

2011-2012 Meetings and Programs

*Each meeting is preceded by a social period at 9:30 am.
Come early, enjoy refreshments and visit with Cassina friends.*

September

September 1 Board Meeting

10:00 am; Meeting Cabin

Officers and Standing Committee Chairs
Special Committee Chairs if reporting

September 8 Monthly Meeting (All Members)

American Legion Hall

9:30 – Hospitality

10:00 - Meeting

Topic: "Members on a Mission"

Our fifteen new members will be introduced. Come to meet them and to hear about all the activities planned for this year. Hear updated plans for the Oleander District Meeting at Epworth on October 11. Learn about the National Garden Club President's three special projects and become acquainted with NGC Member Service items.

Hostess: Alice Barlow, Tootsie Murray, Carole Ploeger, Becky Yelverton



*Note: All Board meetings will be held in our Meeting Cabin, weather permitting.
If site change is necessary, attendees will be notified.*

*Officers and Chairs of Standing Committees are expected to attend Board meetings.
Chairs of Special Committees are encouraged to attend when appropriate.*

October

October 6 Board Meeting

10:00 am; Meeting Cabin

October 13 Monthly Meeting (Open-All Members & Guests)

Coastal Georgia Historical Society

9:30 – Hospitality

10:00 – Meeting and Program



Topic: "Holiday Decorations Inspired By Colonial Williamsburg"

Demonstration

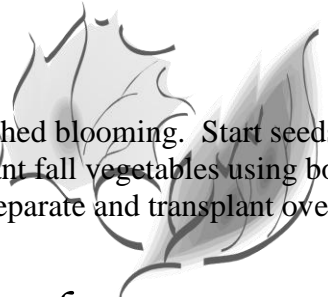
Curt Smith, Event Coordinator and Museum Store manager for the Coastal Georgia Historical Society, will demonstrate how to take common roadside and backyard native flora to create seasonal decorations. Curt owned and operated a retail florist shop in Atlanta for eighteen years until his move to Coastal Georgia.

Hostess: Sue Chambless, Ladye Heisel, Mary Ellen Parkins

October 21 Field Trip: Birding on Jekyll Island

Tour bird watching areas with renowned birder, Lydia Thompson, and learn how to attract birds to your garden. Depart 8:30 am from Cabins

Gardening Tips for FALL



Divide and replant perennials that have finished blooming. Start seeds of hardy annuals to transplant into the garden in October. Plant fall vegetables using both bedding plants and seed. Lightly prune scraggly shrubs. Separate and transplant overgrown liriopse.

November

November 2 Board Meeting

10:00 am; Meeting Cabin

November 3 Monthly Meeting (All Members)

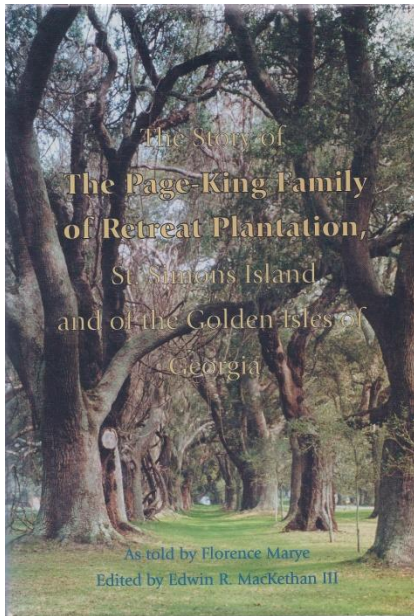
Coastal Georgia Historical Society

9:30 – Hospitality

10:00 – Meeting and Program

Topic: “The Amazing History of Retreat Plantation”

Slide Presentation



Edwin R. MacKethan III is a descendant of the Pages and Kings of Retreat Plantation; and since he came to St. Simons in 1995, he has devoted a major part of his research to Retreat, St. Simons, and Coastal Georgia history. In 2000, Ed edited *The Story of the Page-King Family of Retreat Plantation, St. Simons Island and of the Golden Isles of Georgia*. He also has spearheaded a project to erect state historical markers for the major plantations on St. Simons Island. Markers were dedicated to Retreat in 2007, Hamilton in 2009 and Cannon’s Point in 2010. In Fall 2011, a marker will be dedicated to Hampton Plantation.

Hostess: Sibby Gruber, Susie Salvatore, Becky Stephenson

November 15 Field Trip: St. Ignatius Church and Gardens

Docent tour of circa 1888 Church and gardens
10:30 am; Suggested donation to the Church, \$5

December

December 1 Board Meeting

10:00 am; Meeting Cabin

December 10

27th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes
10:00 – 4:00



Bake Sale
9:00 – 2:00



January

January 5 **Board Meeting** 10:00 am; Meeting Cabin

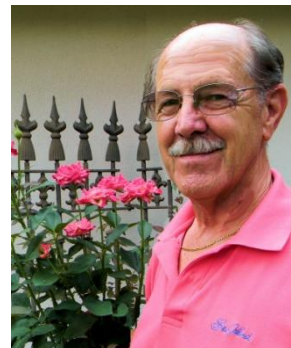
January 12 **Monthly Meeting** (*Open-All Members & Guests*)
Coastal Georgia Historical Society
9:30 – Hospitality; 10:00 – Meeting and Program

Topic: **“Growing Roses on St. Simons Island”**

Power Point Presentation

Jim Harrell, who grows about 200 roses in his garden, has been a Consulting Rosarian for 11 years, became a Master Rosarian in 2010 and received the Silver Honor Medal award for distinguished service the same year. He frequently judges National, District and local shows.

Hostess: Snookie Collins, Liz DeMato, Phillis Harrell



January 10 Field Trip: Little St. Simons Island

Delve into the Island's fascinating ecology, wildlife and natural history with a relaxed discovery tour conducted by a naturalist.

Depart from Hampton Point Marina at 10:30. Return by 4:30 pm. Cost: \$50; includes lunch



February

February 2 Board Meeting; 10:00 am; Meeting Cabin

February 9 Annual Luncheon (All Members & Guests)

11:00 am – Epworth-by-the-Sea

Janis Rodriguez, Chair

Reservations must be received by February 4, 2012



Table Arrangement Competition

Theme: Cottage Garden Party

Cassina volunteers prepare floral arrangements for the Luncheon tables. The centerpieces are voted on by attendees using secret ballot, and the winner is announced at the end of the Luncheon.

Competition Chairs: Anne Caswell, Sara Taylor

Speaker: Lee Dunn

Topic: "Preserving Georgia's Garden Heritage"

Lee is Chair of the *GCG Historic Preservation of Gardens and Sites* committee, which awards grants to historic non-profit public landscapes and gardens in Georgia. She currently serves on the Board of the Cherokee Garden Library in Atlanta. Lee is a graduate of the Historic Landscape Institute at the University of Virginia and member of the Southern Garden History Society. She has been a member of the Garden Club of Georgia for 25 years and served as Dogwood District Director. Lee also served on the board of Cannonball House in Macon as Vice President of Grounds and facilitated the completion and installation of an historic landscape master plan for the gardens.



February 16 Workshop: The Vine, Redfern Village

Create Spring arrangements 10:00 am; Cost \$10; Provide your own container

March

March 1 **Board Meeting** 10:00 am; Meeting Cabin

March 8 **Monthly Meeting (All Members)**
Coastal Georgia Historical Society
9:30 – Hospitality 10:00 – Meeting and Program

Topic: **“Protecting and Maintaining the Coastal Ecosystem”**

Power Point Presentation



Linda Lamb is a founding member of Coastal WildScapes in McIntosh County which is exclusively dedicated to the preservation and restoration of native coastal habitats. She is passionate about native plants and the concepts of sustainability, stewardship of the

land, ecosystem services and coastal habitats.

Hostess: Brenda Davis, Glynda Garner, Betsy Thwaite

March 7 **Field Trip: Cummer Museum and Gardens**



The Museum and gardens are located on the St. John's River in Jacksonville. A private guided tour of the three gardens will be followed by lunch and a tour of the Museum.

Depart cabins 9:15 am
Cost: \$25, includes lunch

April

April 5 **Board Meeting** 10:00 am; Meeting Cabin

April 12 **Monthly Meeting (Open- All Members & Guests)**
Coastal Georgia Historical Society
9:30 – Hospitality 10:00 – Meeting and Program

Topic: **“Everything You Didn't Know About Camellias”**

Photo Exhibit

Clayton Mathis of Douglas is a well known camellia expert with extensive knowledge in not only camellia varieties but in propagation. You'll leave the presentation with a desire to become an avid camellia collector.

Hostess: Anne Caswell, Elizabeth LeSueur, Nancy Muldowney

Spring Gardening Tips



Start hanging baskets early in April and also start pots for your porch and deck. You will have bushier and stronger plants if you pinch off all blooms and buds from the new plants as you put them in pots or in the ground. Keep rapidly growing cool weather vegetables regularly fertilized and watered. Plant tomatoes, eggplant, squash, cucumbers and other summer vegetables. Begin a lawn fertilization program in April after green-up.

May

May 3 **Board Meeting** 10:00 am; Meeting Cabin

May 5-6 ***Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk***
Garden Market & Photography Exhibition



May 10 **Annual Picnic** (*All Members*)

Installation of Officers 11:00 am – Cassina Cabins

Hostess: Martha Armstrong, Alice Marie Burnet, Lee Dillard,
Caroline Fleetwood, Susan Haley, Lee Watson