

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



February, 2008

“Our Heritage ”.....”Our Future”

Board Meeting, Thursday, February 7th, 9:30 am –
at the home of Ladye Heisel, 31 Tanglewood Rd.
Please call either Frances, 634-1410, or Ladye, 638-8982, if you are unable to attend.

Happy Birthday Cassina! Our Annual Luncheon is **Thursday, February 14**

Celebrating this historic event will be our esteemed speaker Coach Vince Dooley, speaking on *From Gridiron to Gardening*.



Honor your spouse at our Valentine’s Day Luncheon by bringing him to hear legendary coach, noted author and passionate gardener. The Luncheon begins at **11:30 am**.



Our annual table centerpiece decorations will enhance the gaiety and competition. If you signed up to bring an arrangement, please bring your arrangement to St. William’s church between 9:30 and 10:30 am so we can get the place organized. We may also need some additional arrangements. Please not too tall, we would like to see each other across the table. If you have questions, please contact Marie Dodd, 638-4096.

Our Luncheon is filling up fast. So if you haven’t yet sent in your check (WHICH IS YOUR RESERVATION), get it to Kay Harrell ASAP. The price is \$35. Mail checks to P.O. Box 20191
Deadline for receiving checks is February 8.

Announcement: The Nominating Committee has completed their slate and will present it to the Cassina Board at the February Board Meeting. The slate will be voted upon at Cassina’s regular March meeting. The proposed slate is:

- President..... Sharon Flores
- 1st Vice President..... Sally Hawie
- 2nd Vice President..... Elizabeth Freyer
- Recording Secretary..... Anne Aspinwall
- Corresponding Secretary..... Becky Stephenson
- Treasurer..... Sue Cansler
- Assistant Treasurer..... Leslie Carlton

Planting Seeds at Oglethorpe Elementary: On February 8th Betty Davis and her committee will be at Oglethorpe Elementary school to help the first graders plant and learn about seeds and care. Last year's lesson was so successful we were invited back again.

Dues Notice and Member Questionnaire: When you receive Cassina's March Newsletter, in addition to your Annual Membership Renewal Form and dues notice, you will also receive a questionnaire from the Membership Committee. Please fill out and return this questionnaire to provide an update of your skills, talents and volunteer interests. The questionnaire will give the Club's new administration a sense of how you would like best to contribute to club activities and how best to utilize your skills.



Cassina's Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Garden Walk Weekend scheduled for May 2-4, 2008. Exciting additions this year include four fabulous gardens on Sea Island and three on St. Simons Island plus our Cabins. We will also have a **Garden Market** this year that will be staged under tents on the Cassina grounds with vendors from throughout the Southeast selling a variety of items:

- Horticultural Material (Plants, bulbs, herbs)
- Garden and Floral-Related products and/or accessories for the home and garden
- Botanical art, garden art and original design for the home and garden.

The Cassina Speaker will be noted author, horticulturist and Senior Writer for *Southern Living Magazine* – **Steve Bender**, who will speak on Friday evening, May 2nd. Please check our Cassina Website for more information on the entire weekend: www.cassinagardenclub.org.

2008 Christmas Tour: Yes, I know the Christmas Tour was just over, but it is not too early for us to start making plans now for the 2008 Christmas House Tour, December 13, 2008. A big reason for the wonderful results of 2007 was the early planning and organization. This is an absolute necessity for such an undertaking. We want to ask the help of all membership in compiling a list of prospective homes to be investigated. We are not asking you to call or approach anyone about having their home on the tour. That will be left up to the Selection Committee. For now, we simply want your ideas. Remember, we want to present homes that will be of interest for a variety of reasons: beauty, comfort, unusual architectural interest, unusual décor, historical significance, etc. The more variety, the better. Please call or e-mail either Claire Jorgensen (638-3430, cfjssi@comcast.net) or Bev Nash (638-5791, nevbash@aol.com)

55TH Annual Christ Church Tour of Homes and Gardens, St. Simons Island -- Sea Island;

Saturday, March 15th, 2008; 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Advance Tickets \$40.00 Tour Day \$45.00

Tickets can be purchased on line at www.christchurchtourofhomes.org; or call 912-638-2565 or 912-638-1984. To obtain tickets by mail contact:

Ticket Chairman, P.O. Box 20290, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

New Book by Cassina Member: Sudy Leavy, Cassina Life Member, has her book coming out on February 4th entitled, "Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation." The Dent sisters of Hofwyl loved their flowers and one of the first Tour of Homes visited Hofwyl. There are two registered camellias

named for the Dent sisters. There will be a book signing on Saturday, February 9th, 2 – 5 pm at Hofwyl. A second book signing will be at G.J. Ford Bookshop on Saturday, February 16th 1-3 pm. Lastly, Edward Armstrong and Sudy will appear at the Brunswick/Glynn County Library on Sunday, February 10th at 3 pm as Eugenia Price and Don Juan McQueen.

Historical Society – “Georgia’s Lighthouses”: Pat Morris, Executive Director of the Coastal Georgia Historical Society has also written a book. “Georgia’s Lighthouses.” Her wonderful book went on sale January 28th at the Historical Society. Please remember that The Historical Society also sells our historic Cassina “Coastal Cookery” and “Native Flora of the Golden Isles.”

Horticulture Tips for February

- Prune citrus trees no later than the first of the month.
- Prune roses during the middle of the month for May blooms.
- Keep mulch around shrubs until after the last freeze. February can be brutally cold.

Sometimes winter can be very dreary. Birds add color and movement to your winter garden, and they provide life in a “dead” landscape. To insure that you have birds in your garden this winter, be sure to keep birdbaths clean and ice-free and feeding stations full of food.

Don’t forget the Great Backyard Bird Count on February 15-18. It’s easy to participate. All you have to do to count is spend at least 15 minutes a day watching and counting birds. You may submit your data on-line. For information, go to www.audubon.org/gbbc/index.shtml.

Happy Birding!

Frances Allen