust shaking down the last few yellow leaves about them, to jump up and walk for warmth.

As we head into the fall, let's hope that we share *Mansfield Park's* "protracted" autumn and a delightful season of local Jane Austen discussions. If you are new to Rochester or new to JASNA, welcome! The Jane Austen Society of North America is a national organization (<http://www.jasna.org>) for anyone interested in Jane Austen, her novels, her life, her culture, and her historical era. We are an organization of readers, teachers, and historians—but also real estate professionals, lawyers, mothers, fathers, bookkeepers, astronomers, chemists, computer specialists, Luddites, students, seniors, re-enactors, dancers—really, everyone is welcome.

In Rochester, we meet September through May on the third Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Pittsford Barnes and Noble Bookstore Community Room on Monroe Avenue. All are welcome, but we encourage you to join JASNA to receive national publications and newsletters. Membership is easy and inexpensive. Please see the last page of this newsletter.



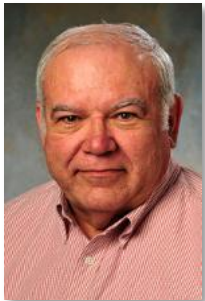
English Country Dancers at Rose Hill Mansion in August 2014. Photograph by Marie Sprayberry

Lisa Brown and **Celia Easton** are the co-coordinators of the Rochester Region of JASNA. Our “region” extends west to Buffalo and south and east through the six-county Rochester area. If you are closer to Syracuse, **Marie Sprayberry** is eager to welcome you at Austen events. See the Syracuse webpage: <http://janeaustensyr.blogspot.com/>

Fall 2014 Schedule

September 20, 2014 (B&N, 1:00 p.m.). Lisa Brown’s cravat tying workshop—find out what it takes to dress like Mr. Darcy. Lisa will also present this workshop in Montreal in October.

October 18, 2014 (B&N, 1:00 p.m.). Can’t make it to the JASNA Annual General Meeting in Montreal? Come to the October meeting to hear highlights of sessions, workshops, lectures, and events from members who are attending. *Mansfield Park* is the AGM theme.

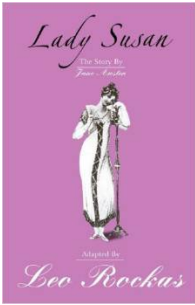


November 15, 2014 (B&N, 1:00 p.m.). Professor David White of St. John Fisher College, editor of *The Works of Bishop Butler* (2006, UofR Press), will discuss Jane Austen and Bishop Butler.

In December we have our annual Jane Austen Birthday Luncheon. The luncheon date will be either Saturday Dec. 6 or Saturday Dec. 13, depending on venue availability (The Chatterbox Club) and availability of the invited speaker. This is the only event this fall for which there is a charge. Lunch costs are generally \$25-\$30 per guest. More information soon.

GET READY FOR 2015: Read Jane Austen’s early (and wicked) epistolary novella, *Lady Susan*. Available in a beautiful edition from the Juvenilia Press—as well as a terrific *adaptation* by (our own) Leo Rockas from America Star Books. *Lady Susan* is also available in public domain texts online (free) for electronic readers.

Winter and Spring 2015 Schedule



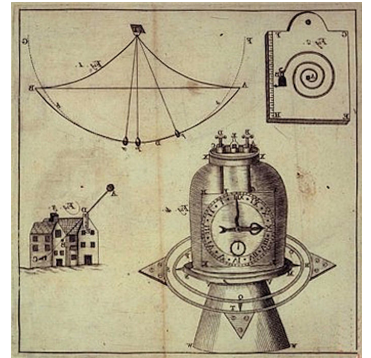
January 17, 2015 (B&N, 1:00 p.m.). We gather after the new year to discuss Austen's longest surviving epistolary work, *Lady Susan*. As a fan of Samuel Richardson and Frances Burney, Austen played with fictional works written in letters in her juvenilia, and she composed the first draft of *Sense and Sensibility* as an epistolary novel comprised of letters exchanged by Elinor and Marianne. While *Lady Susan* lacks the length and development of Austen's six complete novels, it works well as a comic novella (or longish short story). The focus on an immoral and unsympathetic heroine may shock some readers, as will the fact that as a young woman Jane Austen was clearly aware of sexuality, attraction, coercion, and seduction (Austen was likely a late teen or woman in her early twenties when the manuscript of *LS* was produced).

February 21, 2015 (B&N, 1:00 p.m.). Can't get enough of letter writing? In February, JASNA Rochester member Judith Judson will share her talk on 18th-century women letter writers. Judith gave an earlier version of this talk as a break-out session at the Milwaukee AGM in 2005. This is the description of that session:

Licit Authoresses: Female Letter Writers of the Georgian Era

Letter writing has for centuries been the principal means of expression for women. Beginning with a look back in history to Mme de Sévigné and other famous correspondents, Judson examines and quotes distinguished women letter writers of the Georgian era, including Fanny Burney, Maria Edgeworth, Mary Wollstonecraft, Lady Caroline Lamb, and Austen's cousin Eliza de Feuillide.

March 21, 2015 (B&N, 1:00 p.m.). 18th Century Clocks, Accuracy, and Longitude. A talk by SUNY Distinguished Professor of Astronomy, Dave Meisel (Professor Meisel has been a previous birthday luncheon speaker).



April 18, 2015 (B&N, 1:00 p.m.). Cross your fingers for spring weather! We are delighted to welcome back from Connecticut Professor Leo Rockas, a very active Austen scholar. Leo spoke to us in spring 2014 about his work completing Austen's incomplete story, "Catharine, or the Bower." We've been eager for more!

May 16, 2015 (B&N, 1:00 p.m.). Syracuse regional coordinator Marie Sprayberry (whose papers on the Prince Regent and Fordyce's sermons have drawn rave reviews) will organize a session on "Austen Family Gossip" for our May meeting. She has quite a bit to relate, but if you would like to be a contributor for this session, please contact Marie.

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 You can also join JASNA online and pay by PayPal.

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Type of membership	United States	Canada	International*
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Sustaining annual***	US\$60	Cdn\$60	US\$70
Individual life	US\$350	Cdn\$500	US\$400
Convert to Family life****	US\$150	Cdn\$200	US\$175
Family life**	US\$500	Cdn\$700	US\$575

* International dues apply to members whose address is not in the USA or Canada.

** Family membership: 2 persons at the same address, each of whom is a member; the household receives one subscription to *JASNA News* and *Persuasions*.

Note: The membership year begins September 1 and ends August 31. New members who join before June 1 will receive the current year's edition of *Persuasions* as well as any back issues of *JASNA News* that might have been missed, as long as supplies last. New members who join between June 1 and August 31 will receive the summer issue of *JASNA News* but will otherwise be enrolled for the following full membership year, which starts September 1.

Total Amount: \$ _____

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