

Jane Austen's Birthday Dance

Sunday, December 13, 2009

1:00-4:00 pm

Goff Hall ~ 124 Bay State Road

Rehoboth, Massachusetts



"...he seemed quite struck with Jane as she was going down the dance. So he inquired who she was, and got introduced, and asked her for the two next. Then, the two third he danced with Miss King, and the two fourth with Maria Lucas, and the two fifth with Jane again, and the two sixth with Lizzy, and the Boulanger..."

-- Mrs. Bennet to Mr. Bennet, *Pride and Prejudice*, Chapter III



Join dance historian Susan de Guardiola for a lively afternoon of country dances to celebrate (slightly early) the 234th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth on December 16, 1775.

Dances will include the lively country dancing of the era plus the *Boulanger*, the *Country Bumpkin*, and *Sir Roger de Coverley*. We might even sneak in a cotillion or quadrille. All levels of experience are welcome!

Music will be from dance band Spare Parts' beautiful CD, *The Regency Ballroom*, as featured in the recent movie *Bright Star*, and other dance music of the period. Light refreshments made from recipes in an Austen family cookbook will be served. Period daytime costume is encouraged and admired but definitely **NOT** required. All dances and steps will be taught.

The suggested donation for this event is \$6.00.

"Imagine to yourself everything most profligate and shocking in the way of dancing and sitting down together."

-- Jane Austen to her sister Cassandra, letter of January 9, 1796

Rehoboth is twenty minutes from Providence and one hour from Boston by car. A map and directions to the site are at http://www.contradancelinks.com/rehoboth_map.html.

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