

# *Jane Austen Society of North America*

## Connecticut Chapter

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Dear friends,

2011 has been a rich year of Jane Austen events full of activity and discussion. Last December we celebrated Jane's birthday tea with author Caroline Linden. We discussed Jane Austen biographies and *Pride and Prejudice*. Small groups of members attended tours at the Yale Center for British Art on topics relevant to the life and times of Jane Austen. We continued our tradition of a Box Hill picnic at a scenic Connecticut location with our second annual event at the Florence Griswold Museum. We are also exploring possibilities for a 'Jane Austen Summer Camp' weekend excursion for summer of 2013.

We are looking for candidates for Regional Co-Coordinator, to be elected at the December tea. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Sara Zagorski ([penguinsz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:penguinsz@sbcglobal.net)). On a personal note, I would like to thank Claire Smith for her unflagging service as JASNA-CT Co-Coordinator. We will miss her leadership, but will see her often for Jane Austen events.

At our September meeting, we voted on a tentative slate of activities for 2012. We hope to see many of you at the following events.

- Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 2 p.m. Annual Jane Austen Birthday Tea with speaker Ingrid Graff (see enclosed flyer) at the Crowne Plaza Cromwell
- Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 2 p.m. 'Aisha'(Bollywood version of Emma) showing at the Westbrook Public Library
- Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 2 p.m. Discussion of *Persuasion* – Place TBA
- Sunday, June 24, 2012 at 1 p.m. Box Hill Picnic at Gillette Castle
- Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 2 p.m. Discussion of *Jane Austen's Letters* (by Jane Austen and Deidre Le Faye) at the Derby Neck Library
- Sunday, December 2, 2012 at 2 p.m. Annual Jane Austen Birthday Tea, place and time TBA

We especially invite you to this year's Birthday Tea on December 4. Please see the enclosed flyer for information. Thank you for another wonderful year of Jane Austen.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Augusta  
JASNA CT Co-Coordinator

**Dues Notice** In order to fund speakers, our mailing, and our website, we encourage you to send **\$10** dues which will renew your membership for next year. Dues can be sent to: Sara Zagorski, 1 Middletown Avenue, Wethersfield, CT 06109. Checks made out to JASNA CT.

*Please note that Connecticut members should also be members of JASNA national. JASNA provides our insurance for our meetings and makes it possible for our Connecticut Chapter to exist. Information about joining or renewing membership can be found at [jasna.org](http://jasna.org).*