

JASNA-Dayton Newsletter

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Fall outing planned for Playhouse in the Park's performance of *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* – October 28th Matinee – Reserve by July 10!

By Angela Crovetti



MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY

Cincinnati will once again be the host city for a brand-new Jane Austen-based play. Playhouse in the Park will put on *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* this fall. Our group is going for a Sunday matinee on October 28. Ticket prices are dependent on how close you wish to sit! Choose either the \$62 seats (regularly \$83) or the \$51 seats (regularly \$68). Payments are being collected now; **deadline to submit is July 10th**. We plan to organize a brunch in conjunction with this event; those details will come out closer to the date. For now, we need to collect payment for

those wishing to buy tickets at the reduced group rate. Guests are welcome to join for this event, and guest ticket price is the same as for members. If you are not able to commit now, there is a chance you might be able to get tickets on your own later; but you would likely not be seated with our group, and will have to pay full price for your tickets. Please remit your check **made out to JASNA Dayton** no later than **JULY 10** to Mary Ann Gasior, 2727 Old Whipp Ct., Centerville, OH 45440. For questions, e-mail Angela Crovetti at angela.crovetti@gmail.com, or call 513-520-8031.

Lisa Tyler, our new RC, to speak September 23 at Patterson Homestead

Talk will explore "Modernist Jane: Austen's Reception by Writers of the Twenties and Thirties"

By Lisa Tyler and Angela Crovetti

Jane Austen's work underwent a resurgence after World War I. Mary Augusta Austen-Leigh, Austen's great-niece, published *Personal Aspects of Jane Austen* in 1920. Three years later, Oxford University Press published the first scholarly edition of Austen's novels, edited by R.W. Chapman. Rudyard Kipling's short story "The Janeites" was published in 1924. In 1935, Helen Jerome's adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice* ran for 219 performances on Broadway and another 317 performances in



Lisa and James Tyler at 2015 AGM

London's West End before eventually becoming the basis of the 1940 MGM film starring Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier. Given its prominence in popular culture, Austen's work would have been difficult for the modernist writers of the period to avoid.

How did modernist writers of the 1920s and 1930s respond to the writings of Jane Austen? In this talk, first presented at the 2016 JASNA Annual General Meeting Huntington Beach, California, we will explore how authors like Ernest Hemingway, Edith Wharton, D.H. Lawrence, Virginia Woolf, Ezra Pound, Katherine Mansfield, and Thornton Wilder wrote about Austen in their published and private writings and how her work influenced theirs. In this presentation, illustrated with more than 40 PowerPoint slides, you will learn more about what Claudia L. Johnson calls "a lamentably understudied affiliation": the surprising affinity of the modernists for our dear Jane.

Lisa Tyler, professor of English at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, teaches literature, composition, and business communication. She is the author or editor of four books, two of them forthcoming in 2019, and has published more than 40 essays in academic journals and edited collections. She serves on the editorial advisory board of the *Hemingway Review*, and she received Sinclair's Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award in 2017. A JASNA member for more than 25 years, she currently serves on the JASNA Board and was elected Regional Coordinator of the Dayton Region in March.

Join us for this wonderful talk by our new RC on September 23rd at the Patterson Homestead. More details will be forthcoming later in the summer!

March program, "The Great JASNA–Dayton Bakeoff," a resounding success!

By Tori Manship



"It's as easy as making biscuits," Rose Morgan of Central Perc assured her audience as she patted her dough together. There were about 24 for of us sitting in a Centerville High School culinary arts kitchen, and we eagerly watched as she gave a quick baking demonstration for her delicious and famous British scones served at Central Perc.

For those unfamiliar, Central Perc European Café, located at 2315 Far Hills Avenue in Oakwood, is a charming local restaurant and a favorite among JASNA Dayton members.

Along with breakfast, lunch, baked goods and coffee, Central Perc offers an amazing afternoon tea Monday through Friday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., reservations suggested. Or go to enjoy a cream tea at any time during regular operating hours.

Rose is usually hidden behind the scenes in her domain — the kitchen — while her husband and co-owner, Mike Morgan, serves the front of house, often instructing, “start from the bottom, work your way up to the top!” while placing a heaping tower of sandwiches, desserts, and scones piled high with jam and cream in front of guests.

But tonight was a special night. The kitchen was front and center as Rose taught us how high-quality butter and flour make all the difference in a humble scone. Baking experience of participants covered a full range, but regardless of experience, many of us were nervous as we mixed our dough and anxiously checked our scones in the oven.

Rose gave tips, and approved dough, while Mike helped pass out ingredients. After the timers went off, and tray after tray of golden scones were removed from the oven, the flurry of aprons and panic dissipated. The room became cozy with quiet conversation as people sat at their tables enjoying their warm scones with freshly whipped cream, jam, and a hot cup of tea.

All agreed: this was a wonderful way to spend a Friday night.



Members and guests prepare their scone dough

For those of you who could not attend, Rose has kindly granted permission to share her recipe with our members. It appears at the end of this newsletter.

JASNA–Dayton well represented at 2018 Ohioana Book Festival in Columbus

By Lynn Slowden

The JASNA–Dayton programming committee exhibited as partners of the Ohioana Book Festival on April 14 at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel on Capitol Square. The festival, established in 2007, offers attendees the opportunity to connect with Ohio writers, hear presentations, and make book purchases. It is a *free* event, open to the public with no registration required. RC Carrie Bebris, Sandra Brennan, Mary Ann Gasior, Tori Manship, Sherry Rose-Bond and Lynn Slowden staffed the JASNA table at different times during



JASNA–Dayton members Tori Manship and Lynn Slowden staff the JASNA table

the day. The new Columbus reading group collected contact information for over 30 interested participants! The group distributed about 50 brochures and collected five or six names for membership information. The Ohioana Book Festival is an annual event, usually held in April. Next year's festival will be Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Columbus Metropolitan Library's renovated and expanded main branch on Grant Avenue. More volunteers are always appreciated! Contact Lynn Slowden, lmslowden@aol.com, if you'd like to be contacted with information for 2019.

March election brings changes to JASNA–Dayton the Executive Committee

By Angela Crovetti (with copy from Meredith Stoehr's prior article)

According to JASNA-Dayton's bylaws (accessible through our website, www.jasnadayton.org, under "Resources"), officers who hold elective positions are to be elected every other year. JASNA limits Regional Coordinators to three consecutive terms, but other officers may serve for any length of time.

At our March 16th program, a brief business meeting was held to vote in your new JASNA–Dayton Executive Committee. Lisa Tyler was elected Regional Coordinator and Tori Manship our new Program Coordinator. Eilanna Price was elected Secretary in addition to being re-elected Librarian/Historian. Others re-elected to new terms were Judy McCoy (Treasurer), Wilson Palmer (Reading Group Coordinator), and Debra Bentley (Membership Coordinator).

Angela Crovetti was appointed Newsletter Editor and Assistant Program Coordinator. Others continuing in their appointed positions are Lynn Slowden (Publicity Coordinator), Cam Mauzy (Fundraising Coordinator), and Mariah Busher (Webmaster).

The new terms for all elected and appointed positions commence September 1, which is also the start of our program and fiscal years. Welcome to the new slate of officers, and to those continuing in their current roles. Your hard work on the behalf of our group is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to our outgoing officers, especially to Carrie Bebris for her dedication and hard work as our Regional Coordinator (RC). Carrie has helped to put processes and guidelines in place that will help carry us forward to success in the years to come. Thank you, Carrie! Meredith Stoehr is certainly breathing a welcome sigh of relief to have someone step forward to take over newsletter duties. Meredith has gone above and beyond in helping us out with the newsletter for so many years, but especially for the past few after she had long moved away from the Dayton area. We feel it was so hard to find a replacement because you are irreplaceable! We had to recruit several helpers to replace just one Meredith. It will definitely be hard to live up to the high standard Meredith set for the newsletter. We hope you can now fully relax in your new environs in Raleigh.

JASNA-Dayton Executive Committee

Elected Positions

Regional Coordinator	Lisa Tyler	rc@jasnadayton.org
Program Coordinator	Tori Manship	
Reading Group Coordinator	Wilson Palmer	wilson3cp@gmail.com
Treasurer	Judy McCoy	
Secretary	Eilanna Price	
Membership Coordinator	Deb Bentley	937-429-5123 extraone@woh.rr.com
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Appointed Positions

Assistant Program Coordinator	Angela Crovetti	angela.crovetti@gmail.com
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Fundraising Coordinator	Camilla Mauzy	
Newsletter Editor	Angela Crovetti	angela.crovetti@gmail.com
Webmaster	Mariah Busher	

New Reading Group in Columbus off to a great start! Next meeting June 24

By Meredith Stoehr & Sherry Rose-Bond

The JASNA-Dayton Region takes in all of Ohio except the area around Cleveland, which comprises the Ohio North Coast Region. Members in areas inconveniently far from Dayton have plans to start their own Reading Groups next year.

Sherry Rose-Bond, with the assistance of Sandi Brennan, has started a group in Columbus. They will have their first meeting on **June 24**, right about the time this newsletter will go out; details are below in case you are interested in joining.

Sherry writes:

If Jane were still with us, where would she be on Sunday, June 24th? Of course she would be joining our Chawton in Columbus Reading Group, where we will watch the movie Persuasion and follow it with a discussion of it and the book. Wouldn't it be amazing to get her views on our modern adaptation of her book?

Summer Columbus reading group meeting details:

The meeting will be held 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at St. Matthias Catholic Church, 1582 Ferris Road. If you take I-71, get off at Cooke Road, drive east for about a mile to a T intersection at Karl Road. Turn left onto Karl Road. Just past Ferris Road, you will see a parking lot on your right. (If you get to St. Francis DeSales High School, you've gone a bit too far.) Park in the parking lot on Karl and look for the Chawton in Columbus sign on the door to the St. Matthias School. Follow the signs in the hallway to the meeting room, which will be on the left.

We will provide hot water, a variety of teas, cups, plates and napkins. Please bring finger foods to share with others.

So far, all our participants and those expressing interest in our JA reading group have been women. However, if you have male friends who enjoy Jane Austen's books, by all means, invite them to join us.

Please let us know by June 20 if you are planning to attend. Thank you.

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Sherry Rose-Bond - violethunter@columbus.rr.com

... and looking ahead to Fall

Fall Columbus reading group meeting: Sunday, October 21, 2:00-5:30 p.m., Hilliard Panera, [3625 Fishinger Blvd.](#)

Subject: *Northanger Abbey*. Whether you have the one-volume or the two-volume editions of *N.A.*, we will discuss the beginning of the novel, from Chapter 1 through Chapter 10.

Cincinnati/Dayton Reading Group wraps up *Mansfield Park* at the home of member Eilanna Price (Fanny's distant relation?)

By Wilson Palmer

The Cincy/Dayton reading group finished *Mansfield Park* April 8, 2018, at the delightful home of Fanny's relative, Eilanna Price.

Author Deidre Lynch calls *Mansfield Park* "a book of difficult beauty." I feel our



two years reading this book yielded many new insights and much beauty and discomfort to consider. This is very few people's favorite Austen book, but I feel that left all the more to discover and discuss. As our first discussion leader, Kate Spencer, told us, this is a novel of disorder: cultural, moral, spiritual and familial. No wonder *Mansfield Park* makes most of us uneasy.

Some ideas from the past two years' discussions remain with me: A plot that compares to *King Lear*; the game of Speculation as the plot of *MP* in miniature; Fanny's homelessness — she is an alien at Mansfield Park and back in Portsmouth; the connection to the Biblical book of Proverbs — Fanny is the “Price above rubies” and the good wife described there. Tori Manship brought up the idea that the characters in Mansfield Park represent each of the seven deadly sins. The group agreed that a Fanny/Henry marriage would be more likely to succeed than a Mary/Edmund one since Henry loves Fanny as she appears to him but the latter pair want to change each other.

Lady Bertram provoked considerable discussion. She is not totally lethargic; she is an active and regular writer of long letters, even with little to say. In a moment of highest drama, comparable to a car chase or an alien invasion in other novels, Lady Bertram actually gets up off the couch and goes outside to welcome Fanny home from Portsmouth. There, Lady Bertram gives Fanny the welcoming hug she so desperately wanted but did not get from her own mother. Finally, Fanny is no longer an alien. She now found the comfort of her true home.

A favorite moment came when Fanny, after a whole book of complete passivity and strict obedience to proper manners, jumps up and *acts* to secure Edmund for herself! When Edmund starts re-warming to his thoughts of "perfect Mary, if only..." Fanny betrays Mary's confidence and lets Edmund understand how much Tom's desperate state of health increased Edmund's attraction for Mary. It was also pointed out, although unmentioned by Austen herself, that Julia's sudden elopement was well timed, since her marriage prospects will be tainted by Maria and Henry's elopement.

We enjoyed Austen pointing out the injustice of men participating in scandal being less severely punished than the women. But Austen also speculates that there is an extra punishment for Henry as he comes to regret losing Fanny, the object of his "passionate" (as Jane describes it) love. We wondered, does Henry really love Fanny? Does Henry even know how to love? Austen states, however, with Fanny, he did love.

July 8, 2018: Cincy/Dayton Summer Reading Group discusses Lady Susan

For our summer reading group, we will read and discuss Austen's *Lady Susan*, as well as the recent movie adaptation, *Love and Friendship* (2016). We will be gathering at **1:30 p.m.** (note earlier meeting time!) on Sunday July 8, 2018, at Wilson Palmer's home (821 Dunore Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45220). We will discuss the book first, watch the movie, and conclude with more discussion comparing the two. Our normal end time is 4:30 p.m., but it is possible we will go later than that depending on our discussions.

DLM Good Neighbors Program for JASNA-Dayton

By Meredith Stoehr

Some years ago JASNA-Dayton joined DLM's Good Neighbors Program, which directs a small percentage of every purchase you make there towards the charity of your choice. This is a reminder that registration in the program needs to be renewed every year. If you are a regular Dorothy Lane Market shopper and have not yet signed up for the Good Neighbors program, please consider doing so now. If you already have a DLM Club card, you can sign up in one easy step:



Online: At <http://www.dorothylane.com/clubdml/goodneighbor.pl> enter your name, your full Club number (the 11-digit number below the barcode on your Club card, omitting spaces), and our charity number (813).

In person: At the Customer Desk, request a Good Neighbor form, write your name and DLM Club number, and check the box for "Jane Austen Society."

If you do not have a DLM Club card yet, sign up at <http://www.dorothylane.com/clubdml/> or request a form at the Customer Desk before registering for the Good Neighbor Program.

Dates to Remember

- June 24 – Columbus Reading Group at St. Matthias Catholic Church
- July 10 – Deadline to reserve for *Miss Bennet's* Christmas Play
- July 8 – Reading Group at Wilson Palmer's home in Cincinnati
- September 23 – Lisa Tyler's talk at the Patterson Homestead
- October 14 – Cincy/Dayton Reading Group - *Northanger Abbey* Volume I, Ch 1-9
- Sunday, October 21 – Columbus Reading Group - Hilliard Panera in Columbus
- Sunday, October 28 – *Miss Bennet's* Christmas Play in Cincinnati
- November 11 – Cincy/Dayton Reading Group - *Northanger Abbey* Vol I, Ch 10-15
- January 12, 2019 – Annual 12th Night Ball at Patterson Homestead
- April 13, 2019 – Linda Zionkowski lecture at the Mercantile Library, Cincinnati
- April 27, 2010—Ohioana Book Festival, Columbus Metropolitan Library

English Scones

Rose Morgan, Central Perc European Café

3 ½ cups (1 pound^{*}) all-purpose or blended^{**} flour

½ teaspoon salt

1 ½ tablespoons baking powder

1 stick cold unsalted butter[†], cut into small chunks

5 tablespoons sugar

1 scant cup cold whole milk

½ cup dried fruit (raisins, currants, etc.) — optional

Preheat oven to 350°F for convection oven, 375°F for regular oven.

Mix flour, salt, and baking powder.

Rub in butter with fingers (or use paddle attachment of mixer) until it resembles coarse crumbs.

Mix in dried fruit, if using.

Stir in milk and knead gently; Roll or pat out dough to ¾-inch thickness.

Cut into approximately 10 scones[‡] using a biscuit-cutter for round scones or a knife for wedges.

Bake 10 minutes in convection oven (longer in regular oven) until lightly browned.

Serve with jam or lemon curd, and butter, clotted cream, or freshly whipped cream.

^{*} Rose recommends measuring flour by weight instead of volume because different types of flour, or how much the flour has settled, can cause variations in cup measurements.

^{**} Rose's custom flour blend: 3 parts (¾ lb, or 2 ¼ c + 2 Tbsp) pastry flour to 1 part (¼ lb, or ¾ c + 2 Tbsp) cake flour

[†] Rose uses European-style butter, which has a higher (83%) butterfat content (12g vs. 11g fat per tablespoon).

[‡] Editor's note: 10 scones will be large and require more baking time in a regular oven. (Ours took 20-30 minutes.) For smaller scones, cut 12-16.