

JASNA Dayton Newsletter

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Join Us To Meet The President! Of JASNA, That Is. Liz Philosophos Cooper, JASNA President, will present Jane Austen: Working Woman, on October 20th

By Lynn Slowden

Meet Liz Philosophos Cooper, JASNA National President Sunday, October 20, when she presents ***Jane Austen: Working Woman*** from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Woodbourne Library in Centerville. This is a FREE event and is funded in part by the Jane Austen Society of North America.

Jane Austen was a working woman and a dedicated professional writer. Cooper's illustrated talk will explore Austen's involvement in the business side of publishing her novels during a time of rampant financial instability. The Austen family were active participants in both war and finance and these two sectors intertwined in the story of her writing and publishing.

A cream tea will be served, and Jane Austen Books will be on hand to present exciting plans for the 2020 AGM in Cleveland, as well as offer items for sale.



Liz Philosophos Cooper became a second-generation JASNA member in 1992 and has actively devoted many years of service to the organization, most recently as Vice-President for regions. She is a contributing writer to Jane Austen's Regency World and co-edits the Wisconsin Region's *A Year With Jane Austen* calendar. Liz and her husband Scott run a marketing consulting firm and enjoy traveling. They have four grown sons and five grandchildren.

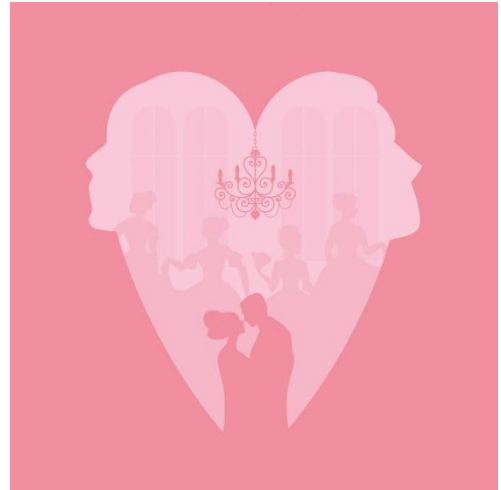
The Woodbourne Library will be accepting reservations for this event, so expect more information soon. The Library is located at 6060 Far Hills Avenue in Centerville. This would be a wonderful event to bring a friend!

JASNA Dayton To Attend Performance of Pride & Prejudice in March 2020 – Reserve your spot now!

By Angela Crovetti

The Cincinnati Shakespeare Company will present *Pride & Prejudice* in the spring, and we're getting a group together to attend in March. We'll go to the March 15th, 2020 matinee, and a brunch will be arranged prior to, as we've done at other such events. Note this is a NEW date from that originally reported, due to ticket availability.

In order to get the group rate of \$30 per ticket, a substantial savings, we need to purchase well in advance. If interested in attending, send your check made out to **JASNA Dayton** to Mary Ann Gasior 2727 Old Whipp Court, Centerville, Ohio 45440, by September 10th. Guests are welcome to attend at the same low price! To read more about Cincinnati Shakespeare Company and/or this performance, go to: www.cincyshakes.com



JASNA Dayton on Social Media

By Mariah Busher

Hello Janeites! I wanted to talk to you all about JASNA-Dayton's social media presence. As many of you know, we are on Facebook and Instagram, but in case you did not know...we are on Facebook and Instagram! If you use these platforms, we would love to see you "like" our pages and posts. We use Facebook the most, especially for getting the word out about our events. Facebook allows you to see our pages and events without actually "liking" it, but you see more of our posts and events when you go to <https://www.facebook.com/jasnadayton/> and hit the "like" button on our page. This also helps us to know how many of you are out there. We would also love to have you respond to events when we create them on Facebook. If you respond with "Interested" or "Going" you should be notified whenever we post any updates to that event.

Instagram requires you to have an account, but if you do and you would like to follow us, just search for @jasnadayton and click the "Follow" button. We mostly use Instagram to post pictures and, occasionally, an important update, but if you are looking to keep up-to-date with JASNA-Dayton, Facebook is definitely the best place to look.

Cincinnati-Dayton Reading Group Ventures Into More Recent Works

By Wilson Palmer

For this summer's Reading Group session, we were asked to read either one or even both of two modern rewrites of *Pride and Prejudice*. The books were *Eligible* by Curtis Sittenfeld and *Unmarriageable* by Soniah Kamal. The former is based on known Cincinnati locations and the latter is based in Pakistan.

Eligible took an almost universal bashing during most of our session, because of weakness of the Elizabeth Bennet character, plot errors, and general unbelievable actions of the entire Bennet family. And don't even get me started on "hate-sex"... Then late in the discussion it was suggested we look at the book as a parody or farce on both modern life and P&P instead of just a rewrite. The discussion of this idea gave some of us a more forgiving spirit. Although the Wickham character was split into Jasper Wick and Lydia's boyfriend Ham, only Tori picked up on the little joke of Wick-Ham.

Most of us agreed that *Unmarriageable* was a better written book. The Lizzy character (Alys) had more of the original's spunk and character. The plight of women in Pakistan today sounded a lot like 18th century England. We like the extra ink that the Charlotte (Sherry) character received and her motivations for marrying the Mr. Collins character. Discussions wandered off onto the topic of aging and growing. The heroines in both books are around 40 years old. Are personalities fixed by then? Can we still grow and learn from our mistakes? We concluded that we all knew aged folks who continue to learn and be engaged and others who stop growing and learning even before the age of 20.

A few members had read *Ayesha At Last* by Uzma Jalaluddin, and felt it was a much better book than either of the two we discussed. It is not a rewrite, but P&P themes are definitely present. Also highly recommended was an Amish P&P called *First Impressions* by Sarah Price.

This fall we plan to begin *Persuasion*. It is a short book, and we are scheduled to finish it in four sessions.

Columbus Reading Group Discusses Northanger Abby in Film & Print

By Sandi Brennan

Our summer 'Chawton in Columbus' Reading Group meeting was held at St. Matthias Catholic Church on Sunday, July 14. We began with a brief discussion on how Jane Austen's storylines would have changed if there had been no laws of primogeniture in English society in previous centuries.

We watched two versions, from 1987 and 2006, of the *Northanger Abbey* film. We compared the two and also compared them with the book. *Northanger Abbey* is unique among Austen's

books in that the films were made for television. It was never made into a motion picture for theater release.

Participants shared delicious finger foods and tea that were enjoyed by all.

Fall meeting: Sunday, October 13, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Hilliard Panera, where we will discuss *Love and Freindship* (sic) and *Lady Susan*.

Of Note...

I write as President of the North American Friends of Chawton House about our new fundraising campaign:

<https://www.nafch.org/bench>

As you know, we sold sponsorships of “garden spots” last year for a new Jane Austen Garden Trail at Chawton House. With only 20 garden spots, we sold out during the first two days of the AGM. This time there are 30 benches to be sponsored.

As per last year, all sales go through NAFCH, so that the bench locations can be released in order of sale and there are no duplications. This way Americans also get tax credit for their donations. No one should contact Chawton House direct. There is an order button on the page that sends me an email.

Thank you for your support of Chawton House.

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Dates to Remember

September 8, 2019 – JASNA Dayton Reading Group

October 13, 2019 – Columbus Reading Group, 2-5 p.m., Hilliard Panera

October 20, 2019 – Liz Philosophos Cooper lecture at the Woodbourne
Library

November 10, 2019 – JASNA Dayton Reading Group

March 15, 2020 – *Pride & Prejudice* play, Cincinnati Shakespeare Company

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