

### **3rd Annual Jane Austen Festival**

July 10 & 11, 2010

10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Admission \$10

Historic Locust Grove

561 Blankenbaker Lane

Louisville, KY 40207

502-897-9845

Regency Style Show, Regency Emporium, Four Course Afternoon Tea, Grand Ball, Workshops, author Kim Wilson, **“Tea with Jane Austen”**  
**“In the Garden with Jane Austen”**

Sponsored by: Greater Louisville Region, Jane Austen Society of North America

[www.jasnalouisville.com](http://www.jasnalouisville.com) (to register and purchase tickets)  
(schedule of activities on another attachment)

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jane Austen Festival will take place at beautiful Historic Locust Grove located at 561 Blankenbaker Lane, Louisville, KY ([www.locustgrove.org](http://www.locustgrove.org))

Inside the Visitors' Center a Regency Emporium will feature booths with beautiful silk shawls, fabric, bonnets, jewelry, antiquarian books, and you can even have your silhouette cut! There will also be a fantastic Silent Auction with Jane Austen books, movie memorabilia and tea themed baskets and much more. The four-course Afternoon Tea will take place each day as well and is \$20 per person.

“The Shoppes of “Meryton” include five new vendors who will participate in tents outside: Taylor Rose Historical Outfitters, Bells Mill Clothiers, Marquette Trading Company, Spencer's Mercantile and Kentucky Fine Tea Ware.

The log and stone buildings on the grounds will host the Regency men's club called the “Hellfire Club”, as well as 19<sup>th</sup> Century physician. Common Stock Entertainment will entertain young and old alike with shadow

puppets, old-fashioned, kid-friendly peep shows, and other 18<sup>th</sup> century entertainments.

A couple opportunities for workshops include **How to make a Tussie Mussie** (a hand-held nosegay) \$15 per person and **Silk Ribbon and Surface Embroidery to make a Reticule**. \$25 per person. (complete descriptions at the end of press release)

Featured author this year is Kim Wilson, member of the Jane Austen Society in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She will speak about her books, “**In the Garden with Jane Austen**” and “**Tea with Jane Austen**”. Her talk, repeated both days will take place outside under a tent at 11 a.m. where she will sign and sell her books.

Other talks and demonstrations to be held under the tent include “**Dressing Mr. Darcy**” and the ever-popular **Regency Style show**. While a display of Regency fashion will be located in the Grand Parlor in the house all day both days.

Also, Edward Maeder, the creator of the fabulous bonnets worn in the new PBS documentary about Dolley Madison will speak each day and will have the bonnets with him!

**A Grand Ball** will take place on Saturday, July 10 in conjunction with the local English Country Dance Society at St. Andrew Episcopal Church. Advance reservation required (\$20 per person) and not included with festival admission.

\$10 admission to the festival does include admission to the ca. 1790 Locust Grove, a National Historic Landmark. For the last two years intensive research and restoration has completely changed the interior of the home to the period when Revolutionary War hero, George Rogers Clark, lived in the House, 1809-1818.

The Greater Louisville Region of the Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA) was founded in July of 2007. They meet monthly at Historic Locust Grove. The Jane Austen Festival has become a very successful event with 1,000 attending from 15 states in 2009. For information about

JASNA, visit [www.jasna.org](http://www.jasna.org) and to purchase tickets for workshops, the ball, afternoon tea and admission, visit [www.jasnalouisville.com](http://www.jasnalouisville.com) or call 502-239-8521, 502-417-9150.

### **How to Make a Tussie-Mussie**

Variously called a “word posey” and a “nosegay with a message”, the hand-held, sweet-smelling tussie-mussies origins go back to the Renaissance but reached the height of popularity in the Victorian age when tussies were exchanged in lieu of written greetings.

Joan Burton, Master Gardener and member of the Kentuckiana Herb Society will discuss the history of Tussie Mussies, the Language of Flowers, and will give the participants an opportunity to make and take a Tussie Mussie from live flowers. Be thinking of a message that you would like to say in flowers to a special person. Participants are requested to bring utility scissors to cut floral stems.

\$15.00 per person, 15 participants maximum, Two classes, 3:00-4:00 each day

### **Silk Ribbon & Surface Embroidery to Make a Reticule**

Learn how to embroider with silk ribbon and surface embroidery to create a reticule (Regency era draw string purse). Taught by Pat Judice of the Embroiders' Guild of America. Kit will include instruction, fabric (choice of light or dark), silk and organza ribbon, crewel needle and yarn. Students will need to bring a 5” or 6” hoop, scissors and magnification (if needed).

\$25 per person, 15 participants maximum, two classes, 10:30-12:30 each day

