

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER, 2006

“Our Heritage ”.....”Our Future”

**THE 22ND CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES & BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

Tour of Homes, 12 pm – 5 pm, Bake Sale 11 am – 4 pm

**WE TRULY NEED FOR YOU TO SELL TICKETS to your friends, neighbors,
sisters – or buy an extra two or three tickets and give them to someone!**

Of course, this IS our meeting for the month of December and all members are encouraged to sell more tickets, to bake more delicious cakes and cookies and to volunteer on that day --docent in tour homes, help direct parking traffic or welcome our guests at the cabins.

**It is a very busy day and everyone can play a necessary and important part
in making this our most successful tour ever!**

Remember – mail your checks for Tour Tickets to Cassina, P. O. Box 20191, SSI and for additional tickets call Kay Harrell, 634-0323 or Sue Cansler, 638-8141.

BAKE SALE products – wrapped, decorated and ready for sale should be delivered to the Meeting Cabin between 9:00 and 10:00 am on Tour Day. Our cabins and the Bake Sale will open early this year, at 11 am, so ticket holders will have ample time to see all the special homes.

Extra goodies are also needed for cabin refreshments for our guests.

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 7 at 9:30 am at Cassina’s Meeting Cabin.

All Board Members and Standing Committee Chairs should attend.

Please advise Frances Allen, 634-1410 or tfin410@bellsouth.net if you cannot attend.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND WILL BE A BUSY DAY AT CASSINA’S CABINS:

This is the last garden cleanup date before our Tour and everyone’s help is needed to spruce up our gardens and grounds in preparation for our guests on Dec. 9.

We also need volunteers with gloves and bags to pick-up litter along the Hamilton Road entrance to the Cabins. Come at 9 am on Dec. 2nd and remember the more folks that show up, the less work each has to do!

Also, on Dec. 2, talented crafters and the rest of us unskilled needleworkers need to turn in our Christmas stockings so they can be delivered prior to Christmas. This year the stockings will go to Magnolia Manor here on SSI and contributions, supporting the GCG Statewide program, will

go to the Savannah Hospital Group. MERNA WRIGHT will be at the Cabins beginning at 10 am on Dec. 2 to collect them.

CHANGE OF IMPORTANT DATE:

Our Annual February Luncheon has been rescheduled to Thursday, February 15th (original date was 2/8). Please make a note in your yearbook about this change. Same time, place and program.

ST. SIMONS LIBRARY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Library will open its new location in the Casino building and all the garden clubs on SSI are providing flowers for the grand opening. A volunteer is needed to create a beautiful arrangement from Cassina in January 2007. Date to be determined.

HELP SOLVE A MYSTERY! The old folding chairs that resided in the Tea Cabin have disappeared. While old, they were useful. Any clues to the whereabouts – tell Frances.

THE SOUTHEASTERN FLOWER SHOW will be held in Atlanta, February 7-11, 2007. SHARON FLORES, a new Cassina member, who chaired this show a few years ago, is planning a special trip for those wishing to join her. Space is limited to the first 40! Call Sharon, 638-2412, for details and reservations.

THE FLOWERS and PLANTS OF FALL have graced our landscape recently. The Cassia with glorious golden blossoms and the magnificent Golden Rain Tree are evident all over the island. Also, a relative of the Camellia, the *Sasanqua* are laden with blooms.

DECEMBER HORTICULTURE TIPS:

PLANT – Spring flowering bulbs such as tulips. Shrubs and trees may be planted but keep well watered to protect from freezing.

WATER – Continue to water plants weekly and if a freeze is forecast, water well to prevent damage.

POINSETTIA – Place in good light out of the way of drafts. Only water when the dirt feels dry. Will last longer if you remove the foil wrap or cut away the bottom and place in a saucer or decorative plate.

MAGNOLIA LEAVES will turn a beautiful rich brown and keep indefinitely if stems are placed a solution of 1/3 glycerine, 2/3 water for 3 weeks or until enough of the glycerin has been absorbed to make the leaves pliable.

CASSINA CALENDAR FOR 2006-2007

December 9: Cassina's Christmas Tour of Homes

December 12: Field Trip to Sapelo Island with Lunch & Wine

Plans are to carpool from our Cabins at 6:45 am in order to meet the 8 am ferry at the dock. Reminder to those with reservations: Bring \$10 cash to buy a ferry ticket at the dock. Return will be on the 3 pm ferry with return to SSI by 4 pm.

January 11: "Using Herbs in Cooking" presented by Alix Kenagy and Kate Buchanan of Cargo Portside Grill. Guests may be invited.