

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2007

“Our Heritage Our Future”

79TH Annual Luncheon

This is our “annual” birthday party to honor all present and former Cassina Garden Club members and the community spirit and work exhibited by all.

Please join us as we celebrate our 79th year!

Date – Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, 11:30 am

Location – St. Williams Catholic Church

Lunch will be catered by Delaney’s Bistro for \$30 per member. Members are encouraged to bring guests, @ \$30 per person. Guest names should appear on your check for their reservation and nametag.

Your payment is your reservation. (No verbal reservations.) If you are assembling a table, please include all names for your table and one or more checks to cover the reservations.

Checks must be received by Feb 10th at:
Cassina Garden Club
P. O. Box 20191, SSI, GA 31522

Because this is a catered luncheon, reservations are VERY important!

PROGRAM – CAPPY REARICK, an award winning author and resident of St. Simons Island, will entertain with spirited readings from her books *Simply Southern*, *Simply Christmas* and *Simply Southern Ease*.

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| 9:30-10:30 am | Table centerpieces delivered to the Parish Hall |
| 11:30 am | Registration, Social Time, Centerpiece Competition |
| 11:45 am | Welcome remarks by President Frances Allen
Inspiration and Invocation by Natalie Crane |
| 12 noon | Luncheon |
| 12:45 pm | Introduction of Speaker |
| 1:45 pm | Centerpiece Winners & Award for Tour Tickets sales – Kay Harrell |
| 2 pm | Adjourn |

CENTERPIECE COMPETITION

Oh, what fun it is to participate! The creativity of our members and the beauty of their centerpieces will enliven our luncheon. Each attendee will receive a ballot when you register. Make certain you view ALL the table centerpieces prior to sitting down for the luncheon. Kay Harrell will collect the ballots. They will be tallied while we lunch and the winners announced at the end of the luncheon.

BOARD MEMBERS – Please Note:

The February Board Meeting will be held Thursday, February 1st, 9:30 am at the home of Sally Hawie, 138 Hampton Point Drive. All Committee Chairs are asked to attend. Please advise Frances of your plans at www.tfin410@bellsouth.net or call 634-1410.

THE DOCENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

The Docent Committee will meet at CLAIRE JORGENSEN'S home, 108 Westchester, at 2 pm on Wednesday, January 31st. The purpose of the meeting is to sign up for the 2007 tours, to receive new information for docent's folders, to discuss the possibility of two out-of-town trips just for docents. At this time, there are six Elderhostel groups scheduled beginning in February. We will add other groups as requests are received.

THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT FRANCES, has named the Nominations Committee for 2007-8 Officers and Directors. Don't hide from SUSAN HALEY, PHILLIS HARRELL or BEV NASH. Please take your responsibility to Cassina seriously!

SPONSORS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Please remember if you are sponsoring a new member, she must attend TWO MEETINGS before she can be accepted into membership. There are only two meetings remaining in the current member year – our February luncheon and the March 8 meeting – that prospective members may attend.

FINANCIAL DATA FOR THE TOUR

Tour Treasurer SUE CANSLER tells us that the Tour made a profit of \$10,128. Of that number, the Bake Sale under SUE CHAMBLESS' leadership contributed over \$1,500. SUE is especially grateful and wishes to thank those members who have paid for their tickets in a timely manner. However, THREE Active Members, TWO Associate Members and THREE Life Members have not sent their checks along. Ladies, please do so today so we can officially close the books on this event.

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION

The Coastal Georgia Historical Society each year depends upon our assistance in celebrating Heritage Day. It will be held at Oglethorpe Point Elementary School on Friday, February 9th. Time: 8:30 am -1:30 pm. We will help the students plant early seeds in peat pots and show them how to care for plants until weather is warm enough for transplanting to outside gardens. We'll be inside the building so weather should not be a factor. Cassina's theme this year is OUR HERITAGE – OUR FUTURE. What better way to communicate this theme than planting in the garden with our future gardeners. Betty Davis, Nan Fuller and Lella Kelso have already agreed to help. Please call Frances, 634-1410, if you would like to join them.

CHRIST CHURCH ECW FLOWER DEMONSTRATION

Friday, March 16, 1 pm – 4 pm

The ECW will present a program with the Westchester Woman's Chorale, Westchester, NY music and a floral demonstration by Jerry Sabal of Design Fusions, NYC. He will not

only demonstrate flower arrangements but talk about the preparing of the materials. He is a great presenter! Following the presentation, the ladies will roll out all their silver and serve Afternoon Tea. Ticket for the event: \$30.00. Call Frances 634-1410 if you would like to attend.

FEBRUARY HORTICULTURE TIPS

This is the month for soil preparation and pruning so that your garden is Spring-ready! It is also an important month for planting trees, shrubs and roses.

PRUNE: Heavy pruning for size and shape may be completed on all but spring flowering shrubs and trees. (Do them after they bloom.) Prune out all dead and diseased branches. Remove unsightly shoots and suckers at the base. Crape Myrtle and others that bloom in the summer should be pruned. They bloom on new growth and will benefit from pruning and removal of old flowerheads. Camellia sasanqua is a shrub that requires pruning now.

Our winter has been so mild some traditional rules may not apply. Buds are already appearing on azalea and spirea so be very careful. Always prune on a slant to shed water. If the prune is flat, the stalk absorbs water, which is not good!

FERTILIZE: Shade trees and flowering trees need a balanced fertilizer spread beneath and slightly beyond the spread of the branches. Water in well.

WARNING: A nasty beetle is at work on the Bay trees in our area. An ugly black fungus-like color appears. You must remove the Bay tree as it will spread rapidly to other plants.

CASSINA CALENDAR 2007

February 8: Southeastern Flower Show, Atlanta. Behind the scenes tour just for Cassina members. Call SHARON FLORES, 638-2412 for tickets.

March 8: Demonstration of Spring Arrangements by Jane Sawtell of Hilton Head Is. Meeting will be held at the Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Prospective members and guests are welcome.

March 9: Field Trip to the Cummer Museum and Gardens in Jacksonville, FL. A special exhibit from the great British Museum features Egyptian Tombs and Temples. We will carpool from the cabins leaving at 9:30 am. Our Docent led tour will begin at 11 am. We must have 15 participants. Cost is \$18. This is a fabulous show and it moves on the very next week. Lunch is available at the Cummer's snack bar or you can make arrangements on your own in the area. Send your check to Cassina Garden Club, P. O. Box 20191, SSI. 31522.

April 12: "Native Gardening" by Holly McClure, local author, will discuss plants that are indigenous to our area.

April 20: Field Trip to Savannah NOGS ("North of Gaston Square") Garden Tour. Cost for garden tour and tea is \$30. Details in next newsletter.