*Dates for Your Diary:* the schedule for 2010-11 will be sent via email shortly, so watch your inbox, but here is the short version:

**September 26, 2010:** [see below]

**December 5, 2010:** Annual Birthday Tea with McGill Professor Peter Sabor on the Juvenilia & Dawson College Professor Elaine Bander on Mr. Darcy [Champlain College] ~ $20./person

**March 27, 2011:** “Jane Austen’s London in Fact and Fiction” w/ Suzanne Boden & Deb Barnum [Champlain College] ~ Free

**June 5, 2011:** A Lecture & Concert on the Music of Jane Austen’s World with Professor William Tortolano [the Vermont College of Fine Arts] ~ $10. /person

*New Members:* lots of them since our last newsletter. Introduce yourself to: Deborah Dameron, Hinesburg; Lee Dowling, Vergennes; Marie Fetterhoff, Essex Junction; Barbara Flint, Burlington; Hope Greenburg, Underhill Center; Ruth Hopkins, S. Burlington; Lisa Nawrocki, S. Burlington; Melissa Neilson, Barre; Cathy Ann Pawlowski, S. Burlington; and Theresa Reed, Essex Junction. Welcome one and all!

*Next JASNA-Vermont Gathering is on Sunday, September 26, 2010, 2-4 pm at Champlain College in Burlington [375 Maple St]. Our speaker is Marsha Huff, current President of JASNA; she will be speaking on “Viewing Austen through Vermeer’s Camera Obscura”.

In his 1816 review of *Emma*, Sir Walter Scott likened Jane Austen’s art to that of the Flemish masters. In this illustrated lecture, Marsha Huff pairs paintings by Johannes Vermeer with scenes from Jane Austen’s novels and discusses the comparable manner in which the two artists construct their portraits of female domesticity and convey the interior life of their subjects. The presentation sheds light on the art of both Austen and Vermeer.
Marsha Huff, President of JASNA, holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in English from the University of Tulsa (her hometown) and a J.D. degree from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. She practices law at Foley & Lardner in Milwaukee, with a specialty in tax-exempt organizations. In her home region, Wisconsin, Marsha served as Regional Coordinator and as Co-Coordinator of the 2005 Milwaukee AGM, whose theme was “Jane Austen’s Letters in Fact and Fiction.” Marsha is long-time fan of Jane Austen and Johannes Vermeer, having discovered both when she was a teenager.

*Help Wanted: 1. Food* - as always, we are requesting anyone who can bake to please let Marcia Merrill know – we will be needing more than usual for this meeting, so please help out if you can: marcia@2beancounters.com or 802-864-6565 [w] or 899-4256 [h].

2. **Readers:** Marsha Huff’s talk requires two readers – various quotes from the novels are read to compliment the visual Vermeers - please call me if you can help and I will get the text to you [they’re not long!]

*Marsha would love to meet those members who would be available for dinner – either on the Saturday evening or after the talk on Sunday. Please let Deb know ASAP if you would like to join us [JASNA-Vermont will pay for Marsha’s meal – will divide all others among ourselves]*

The new **JASNA-Vermont Reading Group** has gotten off to a rousing start. Our first meeting was on *Emma* and setting up the year’s schedule [the decision to first read through each of the novels]; then in July at Jeanne Van Order’s home in Middlebury where we tackled *P&P* [and could still be talking about it!], amid a raging thunderstorm. If you are interested in the Group and are not on the email list, please let me know [the list has about 35 people on it – about 12 have been able to make each gathering; you will receive info only if you are on the Reading Group email list].

Here is the upcoming schedule:

**September 22 [wed]: Sense & Sensibility**
- Debbie Dameron’s home, Hinesburg

**November 10 [wed]: Persuasion**
- Barb Flint’s home, Burlington; Nancy Bloomer will lead the discussion

**January 12, 2011 [wed]: Mansfield Park**
- [place TBA]

**March 16 [wed]: Northanger Abbey**
- [place TBA]

**May 11 [wed]: Emma**
- [place TBA] –
**Membership:** reminder that your JASNA membership will renew in September – be on the watch for the notice, and don’t forget to send it in. If you do not live in Vermont, and belong to another Region, you can also be a part of the Vermont Region at no additional charge – just mark this on your form – that way, you will get our notices, etc. emailed to you.

**The JASNA-Vermont Blog:** remember that anyone and everyone can write an article or a book review for the blog – [see the recent review of *Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand* by Lynne H. who will be posting monthly reviews!] - just send it to me in a word.doc and I will post it under your name as “[first name]” – and if you ever see anything out there Austen-related, please send it to me for posting – you will get credit!

Also note on the blog that I have been gradually adding new information on the “Sources & Bibliographies” pages, i.e books and online sources. This is and will always be a “work in progress” and is not intended to be exhaustive – but do check back occasionally - if there is a source you think should be on there, please let me know.

**21st-century connections:** Please join the JASNA-Vermont group on Facebook: Jane Austen in Vermont And follow us on Twitter: austeninvermont

**A JASNA-Vermont High School Essay Contest:** JASNA hosts an annual essay contest for HS and College students. We would like to participate in this and set up such an annual contest in Vermont High Schools [Colleges another time!] - Lynne Hefferon has graciously offered to spearhead this, so if you know who to contact in your area schools, or have a HS student of your own who would like to participate, or would like to HELP in this endeavor, please let Lynne know at lhefferon@bsdvt.org or 802-899-6871.

**Governor’s House in Hyde Park Weekends: come if you can!**

Series 3: Sense and Sensibility
Friday evening talk: “Making Sense of the Regency World” where Suzanne Boden talks about the “lay of the land” during this Regency period – the government, town and village life, domestic life, AND the proper serving of Tea; I speak on traveling in S&S – the economics, the distances, and the carriages of each of the characters [Willoughby and his sport-car/curricle getting far too much attention!]

Friday – Sunday, Sept. 10 – 12, 2010
Friday – Sunday, Jan. 7 – 9, 2011

See the website for more information: http://www.onehundredmain.com/jane_austen.html

**The JASNA AGM:** anyone going to the AGM in Portland OR??

Tilney Fans Unite!! [I will be there – let me know if you will be too!]
Visit the Burlington Country Dancers website for their latest schedule: www.peter.burrage.net/dance

VT Humanities Council is hosting its annual conference, Nov 12-13, 2010 in Stowe: Comedy and Satire: It’s No Joke: From Jonathan Swift to Jon Stewart, Ridiculing Vice and Folly. And the fabulous news is this talk: “The Satire of Jane Austen” by Claire Harman, a professor at both Columbia and Oxford and the author of Jane’s Fame: How Jane Austen Conquered the World [2009]

I am sick that I shall be missing this – if anyone can go and take notes and write a review, I will happily put it on the blog. Here is more info: http://www.vermonthumanities.org/index_files/fallconf2010.htm

*News of other Regions:

JASNA-Montreal: their reading group schedule is set for: 9/13 [NA]; 11/8 [reviews of other 18-19thcentury novels]; 1/17 My Dear Charlotte]; 3/14 North & South]; and 5/9 [S&S] - email me if you want more information.

JASNA-Mass: no info yet – will email when I hear from them…

JASNA-NY:
See their website for info: http://www.jasnany.org/ And their latest newsletter: http://www.jasnany.org/newsletters.html

*And a few other links:

“Summer in Chawton” the blog of Catherine, studying at the Chawton House Library during July 2010: http://summerinchawton.blogspot.com/

Austenonly has an ‘absolutely fabulous’ post on the costumes from Austen TV and film adaptations – unless you will be in the UK in the next month, this will be our only way to see them: http://austenonly.com/2010/08/18/austen-attired-marvellous-costume-exhibit-at-the-magnificent-peckover-house/

Hope to see you on Sept 26th!

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