

JASNA Dayton Newsletter

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Space Still Available! RSVP Today! April 13th at 2 p.m. – “Plans of Economy in Persuasion” presented by Linda Zionkowski at the Mercantile Library in Cincinnati

By Angela Crovetti

Reservations are coming in, but there’s still more room if you’d like to catch this rare opportunity to hear a talk at the local level which has been enjoyed nationally. Who in Jane Austen's culture truly held the power of the purse? Although a family's wealth generally belonged to men, the task of managing that money often fell to women. Linda will explore with us how attitudes towards spending and saving gave shape to *Persuasion's* plot and characters, and how the novel proposes a balance between prudence and profligacy, caution and abandon, in money and love alike. A brief introduction to Jane Austen and *Persuasion* will be given for those less familiar with her works than we JASNA members generally are.

Members who attend are requested to bring a “tea lunch” (finger foods) food item to share – or if you prefer, a jug of iced tea. This event is FREE to both JASNA Dayton and Mercantile Library members – so join us for a nosh and to hear what Kansas City AGM attendees raved about!



Linda Zionkowski is a Professor of English at Ohio University, and most recently author of *Women and Gift Exchange in Eighteenth-Century Fiction: Richardson, Burney, Austen*. Along with Miriam Hart, she has published several essays on the role of domestic music in Austen's life, culture, and novels.

Check in and pot luck start at 2 p.m., with the lecture starting at 2:30. Please RSVP with your intention to attend, number of guests, and what potluck item you will bring to share, to Angela Crovetti at angela.crovetti@gmail.com or call 513-520-8031 (email preferred). Guests are welcome at \$10 each, payable at the door by cash or check made payable to JASNA Dayton.

The Mercantile Library is in an historic building in downtown Cincinnati. Don’t miss your chance to see one of Cincinnati’s hidden gems. It resides on the 11th floor at 414 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202, and has quite a history, which we will learn more about too! For parking and directions, see <https://mercantilelibrary.com/visit/>. Note that meter spots must be paid on Saturdays in the city of Cincinnati.

JASNA Dayton To Participate In Ohioana Book Festival April 27 in Columbus

By Lynn Slowden

Make plans to join us in Columbus for the Ohioana Book Festival, Saturday, April 27! The Festival will be held in the Columbus Metropolitan Museum, 96 S. Grant Street, Columbus 43215, for the very first time. Each spring the Festival has welcomed approximately 100 authors and more than 3,000 visitors. One of this year's featured authors is our own Martha Caprarotta, with her new book *Fire and Forgiveness: A Nun's Truce with General Sherman*. The hours for this FREE event are 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It's a fun-filled day with panel discussions, book signings, activities for children and young adults, book fair, food trucks, costumed characters and more.

We could use a few additional volunteers to spend some time at our sponsor table, talking about our favorite author and answering questions about our organization. Contact Tori Manship via email to get on the schedule at torim08@aol.com. Several of us are appearing in Regency dress; you could too! Any other questions, please contact me, lmslowden@aol.com.

JASNA Dayton Twelfth Night Ball – Masquerade Extravaganza! March 9, 2019

By Cindy Manship (Mrs. Jennings)

Greetings from Mrs. Jennings your hostess for JASNA Dayton's Twelfth Night Ball,

And what a ball it was too! Despite this year's ball having to be postponed a couple of times, to the point that I despaired we would have to forgo the pleasure of having one at all this year, it was a great success! I want to thank each and every one of you who attended my little assembly. (Those of you who couldn't attend this year, well, you missed a good one.) Despite the pouring rain, (and I do mean pouring), we had a wonderful turn out. My cooks did a fabulous job with the food this year, I must say.



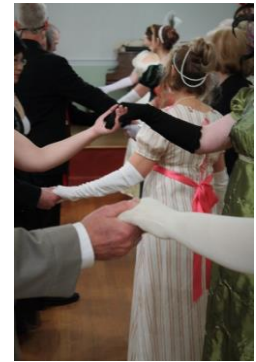
The white soup was lovely, such a great start to the meal! We had sandwiches, fruit and mince pies. Sir John insisted that last year's cake was not to his liking and wanted his favorite yule log cake instead. I do declare, it seems he was right, as many of you cleaned your plates. Mr. Tumbusch outdid himself once again calling the dances, and I even allowed my staff to join

in the dancing near the end. (They deserved a little reward after that great repast.) Mrs. Tumbusch was sadly missed this year, feeling a bit under the weather, poor thing, but I'm sure she will return next year!

We had some beautiful baskets in our silent auction this year. Miss Cam Mauzy made such a lovely bonnet that I'm sure Mr. Jennings would have bought it for me had he still been with us, God rest his soul. I played a few hands of whist in the card room and I did quite well, if I do say so myself. I partnered with Miss Mary Ann Gasior, who is quite a good card player. My thanks to Mr. Frederick Reuth and his lovely wife, Mrs. Marilyn Reuth, for helping those who needed it learn to play whist and the other games. If you haven't tried out our card room, you should. It's a great chance to get better acquainted with fellow guests in a more relaxed setting. I do love a good chat.

I must mention the idea I had for this year's Twelfth Night Ball to be a masked one. (I flatter myself to point it out.) Many of you really outdid yourself! It might be something we stay with for next year. I must task myself with an even better prize for the best mask next year!

I guess I've gone on long enough. Please consider joining next year when hopefully my Twelfth Night Ball will be held closer to Twelfth night!



Cincinnati-Dayton Reading Wraps Up Northanger Abbey

By Wilson Palmer

Northanger Abbey seems to have come and gone so quickly. It was a short book so we discussed it in four sessions instead of eight. Fourteen of us met in Eilanna Price's home on March 10, 2019. Eilanna is our Librarian, Secretary, Historian, gracious hostess and general supporting pillar of our JASNA Dayton community.

A couple of folks present for the discussion reported that *Northanger Abbey* is their second most favorite Austen book. There are so many levels or ways to view this tale: love story, gothic parody, coming of age adventure, feminist advocate, and an interesting snapshot of life over 200 years ago. Unusual for an Austen book, some readers noticed that the last quarter of the book was a page turner that one could hardly put down.

Debates arose about perceived weaknesses in this novel. How could a shallow man like General Tilney, who was obsessed with appearances, risk his reputation by being cruel to Catherine, his invited guest? Perhaps if the General believed Catherine really was low class, it did not matter how he treated her. Someone questioned the kind of intimacy over a period of many weeks that could have occurred between Catherine and Eleanor, if the latter never once mentioned having a boyfriend or man that interested her? Perhaps Eleanor's running of the household kept her from

Catherine's company most of the time, so the reader-perceived intimacy did not have time to flower. Finally, how was Austen inclining us to judge on the question of whether the Morlands were good parents or neglectful? Regardless of how we answered these questions, it is my belief that a good time was had by all. I know that was true for me.

This summer we plan to read and discuss *Eligible* by Curtis Sittenfeld in a single session, on August 11th. This is a modern retelling of *Pride and Prejudice* set in Cincinnati. Next fall we plan to begin *Persuasion*. It is also a short book, and we plan to finish it in four sessions.

If you are interested in leading a discussion or hosting a meeting, please contact Wilson Palmer (wilson3cp@gmail.com)

Another Author In Our Midst! Cheri Brinkman Updates Us On Her Projects

By Cheri Brinkman



Cheri Brinkman, cooking up some 'magic' using a recipe from one of her Cincinnati & Soup books

Cheri Brinkman, JASNA member, has recently introduced her new book, *BEST OF CINCINNATI AND SOUP*, the 4th in the *CINCINNATI AND SOUP* book series.

Beginning in 2010 with *CINCINNATI AND SOUP: RECIPES FROM THE QUEEN CITY AND GREAT SOUP*, continuing in 2011 with *CINCINNATI AND SOUP : A SECOND HELPING* and in 2013, *CINCINNATI AND SOUP: FESTIVALS AND FROLICS*, the series is rated the all time best-selling cookbook series in the Cincinnati area. With well over 8000 books sold and companion prints by artist Erin Beckloff, it is considered a Cincinnati area classic. The books feature both local recipes, like Cincinnati chilis and goetta, and also have classic recipes from local restaurants, like the Terrace Plaza, Grammers, The Golden Lamb and Peerless Mill, as well as from popular former television personalities including Bob Braun and Ruth Lyons. Combining nostalgia and true stories, the books are more than a local cookbook to most

of the people who own them. Profits from the book help fund the Cancer Free Kids- Butterfly Walk, CET (Public Television), League for Animal Welfare/ PAWS (animal rescues) and other projects for children and pets in the Cincinnati /Dayton area. Books are available in Cincinnati at Joseph Beth Booksellers (Cincinnati and N. Kentucky locations), Nature's Niche Shops (Hamilton Co Parks), The Peddler's House (Waynesville), The Village Junction (Montgomery), Picture This! (Lebanon), Mims on Main (Mason), Ampersand Home (Bellevue, Ky.),

Booksellers on Fountain Square (Cincinnati) and Online at: Vintagecincinnati.etsy.com, Great Parks (online) and Joseph Beth's web site.

You won't find these gems on Amazon- only book dealers selling at "collectible prices" have them!!

Cheri Brinkman is a graduate of Monterey Peninsula College, University of Cincinnati (U.C. - 2 degrees) and holds a family history (genealogy area) certificate from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland. She is also a Lady of Dunans Castle. She has 25 + years of experience as a college educator at U.C. and Miami University in Communication Arts and 20 years as a State and local adviser with Ohio 4H. She is a Life Member of the Cincinnati Opera Guild and Ohio Historic Connections member.

Cheri regularly appears on local television doing cooking segments and talking about local foods. Currently, she is giving historic talks about SW Ohio around the area and at places like the Taft Museum, local historical societies, retirement communities and Verity Lecture Series at Miami University.

Upcoming Events:

Talk: Cincinnati and Soup: Festivals and Frolics: Symmes Historical Soc., Symmes Township: May 23rd, 7 p.m. Call Carol 683-6644 ext. 304. Talk is free: registration required. Location TBD.

Cincinnati and Soup @facebook.com --. Please join for free recipes, information on talks and more. There is always something going on!!

For other current information, to book a talk or find out about book signing events, etc. there is always email: cincinnatiandsoup@yahoo.com or call and leave a message at: 513-932-3731. Calls will be returned as soon as possible.

Membership Questions? We're Here To Help!

By Deb Bentley

In case you're not aware, your JASNA membership now expires twelve months from the date you last renewed. JASNA will send you a couple of reminder notices. But since we don't like to lose touch with friends and we know that everyone gets busy, we will also send you one reminder as well.

If you aren't sure when your membership expires, please take a few moments and check the Member Portal <http://jasna.org/login> to find out. This is important, as there is no longer a "grace period" after your membership expires.

JASNA now culls the membership lists at the end of each month, removing those who have not renewed on time. We want you to continue to receive our newsletters, and also to continue to receive all the JASNA membership benefits, including: *JASNA News*, *Persuasions*, advance notice of the JASNA Tour, and an invitation to the AGM.

To renew on the web using the Member Portal, visit <http://jasna.org/login> and click on “Member Login,” which you will see in the middle of the page. If you have not logged in before, please email membership@jasna.org for help. And as always, our membership coordinator, Deb, is available to assist you as she is able. Reach her at 937-429-5123 or extraone@woh.rr.com

Dates to Remember

April 13, 2019 – Linda Zionkowski lecture at the Mercantile Library, Cincinnati

April 27, 2019 – Ohioana Book Festival, Columbus, Ohio

May 19, 2019 – Columbus Reading Group, 2:00-5:00 PM, Hilliard Panera

May 23, 2019 – Cheri Brinkman Talk

August 11, 2019 – Cincinnati Summer Reading Group

March 22, 2020 – *Pride & Prejudice* play, Cincinnati Shakespeare Company

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