

Garden Party

Sunday, June 15 2008

On Sunday, June 15, a group of 50 JASNA members ignored the cloudy skies over New York City and gathered at the Mt. Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden for a gala garden party—a special Box Hill Picnic marking the 20th anniversary of the JASNA-NY Book Group. After a guided tour of the late-18th-century building, which was originally designed as a carriage house and barn and later turned into an inn, we gathered in the garden for lunch. Unfortunately, much as in Jane Austen's own experience, our pleasant picnic was interrupted by a summer shower. About half of us took shelter in a gazebo in a corner of the garden, the rest inside the house itself. Once the rain stopped we were able to enjoy a demonstration of English country dancing presented by Country Dance * New York. Methinks Ms. Austen would have been proud of those among us who courageously joined in!

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The Mt Vernon Hotel Grounds

