

2nd Annual

Jane Austen Ball

In Rochester, NY

Sunday, May 4, 2008

10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.



Joanna Reiner, Dance Mistress

Music by *Firefly*

English Country dances of the
Jane Austen era for one and all

- Held at the elegant Cutler Union Ballroom at the Memorial Art Gallery on University Ave.
- Music by *Firefly*, a wonderful English Country dance quartet consisting of Rebecca McCallum (violin), Silvia Sörensen (flute), Chris DeGolyer (accordion) and Jane Knoeck (piano).
- Dances taught and prompted by Philadelphia's *Joanna Reiner*, an English dance leader much in demand for her teaching skills and clear instructions.
- Morning practice session 10 am—noon, lunch at the hall or on your own. The Ball will start at 2 pm and end by 5:30, allowing out-of-towners time to travel homeward.
- Subscription fee of \$30 (\$20 for students, \$15 for non-dancing observers) includes the practice and delicious period refreshments at the mid-dance break.
- English Country dance classes designed to prepare newcomers for the Ball will start Feb. 24 and run for 8 weeks. Sunday afternoons 3 – 4:30 pm at the First Baptist Church.
- Period or dressy clothing encouraged. Learn how to release your inner Regency dandy at our period clothing workshops (at 6:00 pm before the local dance on Mar. 2, and during the beginner class on March 30).

On Saturday May 3, the Jane Austen Society of North America will sponsor a one-day conference, **iJane: Jane Austen in the Information Age**, at the Rochester Public Library (Central Library downtown). More information from Lisa Brown at lbrown2@twcny.rr.com (preferred) or (315) 479-8231.

Also on May 3 there will be **dance for experienced English dancers** with multiple area callers and music by *The Fine Companions*. This dance will be at Covenant United Methodist Church, 1124 Culver Road, 14607, 8—11 pm.

For more information, see our web site (www.rochestercontra.com/JaneAustenBall.html) or contact Richard Sauvain at (585) 442-4681 or rsauvain@gmail.com

Co-sponsored by *Country Dancers of Rochester* and the Rochester, NY Chapter of the *Jane Austen Society of North America*.

More information on our performers

Joanna Reiner has taught English dance, Scottish dance, and longsword for over a decade. Her calling has taken her from Amherst to Ann Arbor, from NEFFA to NOMAD, including several Pinewoods sessions. She is a featured caller at CDSS English & American week at Pinewoods this summer. Joanna co-leads the Germantown Country Dancer's English Country demonstration team, is an avid dance gypsy, and in her spare time, works to support her dance habit.

Firefly is an English Country Dance quartet based in Rochester. Members are Chris DeGolyer (accordion), Jane Knoeck (piano), Rebecca McCallum (violin), and Silvia Sørensen (flute). They have a wealth of experience playing English dance tunes, and will delight you with their smooth, cohesive sound. Rebecca and Jane also play in the nationally famous contra dance band *The Groovemongers*.

How to get to the Ball

Cutler Union is at 500 University Ave., 14607, in the same building as the Memorial Art Gallery. If you're driving, it is most easily reached from I-490, which connects with the New York Thruway at exits 45 and 47. Exit I-490 at Goodman St, and travel north (it's a left turn if you were headed east on 490; a right turn if you were headed west) about a mile to University Ave. The first driveway on the left after University is the Memorial Art Gallery parking lot. Enter Cutler Union at the main Art Gallery entrance, on the University Ave. side of the building, and turn right once you're inside.

In Jane Austen's time they used a lot less energy! Carpooling is encouraged, and Rochester is also reachable by train (Amtrak) or bus. Cutler Union is on several local bus routes — see www.rgrta.com for schedules.

Undecided? You can get a look at last year's Ball by pointing your web browser to www.youtube.com and searching for "Jane Austen Ball Rochester"

REGISTRATION FORM



Send registration and payment to: Jane Austen Ball, c/o Richard Sauvain, 100 Greenvale Dr., Rochester, NY, 14618. Make checks payable to *Country Dancers of Rochester*. Attendance is limited to 100. You may pay at the door if space is available. Advance registrations are preferred and must reach us by April 30. We do not attempt to maintain gender balance; you do not have to come with a partner.

NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, POSTAL CODE _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL (for confirmation) _____

_____ Tickets for practice and Ball @\$30 _____

_____ Student tickets for practice and Ball @\$20 _____

_____ Observer tickets (includes refreshments) @\$15 _____

_____ Optional box lunches @\$12 _____

(choice of wrap: Turkey__ Chicken Caesar__ Veggie__)

TOTAL _____

I can provide accommodations for out of town visitors. Please contact me.

Please send information on hotel and bed & breakfast accommodations with my confirmation

To request accommodations in homes of local dancers or Jane Austen fans, contact us via e-mail (preferred) at housing@bluefrog.com, or call Leslie Phillips at (585) 328-3041.