

2022-2023 Program

Wednesday, 12 October, 7:00 p.m.

Reading: Chapters 1 - 10 of *Great Expectations*

Program: Discussion of the chapters by Kit Polga and skit

Host/Location: Robert Armstrong at Elms Library at Briarwood
(co-host: Margaret Watson)

Wednesday, 9 November, 7:00 p.m.

Reading: Chapters 11 - 20 of *Great Expectations*

Program: Discussion of chapters by Anita Fenton and skit

Host/Location: Mike Badger at Elms Library at Briarwood
(co-host: Robert Armstrong)

Saturday, 10 December, 12:30 p.m.

Holiday Luncheon at The Publick House, Sturbridge, MA
Gift exchange and skit

Hosts: Kit Polga and Kathy McFarland

Saturday, 11 February, 2:00 p.m. Dickens's Birthday Tea

Reading: Chapters 21 -30 of *Great Expectations*

Program: Essay by Fellman Prize Winner finalists
Discussion of chapters by Mike Badger

Host/Location: Joel Brattin at the WPI Library (Fellman Reading Room), Worcester (co-hosts: Fellowship members)

Wednesday, 8 March, 7:00 p.m.

Reading: Chapters 31 - 40 of *Great Expectations*

Program: Selection from BBC video "Great Expectations";
Discussion of chapters by Anita Fenton and skit

Host: Richard Fenton at Richards Memorial Library,
44 Richards Ave., Paxton, MA

Wednesday, 12 April, 7:00 p.m.

Reading: Chapters 41 - 50 of *Great Expectations*

Program: "Withered Roses: The Jilted Bride in Dickens' Great Expectations" by Margaret Watson; Discussion of chapters by Carrie Corcoran

Host: Robert Armstrong at Elms Library at Briarwood
(co-host: Mike Badger)

Wednesday, 10 May, 7:00 p.m.

Reading: Chapters 51 - 59 of *Great Expectations*

Program: Joel Brattin speaks on *Great Expectations* in "Harper's Weekly" and "All the Year Round" and discusses chapters.

Host: Anita Fenton at Richards Memorial Library, 44 Richards Ave Paxton, MA. (co-host: Kathy McFarland)

Planning 2023-24: Selection of book and nomination of officers

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Book of the Year: *Great Expectations*

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Skits	Joan Townsend (Chair), Margaret Watson, Joel Brattin, Kit Polga, Robert Steele
Props/Wardrobe Mistress	Holly Nylander
Librarian	Michael Badger
Holiday Luncheon	Kit Polga, Kathy McFarland

Illustration: Title page of 1st edition, volume 1, July 1861. *Great Expectations* was Dickens' 13th novel and was serialized in Dickens' weekly periodical *All the Year Round* from December 1860 to August 1861. The book was published by Chapman & Hall in three volumes in October, 1861. It was the only Dickens work published in serial form without illustrations.