

# JASNA ROCHESTER

NEWSLETTER FALL 2012

## Fall 2012 Schedule

**September 15, 1:00 p.m.**, Barnes and Noble, Pittsford. Marie Sprayberry will preview her 2012 AGM talk, "Sex, Power, and Other People's Money: The Prince Regent and His Impact on Jane Austen's Life and Work."

**October 20, 1:00 p.m.**, Barnes and Noble, Pittsford. Members who attended the Brooklyn Annual General Meeting share what they heard and learned about Jane Austen through the AGM's focus on Sex, Power, and Money.

**October 20, 3:00 p.m.**, Barnes and Noble, Pittsford. Plans are in the works through B&N and Marianne Zeitlin's literary agent for Marianne to read from and discuss her new novel, *Motherless Child*. Please stay, purchase the book, and celebrate with our local, distinguished author and great friend of JASNA.

**November 17, 1:00 p.m.**, Barnes and Noble, Pittsford. Report from Bath...inviting members who have visited Bath, London, and Hampshire in the last year, or traveled to the Queen's Jubilee, to share pictures and stories that tie Jane Austen to the places she called home.



**December 15, 2012, 11:30 a.m. at the Chatterbox Club.** Celebrate Jane Austen's birthday (only one day early) at our annual luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Nicola Minott-Ahl, Professor of English at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.



The Janeiaccs are coming!





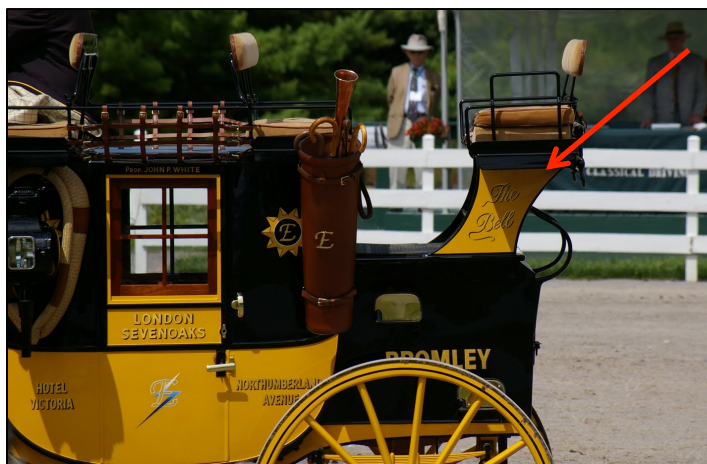
Need more than a monthly dose of Jane Austen? Upstate New York's JASNA "Janeiacs" (rhymes with "maniacs") sponsor Austen-themed activities for all who are interested. The only requirement for participation with the Janeiacs is an active email account.



On July 22, the Janeiacs attended a concert by the Jane Austen Singing School for Young Ladies in Skaneateles.



On August 11, the Janeiacs enjoyed a trip into "carriage history" by attending the Walnut Hill Driving Competition. The highlight of the Janeiacs' August trip to the Walnut Hill Farm Driving Competition was seeing a meticulously restored Bromley-London Post Coach from the 1860s take part in the event. This coach daily traveled the route discussed by Elizabeth Bennet and Lady Catherine de Burgh in Chapter 14 of *Pride and Prejudice*. The name of the coaching inn, "The Bell", mentioned by Lady Catherine is painted on the coach (see red arrow). Alas, there were no barouches at Walnut Hill.







### **From Chapter 14 of *Pride and Prejudice***

“And if you will stay another month complete, it will be in my power to take one of you as far as London, for I am going there early in June, for a week; and as Dawson does not object to the Barouche box, there will be very good room for one of you -- and indeed, if the weather should happen to be cool, I should not object to taking you both, as you are neither of you large.”

“You are all kindness, Madam; but I believe we must abide by our original plan.”

Lady Catherine seemed resigned.

“Mrs. Collins, you must send a servant with them. You know I always speak my mind, and I cannot bear the idea of two young women travelling post by themselves. It is highly improper. You must contrive to send somebody. I have the greatest dislike in the world to that sort of thing. -- Young women should always be properly guarded and attended, according to their situation in life. When my niece Georgiana went to Ramsgate last summer, I made a point of her having two men servants go with her. -- Miss Darcy, the daughter of Mr. Darcy of Pemberley, and Lady Anne, could not have appeared with propriety in a different manner. -- I am excessively attentive to all those things. You must send John with the young ladies, Mrs. Collins. I am glad it occurred to me to mention it; for it would really be discreditable to you to let them go alone.”

“My uncle is to send a servant for us.”

“Oh! -- Your uncle! -- He keeps a man-servant, does he? -- I am very glad you have somebody who thinks of those things. Where shall you change horses? -- Oh! Bromley, of course. -- If you mention my name at the Bell, you will be attended to.”

## Additional Upcoming Events with JASNA-Syracuse, Country Dancers of Rochester, and the Janeiacs

### Saturday, September 8, 2012

Janeiacs trip to the Central Library in Rochester for a Jane Austen Era fashion show at noon.

### Saturday, September 22, 2012

Rochester JASNA member Leo Rockas will be presenting his *Persuasions* paper "When Did Darcy Fall in Love?" to the Syracuse Region at their Michaelmas meeting at 2:00 pm in Liverpool, NY.

### Saturday, October 27, 2012

Masquerade Ball with the Country Dancers of Rochester at 7:30 pm in Brighton at the First Baptist Church at 175 Allens Creek Rd.

### Saturday, November 3, 2012

JASNA Syracuse meeting in Binghamton at 2:00 pm at RiverRead Books (5 Court St., Binghamton) for a discussion of parents and parental figures in the novels. Those attending the May Day meeting in Binghamton picked the topic, and certainly after the stimulating discussion of JA's fictional villains and schemers that day, it may be only a short step to discussing JA's fictional parents! Agree or disagree?

### December 1, 2012

Janeiacs will be making a trip to Genesee Country Village and Museum for "Yuletide in the Country."

<http://gcv.org/EventCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?eid=28>



## Spring 2013 Plans

**Saturday, January 19, 2013, 1:00 p.m.,**  
Pittsford Barnes and Noble. Get ready for the September 2013 AGM with a discussion of *Pride and Prejudice*.

**Saturday, February 16, 2013, 1:00 p.m.,**  
Movie day? Site TBD.

**Saturday, March 16, 2013, 1:00 p.m.,** B&N.  
Austen Villains: Rakes, Unreliable Guardians, and False Friends.

**Saturday, April 20, 2013, 1:00 p.m.,** B&N.  
Jane Austen Puzzles! Carolyn Meisel will introduce our JASNA group to Austen-inspired puzzles; we're in for a treat. Have others? Bring them along.

**Saturday, May 18, 2013, 1:00 p.m.** Illnesses: real and imaginary. Perhaps some toast with *lots* of butter will sit nicely in your delicate stomach!

**JANEIACS:** Enjoy the Jane Austen Weekend at the Genesee Country Village and Museum, next year, June 22-23, 2013

This is the 2012 poster:



## 2012 AGM Keynote Speakers:



Anna Quindlen, Pulitzer-prize winner and best-selling author, Carol Medine Moss Keynote Lecturer.



Dr. Cornel West, Professor of Philosophy, Princeton University, JASNA North American Scholar Lecturer.



Sandy Lerner, co-founder of Cisco Systems and founder of Chawton House Library, plenary session speaker.



Daniel James Cole, Professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology, plenary session speaker.

### From "Jane Austen," by Virginia Woolf, in *The Common Reader*.

*For even if the pangs of outraged vanity, or the heat of moral wrath, urged us to improve away a world so full of spite, pettiness, and folly, the task is beyond our powers. People are like that--the girl of fifteen knew it; the mature woman proves it. At this very moment some Lady Bertram is trying to keep Pug from the flower beds; she sends Chapman to help Miss Fanny a little late. The discrimination is so perfect, the satire so just, that, consistent though it is, it almost escapes our notice. No touch of pettiness, no hint of spite, rouse us from our contemplation. Delight strangely mingles with our amusement. Beauty illumines these fools.*



# JANE AUSTEN WANTS YOU!



JASNA Rochester is a regional chapter of the Jane Austen Society of North America, a not-for-profit literary organization with over 4800 members in the U.S. and Canada. There are Jane Austen Societies all over the world, including Great Britain, Australia, Japan, and Argentina.

Because JASNA Rochester holds most of its monthly meetings at the Community Room of the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Monroe Avenue in Pittsford, NY, we welcome to our meetings readers of all ages who are interested in Jane Austen, her novels, and the history of the Regency era. Unless otherwise noted, there is no charge to attend our meetings. Regular participants are encouraged to contribute \$5 a year to the local chapter to defray some annual costs.

JASNA membership is with the national organization, allowing you to attend regional chapter meetings anywhere in the country. Annual membership (\$30/\$18 students) provides a subscription to the scholarly journal, *Persuasions*. New York state has four regional chapters—Rochester, Syracuse, Capital Region, and New York Metro. See the JASNA-Rochester website for links to information about the other regions:

<http://jasnaroc.wordpress.com>

On the last page of this newsletter you will find a membership application for JASNA, also available at <http://www.jasna.org>.

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Student annual (full-time)	\$18
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Individual life	\$350

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