

JASNA Roc

2014 Spring Meeting & Events Schedule



Saturday, January 18 at 1:00 pm

We return to Barnes & Noble for a presentation on the children's board book series, *Cozy Classics*. Illustrated with exquisite felt dolls created by our speaker, Ithaca College English professor Jack Wang, this series makes literary classics like *Pride and Prejudice* and *Emma* accessible to toddlers.

Saturday, February 1 at noon

The Country Dancers of Rochester will give a demonstration of English Country Dancing in the Kate Gleason Auditorium in the Bausch & Lomb building of the Central Library in downtown Rochester. The costumed dancers include several JASNA members and are lead by Lisa Brown. Admission is free. The library's phone number is 585-428-7300.

Saturday, February 15 at 1:00 pm

"The Scars of Childhood: Is Mansfield Park a psychological novel?" will be the topic of discussion to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Mansfield Park in 2014. Our JASNA regional co-coordinator Celia Easton will lead our conversation about Jane Austen's most controversial novel.

Monday, February 24 at 6:30 pm

Beginning on Monday, February 24 at 6:30 pm and continuing for the next five Mondays, Lisa Brown and Leslie Phillips will be teaching "Dance Like Jane Austen," a beginner English Country Dance class, through the Brighton Rec Dept. The classes require advance registration. The phone number for Brighton Rec is 585-784-5260.

Saturday, March 15 at 1:00 pm

Mike Warner from the Rochester Calligraphy Guild will be give a demonstration of writing with a quill pen along with talk about period inks and quills.

Saturday, April 19 at 1:00 pm

Marie Sprayberry's presentation will be an expanded version of her Summer 2013 *JASNA News* book review, "Fanny Price as Fordyce's Ideal Woman?" Is the "creepmouse" heroine of *Mansfield Park* actually the dream girl of Dr. James Fordyce's *Sermons to Young Women*? And, if so, why might Austen have chosen to create a "conduct-book heroine"? A lively discussion on the latter question is expected!

Sunday, May 4 at 2:00 pm

The Annual Jane Austen Ball takes place in the elegant Tudor-style ballroom of a local country club. Spectators are welcome at half price.

Saturday, May 17 at 1:00 pm

Our old friend Leo Rockas will return from Connecticut to give a talk called "Catharine and the Next Project." focusing on his next creative writing endeavor and a little about an upcoming article on point of view in *Pride and Prejudice*.

In the following exchange from *Pride and Prejudice*, Miss Bingley is trying to attract Mr. Darcy's attention away from writing a letter onto her by offering to trim his quill pen.

"I am afraid you do not like your pen. Let me mend it for you. I mend pens remarkably well."

"Thank you -- but I always mend my own."

