

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



End of Year, 2007

“Our Heritage”.....”Our Future”

Instead of a January Newsletter, I am sending a final 2007 message so that everyone can celebrate the results of Cassina’s very successful 23rd Annual Christmas House Tour.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE JANUARY REGULAR MEETING:

January 10, 2008 - Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Program: **“A to Z Gardening”** (including “P” for Pruning)

Speaker: **Jenalee Thompson**, Landscape & Garden Designer

This is an OPEN meeting and guests and prospective members are encouraged to come.

Hostesses – Betty White, Chairman: Natalie Crane, Mary Jane Dodson and Louise Grady.

*Reminder – **Board Meeting** – Thursday, January 3, 2008, 9:30 am at the Cabins.*

CHRISTMAS TOUR: To recap the Christmas Tour, we must start at the beginning. Each year we have assessed the tour, made changes and tried new things. The Holiday Marketplace was our new event for this year. **Ruth Kolumber** had the vision and energy to begin this event. Starting slowly and limiting its scope, we had workshops and interest groups. To thank everyone would take up pages of this newsletter, but those committee chairmen; **Sara Taylor, Betsy Thwaite, Bev Nash and Jennifer Kuja** were just a few of the main stays in this beginning. Despite Bev’s duties as tour chair, she spent countless hours with the other volunteers as we painted, potted, tied ribbons, twisted grape vines and set up displays.

It was gratifying to hear the many favorable comments on our first Holiday Marketplace held at our tea cabin. Our visitors were delighted by the festive atmosphere created by the display of our market items. Our Marketplace revenues exceeded \$800.00. While expenses for bulbs and craft supplies will lower this number, but this is an excellent result for a first effort. Some painted pots and wreaths remain to be sold, and we will bring them to the January meeting. To those members who shared their creative efforts at our October workshop, know that you not only had fun, but you contributed to the market's success.

As you know, getting our house in order meant the gardens and grounds needed extra work. **Martha Martin** and **Ruth Kolumber** worked all fall to be sure that everything was done. Our regular weeders and workers were faithful to their tasks. The cabins were the gathering place for our supplies, so cleaning them was a bigger task than usual. **Ginger Sifford** and her committee were ready and willing to work several days to do the necessary cleaning.

The Bake Sale is on the day of the tour but the many preparations, contacts, moving chairs, decorating tables - all take time and commitment. **Sue Chambless** is our pièce de résistance when it comes to BAKE SALE DAY. We have some superb bakers and cooks and special thanks to all who contributed delicacies.

Head Hostesses for each house had many duties that took time and planning. **Becky Stephenson** did a marvelous job in recruiting and organizing the head hostesses and developing the list of workers. The new signs were ordered early and showed the way. The metal signs are put safely away in the storage place. **However, we are missing one new arrow directional sign, so if you know where it might be, please let me know.**

Securing the houses is, I think, the hardest part of the tour. **Elizabeth Freyer** not only garnered the houses with the help of other Cassina ladies, but wrote the house descriptions for the tickets and publicity. Tickets and posters have to be designed and printed, **Kay Harrell** took care of that. Then **Sandy Storino** made the rounds to distribute the tickets to the outlets and then pick up the money. Publicity was handled by **Sharon Flores** and **Betty White** with photos by **Joanne Scott**. Our Tour Treasurer, **Sue Cansler**, handled the ticket receipts and expenses. **Kay Harrell** processed the purchases off the website.

All went very smoothly with the Parking Committee under the leadership of **Claire Jorgensen**. We had 28 experienced, friendly, wonderful Parking volunteers who did a great job of assisting our Tour visitors and had a good time in the process. The Cassina Garden Club owes each of them a big "thank you". We are lucky to have so many good husbands, friends and friends of friends who help us each year!

All of this was done with **Beverly Nash** as the Head Honcho. It is not a small job and many decisions had to be made, and she handled it with such grace. I continue to be thankful for such a talented group of ladies, willing to help and support all of our efforts.

As Millard would say "BRAVO ZULU."

Best Wishes for the New Year,

Frances Allen

HOT OFF THE PRESS - TOUR INCOME NEWS ---for Cassina Members Only

Garden Club of Georgia Courses for 2008

REMINDER: THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS DECEMBER 17TH

Once again -- Oleander District is delighted to bring the 2008-09 Landscape Design School to all of our Garden Club of Georgia districts members and also those who are not members. However, time is growing **short!** Course I is scheduled for January 7-8.

Landscape Design School Series XXV,

Course I: Satilla Regional Medical Center, 410 Darling Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

Course Chairman: Pat Prevatt, 211 Baltimore Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501, 912-285-8779,
pppre@wayxcable.com

Course Registrar: Lee Aldridge, 913 Carrie Drive, Waycross, GA 31501, 912-283-9056

Cost: \$60 (make checks payable to Oleander Landscape Design School
(This includes 2 luncheons and 4 breaks)

Instructors: Eddie Seagle, Lorie Felton, Jim Cothran, Andrew Kohr and Mark Deal

Dates: Course I, January 7-8, 2008
 Course II, June 9-10, 2008
 Course III, January 12-13, 2009
 Course IV, June 8-9, 2009

Accommodations: Best Western Hotel, Hampton Inn, Comfort Inn
 Call Pat Prevatt for a brochure and more information!!

Make plans now to attend the 21st annual **Southeastern Flower Show**

January 30 – February 3, Georgia World Congress Center Atlanta

Join thousands of garden enthusiasts at this annual harbinger
of spring. Show highlights include:

- professionally landscaped gardens
- amateur and professional floral designs
- great shopping, including the Marketplace, Flower Show Shop
and Bookstore
- floral and gardening demonstrations
- speakers-- both internationally acclaimed and local favorites
- horticultural information and advice for gardeners of all ages



For more information on attending and/or entering – www.flowershow.org