

Cassina Garden Club

2009 Sponsor Guidelines

We are pleased that you have decided to sponsor a new member for the Cassina Garden Club. Your continued support of the organization is vital to its continued success.

As a **sponsor**, you have **the responsibility to mentor your nominee for her first year** in Cassina. Below are several suggestions to help your nominee assimilate into the club:

Attend the regular meetings with her and make a point of introducing her to others. All new members are expected to attend at least five meetings during their first year.

Be sure to **introduce her to all the officers** at some time during the year. We want her to feel comfortable enough to ask them questions.

Lend her your yearbook and encourage her to familiarize herself with its contents. She will receive hers in the fall. Be prepared for questions!

Explain the responsibilities of the various Cassina Committees by going over the list in the Yearbook with her. **She is required to serve** on at least one of the major Club Committees. Assist her in selecting the committee best suited to her skills and interest.

Encourage her to attend two docent seminars sometime during the year. We want her to learn our history !

Accompany her to at least two garden work days. After all, we *are* a garden club! In addition, *all new members will be assigned to maintain a specific plot.*

Emphasize something different about the cabins every time we meet there so that she understands Cassina's commitment to the preservation of history.

Acquaint her with the particulars of the *Christmas Tour of Homes* and its famous bake sale. She will be assigned to hostess one of the homes on the tour. Be sure to reinforce the importance of her participation. We count on every member to make the Tour a success. Make sure she reserves the tour date and understands her ticket responsibility.

Acquaint her with the particulars of the *Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk*. Although participation by members is voluntary, she should be encouraged to participate. Make sure she saves the first weekend in May!

Please make yourself available throughout the year to provide information about the club and its various activities. You have already proven you care deeply about Cassina by nominating someone you trust to become a member. Through the mentoring process, your nominee will make new friends and assimilate more readily. We want her to feel welcome!

Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of The Cassina Garden Club, the Membership Committee.