

# **Juliet McMaster visits New York in September!**

**JASNA-NY members hosted Juliet McMaster, Professor Emeritus at the University of Alberta, for a whirlwind weekend of events on September 12-14, beginning with a sale and signing of her Juvenilia Press books at a major Borders Bookstore on Friday evening. That program was followed by a private dinner and chat session with the region's subgroup of younger members, "JASNA's Juvenilia."**



**Saturday's events began with an elegant catered luncheon attended by 44 members. The program for this event was a dialogue (and talk-back from the audience) between Juliet and JASNA-Past President Elsa Solender on "Sex, Power and Money in Jane Austen's Fiction," the theme proposed for the 2012 AGM, which JASNA-NY will host.**



**At the regular Regional meeting, 88 members heard Juliet's take on "Genres of Talk in *Sense and Sensibility*." In small creative group sessions, attendees wrote "missing letters" that characters in that novel *might* have addressed to "Dear Abby." Among them were pleas from Edward Ferrars and Lucy Steele for advice on extracting themselves from unwanted engagements. <http://www.jasnany.org/pdf/DearAbby.pdf>**

**The silent auction of a group of original drawings by Juliet raised significant funds for the region, and Jean Brassil won a writing contest challenging entrants to provide a brief dialogue between a character in *S&S* and another Austen character.**

**On Sunday, Juliet joined JASNA-NY members at the region's booth at the giant outdoor Brooklyn Book Festival for more sales, signings, and outreach.**