

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER, 2006

“Our Heritage”.....”Our Future”

Meeting Date - Thursday, September 14, 10 am

Meeting Place – Christ Church Parish Hall

Program – “What’s Ahead” –

New members will be introduced followed by a social period to get acquainted with them. Committee chairs will discuss the Club’s activities and how they help promote the goals of beautification and preservation.

Note change: All Associate members as well as Active members are encouraged to attend. For this meeting only, we will hold our *social period after the regular meeting* rather than before as we usually do.

Our hostesses will be Anne Caswell, chairman; Caroline Fleetwood, Louise Grady, Kay Johnston, Lella Kelso.

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BOARD MEETING - Thursday, September 7 at 9:30 am at Cassina’s Meeting Cabin. Board Members and Standing Committee Chairs should attend. Please advise Frances Allen, 634-1410 or tfin410@bellsouth.net, of attendance.
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WELCOME TO NEW CASSINA MEMBERS!

The following is the Class of 2006-07 with their sponsors:

Nancy Acree (Julie Spivey, '05)
Susan Baltzell (Anne Caswell)
Mary Carnathan (Ladye Heisel)
Helen Castrillo (Jean Russell)
Sharon Flores (Elizabeth Freyer)
Suzanne Frehse (Thelma Montgomery)
Sue Fronk (Betty Young)

Cecilia Holman (Mary O’Sullivan)
Glynda Horn (Susan Haley)
Ann Martin (Emily Swift)
Lisa Rozier (Betty White)
Joanne Scott Marie Dodd)
Sharon Sowders (Julie Spivey)
Sara Taylor (Laura Herndon)

NEW YEARBOOKS will be distributed at the September meeting. The Yearbook contains the listing of officers and board members for the year, our all important calendar for the year, the constitution and by-laws of the club and various other interesting information.

FIELD TRIP VIA KAYAK! JULIE SPIVEY, Field Trip Chair, has arranged a true adventure for able-bodied members. **Thursday, October 12** (Date changed from that in Yearbook because of the tides.) We’ll car pool from the Cabins at 1 pm and drive to Melon Bluff to ride a very high 8 foot tide – should be lots of fun. It is flat paddling, no waves, simply beautiful. We will have a nature guide who is an historian as our leader. There are only 12 kayaks so the first 12 to sign up get to go! The cost is \$25 and your check is your reservation.

The date is the same as our regular October meeting so after the meeting, go eat lunch and be back to the cabins by 1 pm. Bring water, hat, sunglasses, bug spray. We should be back by 5 pm unless you wish to visit the Midway Museum and Cemetery and see the history of the folk that established the ante-bellum plantation you just paddled over!

CABIN GARDENS NEED YOUR HELP! Trash at the cabins has become a bit of a problem. There are two large trash cans behind the cabins but **ONLY** for garden trash. No plastic bags, no Styrofoam cups, no bottles or plastics are allowed! We do not have trash pick-up at the cabins. The landscape service takes the organic garden trash away but we need to remove our own trash as we work. Best solution: take it home with you.

WORK DATE IN THE GARDENS – Saturday, September 9 – 9 am

Join us even earlier if you like – you’ll have company. We’ll prepare the gardens for some fall planting. Those with assigned plots should be working but all others will be given tasks to do.

Many thanks to all of you who kept watch over your assigned area over this hot summer. The gardens look good. Our visitors linger and comment on the plants. Let’s keep them in good shape by continuing to pull dollar weeds on every occasion.

For any garden information, workday schedule, etc., Garden Co-Chairs are:

Martha Martin, 638-2588 or Ruth Kolumber, 634-1272

CASSINA BOUQUETS to CAROLINE COVIN for two tabby planters to house the aloe plants. . . to JOE MIRANDA for trimming our grape vines. . . grape jam or jelly may be on the way. . . to SALLY HAWIE for hosting a lovely luncheon for our new member training session . . . to DENISE TRETAWAY for the excellent training program for the new members.

NEWS FROM ST. SIMONS GARDEN CLUB COUNCIL: The September Council meeting will be on Monday, September 18 at 9:30 am. “Coffee Hour in Denise’s Garden” – DENISE TRETAWAY is hosting the members of the Council in her beautiful garden.

On Tuesday, October 17, the Oleander District Meeting will be held in Brunswick. It will be hosted by the Glynn County Council of Garden Clubs. Plan to attend!

HORTICULTURE TIPS FOR THE FALL SEASON in the Golden Isles.

House Plants need to be prepped for their return to the house. First, check for pests; spray if necessary. Turn the pots where they sit to break up the small roots that have gone through the drain hole. Move them to a semi-shaded porch or carport for a week or so; next, move them inside to a well lighted window and then to lesser light if necessary. This slow transfer to the winter home will allow the plants to acclimatize and will reduce leaf drop.

Begin collecting dried plant materials for winter arrangements. In the fields look for yarrow, cattails, oats and wild grasses. From the garden collect rosehips, celosia, okra pods, daylily seed pods and garlic and chive flowers. Pick before completely dry and hang upside down in a well ventilated room to complete the drying.

CASSINA CALENDAR 2006

October 12: Author discussing “Widow of Sighing Pines” and “The Dodge
Cassina Cabins Land Troubles”. Books by Jane Walker, McRae, GA.

October 12: Field Trip via Kayak. Julie Spivey, chair.

November 9: “Arrangement Tips, Tricks and Secret Weapons”
Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall by Jim Harrell, American Rose Society Judge

December 9: Cassina’s Christmas Tour of Homes