

JANE AUSTEN FEST

February 9, 10, & 11, 2024

Mount Dora, Florida

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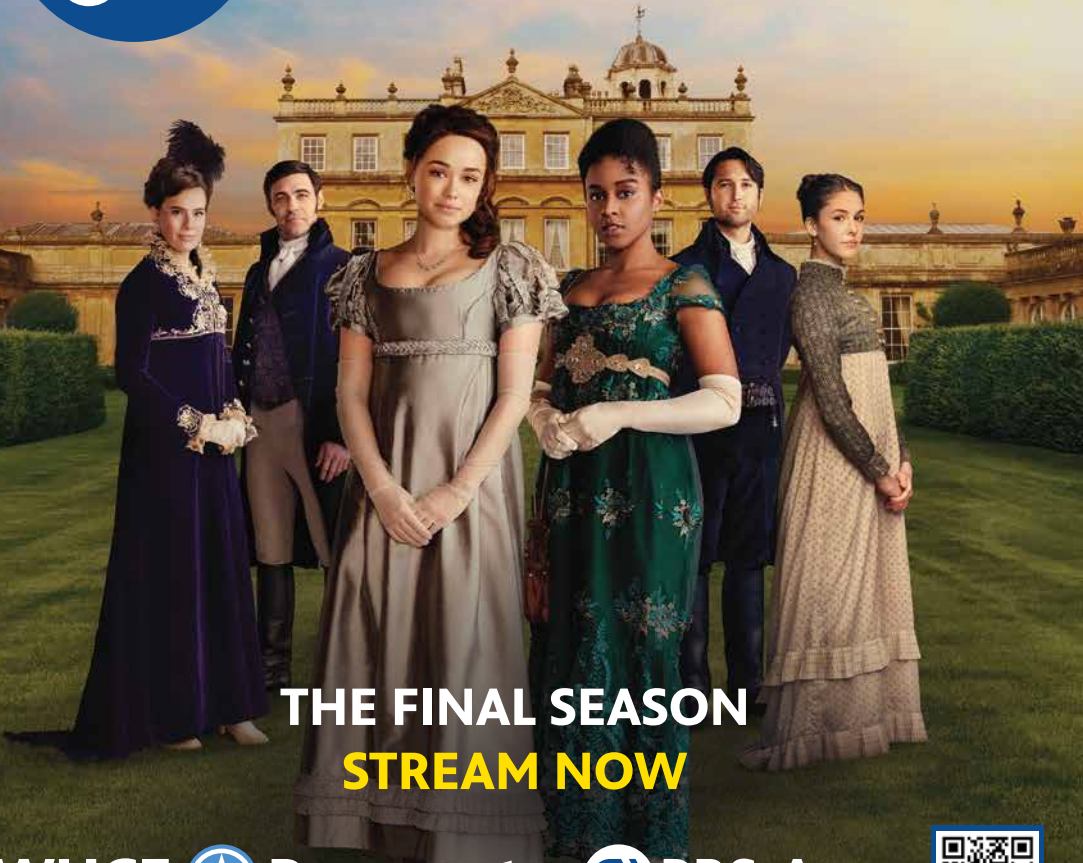


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FROM THE CHAIR OF JANE AUSTEN FEST

Dear Jane Austen Enthusiasts,

This is our 4th Annual Jane Austen Fest! We think this is the best one yet! Welcome!

Isn't it a wonder that a woman who would be 248 years old can gather people from all over the world; this year Africa, Australia, U.K., Canada and Germany as well as all over this country to come to together to celebrate Jane Austen? I am always amazed how Jane is able to do this!

Margaret Andersen

Our speakers are well versed in the Regency Era and Jane Austen. Dr. Deborah Ashkenes comes to us with a PhD from Columbia University, Dr. Ann Wass holds a PhD in Historical Clothing, Dr. Jessica Cook hails from the University of South Florida in Tampa, and Jennie Chancey joins us again, by popular demand, and will present what it takes to accomplish the perfect Regency Silhouette.

Ta da - drum roll. It is now time to reveal the surprise that has been listed in the schedule for Sunday afternoon. There will be a one-person play presented by non-other than myself. It is entitled "Affectionately Yours" - Cassandra will share some of her life with her younger sister, Jane, through some of the correspondence between the two sisters.

We hope you will accomplish your further walk with Jane and the Regency Era through this Fest. That is our desire. Your participation helps provide a Women's Scholarship to a deserving young woman, which we think Jane would have liked... to help a woman strive towards her passion.

If there is any way that we can help you this weekend, please let us know.

Our Evaluations are always read, so please fill it out and put it in the Black Polka Dotted Box or send it to us after you get home. With your help, we hope to make the Fest even better next year.

See you in 2025, the second weekend in February. Don't forget!

Affectionately yours,

Margaret Jane Andersen
President Mount Dora Jane Austen Fest



OUR MISSION

In an atmosphere welcoming to all levels of interest and curiosity, the Jane Austen Fest-Mount Dora strives to educate by presenting a wide array of workshops, programs, and presentations in the excitement surrounding Jane Austen, the culture of the Regency Era, and the culture that evolved from it.

Jane Austen, as a woman, followed her passion and is a relevant role model for today's women. And as an outgrowth of this Fest, we want to help today's woman follow her passion by offering college scholarships.

A foot in the 21st Century and a toe in the Regency Era

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

Noon / **Registration** / Annie Donnelly Park

1:00 - 3:00 pm / **Making a Regency Mask** / Congregational Church – Mount Dora

2:00 - 4:00 pm / **Workshop: Parlor Playlets** / Community Building Lobby

4:00 pm / **Spencer Jacket Silent Auction begins** / Community Building Lobby

4:30 - 5:30 pm / **Lecture: The Fashionable Figure: Secrets of the Regency Modiste** / Community Building Auditorium

7:00 - 9:00 pm / **Soirée & Film** / Community Building

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

8:00 am / **Registration** / Annie Donnelly Park

9:30 am / **Welcome, Mayor Crissy Stile** / Community Building Auditorium

10:00 - 11:00 am / **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Deborah Aschkenes** / Community Building Auditorium

11:30 am / **1st Tea Sitting** / Donnelly House

11:30 am - 1:00 pm / **Workshop: Make a Housewife** / Mount Dora Center for the Arts

11:30 am - 1:00 pm / **Workshop: Stained Glass Workshop** / Mount Dora Center for the Arts

11:30 am - 1:00 pm / **Workshop Regency Bonnet** / Mount Dora Center for the Arts

11:30 am - 1:30 pm / **Workshop: Jane Austen Silhouettes in Acrylic** / Congregational Church Fellowship Hall

1:00 pm / **2nd Tea Sitting** / Donnelly House

2:00 - 4:00 pm / **Workshop: Stained Glass Workshop** / Mount Dora Center for the Arts

2:00 - 4:00 pm / **Workshop: Regency Turban** / Mount Dora Center for the Arts

2:00 - 4:00 pm / **Workshop: Regency Dance Lessons** / First United Methodist Church

2:00 - 4:00 pm / **Workshop: Sense & Sensibility of Paper Quilling** / Congregational Church Fellowship Hall

2:30 pm / **3rd Tea Sitting** / Donnelly House

4:30 - 5:30 pm / **Lecture: The Prospect of the Ball was Extremely Agreeable** / Community Building Auditorium

8:00 - 10:00 pm / **Regency Masquerade Ball** / Montessori School at Roseborough

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

7:45 - 9:30 am / **Tea and Crumpets** / Lawn Bowling Club

9:00 am - 1:00 pm / **Regency Marketplace** / Annie Donnelly Park

9:30 am / **Lawn Bowling Workshop** / Lawn Bowling Club

11:00 am - 1:00 pm / **Dora Canal Cruise** / Embarks Yacht Club Pier

2:00 - 3:00 pm / **Dr. Jessica Cook** / Community Building Auditorium

3:00 - 4:00 pm / **Affectionately Yours - a one-person play by Margaret Andersen** / Community Building Auditorium

4:00 pm / **Fond Farewell** / Community Building Auditorium

NOTE: LOCATIONS AND MAPS AVAILABLE IN OUR WEBSITE BOTTOM OF EACH EVENT POST.

Schedule is subject to change.

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Thank you to all our volunteers. We can't do this without you.

LEFT: Congratulations to last year's Scholarship Recipient Elysse Harpster

MOUNT DORA HISTORY

In 1845 Florida was admitted into the Union and it was in the 1850's that it was known that William and Dora Drawdy settled two miles south of Lake Dora. Government surveyors came to survey the area and were recipients of Dora Drawdy's hospitality. In 1910, in gratitude, they named Lake Dora in her honor. The David Simpson family were the first homesteaders in Mount Dora in 1874. Originally the town was named Royellou, an acronym for the names of the children of the first postmaster Ross Tremain - Roy, Ella and Louis. In 1882-1883 the name was changed to Mount Dora.



In 1886 the local newspaper, the Mount Dora Voice, stated that there were two general stores, a drugstore, a carriage factory, three hotels and two churches. And in 1887 the first train arrived in Mount Dora. Growth was slow and the earliest industry, citrus, had a devastatingly blow when freezes descended in 1894 and again 1895, nearly wiping out the fledgling groves.

It was in 1893 that J.P. Donnelly, had built what we call the Donnelly House. Rumor has it that it was built as a wedding gift to his wife, Annie McDonald Stone. It is an example of Steamboat Gothic/Queen Anne architecture, and the most photographed house in Lake County. The Lakeside Inn was built in that year as well. John Alexander, Annie and J.P. Donnelly as well as John McDonald came together to get the project built to become the first hotel in Mount Dora. Guests over the years have included President and Mrs. Coolidge, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and President Dwight Eisenhower. Both structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1910 Mount Dora was incorporated and reportedly there were 371 people living in the town with 42 residing in the surrounding area. J. P. Donnelly is elected as the first mayor. And the first firehouse was built in 1923 and cells were added to also house the town's jail. It is now the Royellou museum.

In 1928 the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club was organized. It began with 3 hard packed sand rinks and 20 members. Eventually another 11 rinks were added and lights for night bowling. It is one of the largest Clubs in the US and attracts national and international lawn bowlers.



In 1929 the Community Building was built for \$35,000. Former President Coolidge and his wife Grace attended the dedication ceremony and planted a tree. In 2010 an expansion took place and the present lobby was added.

The First Art Festival was in 1975. Many other Festivals are now held in Mount Dora and the City is known as the City of Festivals.

In 2020 the first Jane Austen Fest is held!



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LOCATIONS

- Registration* - Annie Donnelly Park
- Soirée* - Community Building Lobby
- Spencer Jacket Auction* - Community Building Lobby
- Teas* - Donnelly House
- Lectures* - Community Building
- Regency Masquerade Ball* - Montessori School
- Regency Dance Lessons* - First United Methodist Church
- Lawn Bowling Lessons* - Lawn Bowling Club
- Workshops* - Congregational Church, Mount Dora Center for the Arts, Community Bldg. Lobby,
- Regency Marketplace* - Annie Donnelly Park
- Dora Canal Cruise* - Lake Dora docks next to Yacht Club
- Tea & Crumpets* - Lawn Bowling Club

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Fun, knowledge, and meeting new as well as old friends. Over 300 women came to our last Fest from all over the country. Many came in Regency costume, some not. Would Jane ever believe that people would gather in her name to learn more about her and the times in which she lived? Our hats are off to a genius of a woman before her time.





SILENT AUCTION OF SPENCER JACKETS

The Spencer Jacket Silent Auction is a collection of 10 jackets of different sizes, fabrics, and limited design. There will be a starting price and then participants will up the price by \$5.00 by writing their bid on the auction sheet. The Start will be Friday and will continue until 3:00 PM on Saturday.

The History of the Spencer Jacket dates back to 1758 and the 2nd Earl of Spencer who is reported to have had a tail coat adopted after its tail were burned by coals from a fire. He backed up to a fire to warm himself and the tails caught on fire. Does the name Spencer ring a bell? Princess Diana is the daughter of the 8th Earl of Spencer.

A promotional graphic for the Hallmark Channel's "Loveuary Jane Austen" series. The background is a light peach color with ornate gold scrollwork in the corners. A large, dark teal oval frame contains the text. At the top, the Hallmark Channel logo is displayed. Below it, the word "Loveuary" is written in a large, elegant gold script font, with "Jane Austen" in a smaller, similar script font below it. Underneath, the text "All New Original Movies Inspired by Jane Austen" is written in a white sans-serif font, followed by "Saturdays in February 8/7c" in a bold white sans-serif font. At the bottom of the oval, there is a gold silhouette of a woman's head and shoulders in profile, facing left.

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