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*You are Cordially Invited to JASNA-Vermont's September Meeting
at the Burlington Book Festival*

"The World of Jane Austen and Her Novels"

with David M. Shapard*

Many among the legions of readers who adore Jane Austen encounter difficulties understanding parts of the stories because of the very different society in which they are set. This talk aims to remedy that by explaining the social background to her novels, the world of early 19th-century England. It focuses particularly on two crucial matters that dominate the novels: the position and customs of the controlling landed elite, and the role of women in this society, especially in relation to marriage and the family.

Saturday, 20 September 2014, 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

*Fletcher Free Library,
235 College St Burlington VT
Pickering Room*

~Free & open to the Public~

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Please visit our blog at: <http://JaneAustenInVermont.wordpress.com>

Please visit the website for the Burlington Book Festival:

<http://burlingtonbookfestival.com/>

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* **David M. Shapard** earned a doctorate in European History from UC Berkeley; his specialty was the eighteenth century. He has taught at several colleges. He is the author of *The Annotated Pride and Prejudice*, *The Annotated Persuasion*, *The Annotated Sense and Sensibility*, *The Annotated Northanger Abbey*, and *The Annotated Emma*. *The Annotated Mansfield Park* is due out in 2015. His books will be available for purchase and signing as part of the Book Festival.

Dates for your Diary in 2014-15 ~ TBA: See blog for details