

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



July 2010

Calendar of Events

- * Cabins open every Wednesday 10 A.M. to 12 Noon (July and August)

- * New Member Coffee August 17, 2010

- * Cassina Board Meeting September 2, 2010

- * Cassina Garden Club Meeting September 9, 2010

- * Field trip to Jacksonville Botanical Gardens September 30, 2010

- * Overnight Field trip being planned. Details at September meeting

CONVENTION HAPPENINGS

On May 15 and 16, 2010, Beverly Nash, Sharon Flores, Elizabeth Freyer, and Janis Rodriguez traveled to Atlanta to attend the National Garden Club Convention. This was a huge event with both national and international garden clubs represented. Elizabeth Freyer attended a Saturday session to hear a presentation by feature speaker "Pearl" about his South Carolina Topiary Garden. Beverly, Sharon, and Janis attended the awards banquet. Cassina received a National First Place Special Achievement Award for our Garden Walk.



National Garden Club Convention 2010
Atlanta Georgia

On May 12th, Beverly and Sharon traveled to Macon to attend the Garden Club of Georgia Convention. We can proudly say that Cassina came away from this meeting with first place awards in all categories in which we entered a submission. Look for your September Newsletter with a complete listing of winning awards. Thank you for all you do to make these awards possible. They are your awards.

NEW MEETING PLACE

We are pleased to announce a new location for all of our meetings for the coming year. Meetings will be held at the Coastal Georgia Historical Society Museum in the Village. Although all of us enjoyed meeting last year at Marshes Edge, their new financial arrangement necessitated us searching for another location. We are delighted to be working with the Historical Society, and believe the membership will be pleased with this new arrangement.



THE CASSINA GARDENS

Our cabins gardens continue to look great this summer despite the record heat. Martha Martin and Ruth Kolumber had the gardens in prime condition for the Garden Walk and our new



Garden Chairs Sallie Sasser and Libby Hogan are working with them to keep the gardens in top condition. Sallie and Libby will be in the gardens each Saturday morning, but any day you can come and work is appreciated. Everyone is encouraged to try and give us a little of your time through the summer. We recommend you come early to catch the cool temperatures. If you can clip a dead flower or pull a weed, you are needed.

National Garden Club, Inc. and Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. are sponsoring a Flower Show Course II August 24-26, 2010 in Millen, Georgia. If interested please contact Beverly Nash. 638-5791

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SUMMER DOCENT HAPPENINGS

Wednesday mornings at the cabins have been very busy. Our total visitor count through the end of June was 538, although we may have missed a few. Donations to the cabins have also been up. We have had wonderful publicity and numerous tour bus companies have added the cabins to their itinerary bringing visitors from as far away as Iowa and Colorado. Crowds like this have called for a number of docents each Wednesday. If you are able to help, please either contact Jennifer Kuja or just come. We can use your help in the cabins, the gardens, directing

traffic or selling items. The visitors are fun and interesting and the docents are having a great time getting to know one another better.



Tour group from Iowa



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



That's right. It's that time again. Preparations for our annual Christmas Tour on December 11, 2010 have begun in earnest. Mary Lynch will be our Tour Chairperson this year and Mary and her committees are already hard at work getting things organized. The house search committee has almost completed their task. Anne Aspinwall and Janis Rodriguez

have secured the Coastal Georgia Historical Society Museum as our special interest stop this year. Several exciting things are in the works for our visitors at that stop. Begin thinking now what role you might like to volunteer for this year. By starting early, let's make this tour an especially good one as well as lots of fun for all.

A CASSINA JAM SESSION

This was the "real" thing!! A jam session was recently held at Frances Allen's home with a group of Cassina members who wished to try their hand at making blackberry jam to be sold at our Christmas Bake Sale. Neile Weis was anxious to turn over approximately 60 lbs of blackberries (that's a lot of berries, folks) and Frances along with Libby Hogan, Betty Young, Janis Rodriguez and Jennifer Kuja researched recipes and managed to produce 7 pints of Jam in their trial jam session. Members of the group took home additional berries to make more jam on their own.



Frances Allen and Betty Young making jam

We want all members to know we still have blackberries. If you would like to try your hand at this, contact either Frances or Beverly Nash. What a great addition to our bake sale and what a fun time they had doing this. Maybe some of you would like another Jam making session.

Let us know.

Member Concerns

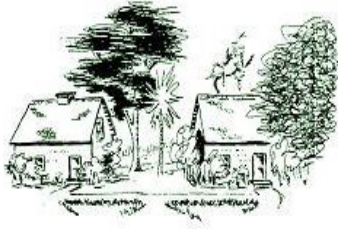
Our sympathy is expressed to Betty White on the loss of her husband, Tebie, on June 24, 2010

Associate Member Mabel Adair passed away June 30, 2010

Associate members Lelia Kelso and Leila Buchanan are both home recovering from recent surgeries.

Sharon Flores had recent surgery in Jacksonville, and is now home and doing well.

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CASSINA'S MISSION

To preserve, maintain and beautify the historic clubhouses and grounds; to promote the love of gardening; to protect our native trees, wildflowers and birds; to encourage civic beauty and planting and all worthwhile out-of-door work.