Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 2006 **"Our Heritage "……."Our Future"**

Meeting Date – Thursday, November 9 – 10 am
Meeting Place – Lord of Life Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Program – "Arrangement Tips, Tricks & Secret Weapons" by Jim Harrell, American Rose Society Horticulture and arrangement Judge. Jim is an award-winning National and District rose Exhibitor. He will discuss and demonstrate techniques for making the most of your plant material and your containers.

ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE and GUESTS are welcome to attend this presentation and are invited to our pre-meeting social at 9:30 am.

Hostesses are: Martha Jane Dodson, Chair; Jean Anglin, Jane Rives and Mary Stivers.

PLEASE bring your personal calendars to meetings so that you may make note of changes, special events, volunteer commitments, etc.

BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 2 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.

NEWEST NEWS! Members at our regular October meeting enthusiastically endorsed your Board's recommendation to host a Spring Garden Tour in 2007! A committee headed by SHARON FLORES is underway and will begin preliminary garden selection in order to provide lead time for gardeners to plan for this late spring event.

DOCENT COMMITTEE has been very busy! CLAIRE JORGENSEN arranged for Jackie Edwards, a retired staff member at Hofwyl Plantation, to speak to the docents about slave life in our cabins on Hamilton Plantation. Also, two clubs, the Frederica Chapter of the DAR and a Christ Church Circle will meet in the cabins in November. Already scheduled for the month are several tour and Elderhostel groups.

MELON BLUFF FIELD TRIP A SUCCESS! Thanks to JULIE SPIVEY, Chair, and the intrepid six members who accompanied her by kayak into the river and marsh.

CHRISTMAS STOCKS for *Magnolia Manor* will be created by talented Cassina Member MERNA WRIGHT. She will have patterns/stockings for you to decorate at our Nov. 9 meeting. Completed stockings must be returned on Sat., Dec. 2, 9-11 am at the Cabins. Saturday, Dec. 2 is also a "work day" to ready our gardens for our Tour.

******CASSINA'S CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES IS ALMOST HERE!******

Enclosed with this newsletter are:

1. **Your Tour Tickets,**
2. **A pre-addressed envelope for check payment,**
3. **A reminder regarding the Bake Sale.**

***Active* status members each receive 2 Tour Tickets and *Associate* status members, 1 ticket. Every member is responsible for the value of the tickets they receive either by selling them to friends or purchasing for their own personal use. Please don't let your efforts stop there! Our Tour of Homes is Cassina's only fund-raiser. Purchasing your tickets is a minimum effort – we need you to sell many more. Whoever sells the most tickets over her membership responsibility wins a $50 cash prize that will be awarded at our February Luncheon (2/8/07). So, let's all get busy and call our friends. Call Sue Cansler, 634-8141, for additional tickets. You can also purchase tickets on our website, www.CassinaGardenClub.org. , which also has photos of the Tour houses.**

DRESS FOR SUCCESS with an orange-colored VEST! Traffic directors are needed to the Christmas Tour of Homes. Spouses, friends, grandsons or even one of us are invited to participate. Call GeeGee Adams, 638-0683, with your preferred time/shift/availability.

A SPECIAL CASSINA BOUQUET to GLADYS FENDIG for donating the proceeds from the sale of her book *NATIVE FLORA of the GOLDEN ISLES* to the Cassina Garden Club. It is a wonderful resource for all to use to identify our native plants.

THE 48th Annual Oleander District Meeting sponsored by the Glynn County Council of Garden Clubs was recently held in Brunswick. Ruth Kolumber, Caroline Fleetwood, Jane Bowen, Sharon Flores and Frances Allen represented our club. More than 160 garden club members from Savannah, Jesup, Waycross, St. Mary's and other district towns attended. A report on the LeConte-Woodmanston Foundation brought us up-to-date on this GCG-sponsored project.

The University of Georgia is compiling a list of "Significant Trees of Georgia". MARIE DODD submitted "our" Southern Red Cedar Tree. We await its inclusion on the list.

CHANGES TO YEARBOOK:

Active member, Bonita Wright's e-mail is bonwright@adelphia.net
Active member, M. J. Choate's e-mail is sammjchoate@bellsouth.net
Associate member, Pat Carmichael's husband is not deceased(#).

CASSINA CALENDAR 2006

December 9: **Cassina's Christmas Tour of Homes**

December 12: **Field Trip to Sapelo Island with Lunch**

Depart the cabins at 6:45 am in order to meet the 8 am ferry. You pay $10 for round-trip ticket at dock. Also, mail a check for $30 per person to Kay Harrell (P.O. Box 20191, SSI). This covers lunch at the Reynolds Mansion and a bus tour of the island. We'll return to the Sapelo dock at 3 pm in order to be back at cabins by 4 pm. Spouses and other guests may be invited. There is room for only 40, so first-come-first-reserved! Make up your mind today!

NOVEMBER HORTICULTURE TIPS:

***Plant – It's time to plant or transplant trees and shrubs. Dig a $10 hole for a $2 plant!**
***Divide – Perennials, iris, daylilies and transplant.**
***Prune - Cut chrysanthemum stems to a 5" height after they have finished blooming.**
- Prune shrubs and trees only to remove overly vigorous shoots.
***Force - Bulbs for indoor winter bloom.**