

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



January, 2008

“Our Heritage ”.....”Our Future”

Happy New Year! There is much news to share, so please read carefully and mark the important dates on your 2008 calendar.

Meeting Notice: **January 10** – OPEN Meeting...*Please bring guests and prospective members*

Location: **Lord of Life Church Fellowship Hall**

9:30 am – Refreshments 10:00 am – Meeting

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

Topic: **“A to Z Gardening (including “P” for pruning)”**

Hostesses: Betty White, Chair; Natalie Crane, Martha Jane Dodson, Louise Grady

Upcoming Meetings:



▲ **BirthDay Celebration – Cassina is 80 years old!**

February 14 – OPEN Meeting.....*Bring spouses, guests and prospective members*

11:30 am – St. William’s Catholic Church Fellowship Hall

Speaker: **Coach Vince Dooley**, UGA former Coach and Athletic Director

Topic: **“From Gridiron to Gardening”**

March 13 at the Cassina Cabins:

9:30 am – Refreshments 10:00 am – Meeting

Speaker: **Anna Messer**, Manager of Horticulture Projects, The Sea Island Company

Topic: **“Creative Container Gardening”**

****SPECIAL FEATURE: Anna will plant two pots during the meeting for a lucky Cassina member.****

Anna will meet with you and select pots you would like to own for your porch, patio or entry. You will receive the benefit of her talent and hard work, and the cost will only be the cost of the pots you select. Interested Cassina members should call Marie Dodd at 638-4096 or e-mail mariewdodd@bellsouth.net. It’s obviously first-come-first-served!!

Important Dates to Add to Your Calendar:

January 14 – 10:00 am St Simons Island Council of Garden Clubs, 142 St. Clair Drive
Live Oak Garden Club is the host club. Please let Frances know if you are planning to attend!

January 17 – 10:00 am Christmas Tour Debriefing Meeting: at Bev Nash’s

January 24 - 2:00 pm Docent Meeting: at Claire Jorgensen’s

Elderhostel Visits to the Cabins: *Members are always encouraged to observe these programs.*

Tuesday, **February 19** 1:30 pm
Monday, **March 3** 1:30 pm
Monday, **March 10** 1:30 pm

Monday, **March 17** 1:30 pm
Monday, **March 31** 1:30 pm

January 30 – February 3; Southeastern Flower Show: Atlanta – Georgia World Congress Center

February 28 - 29: Symposium in Savannah -

Topic: “*The Atlantic World and African American Life and Culture in Georgia Lowcountry: 18th to 20th Century*”; nationally recognized experts will participate in the two-day symposium
Cost: \$3.00, registration required.

Sponsored by Ossabaw Island Foundation Visit www.ossabawisland.org for more information.

If you need a 2008 Calendar to keep up with all of the activities, we still have a few **Garden Club of Georgia** calendars available. We will have them for sale at the January meeting.

Calling all Creative Cassina members. We will hold our usual competition for the most beautiful, creative table centerpiece for the February Luncheon! Many of you agreed to prepare a centerpiece, BUT we need 3 or 4 more! Please e-mail or call Marie Dodd if you are willing to participate: mariewdodd@bellsouth.net or 638-4096.



The **Nominating Committee** has been appointed and includes Chair, Betty White, Joanne Scott and Becky Stephenson.

Active Member Wil Kampschmidt’s husband, Lao, died on Thursday, January 3, 2008. Details to follow. Associate member Frances Alford’s husband, Captain Wickford Alford, died on Thursday, December 20, 2007. His service will be at the St Simons Methodist Church on Monday, January 7th at 11:00 am.

Michaela Waddington, Awards chairman, has been working with Oglethorpe Elementary School on the Woodsy Owl Smokey the Bear drawing competition. She has also applied for 5 state awards.

As part of our participation in the Garden Therapy Program for the State of Georgia, we sent a \$50 donation to the Central State Hospital in Milledgeville. These funds go to the program to help the patients learn about gardening and taking care of plants. In past years we have contributed the felt stockings along with a financial contribution. This year, the stockings were given to Magnolia Manor for their Christmas cheer on their dinner trays.

We have been asked again to help the first grade students at Oglethorpe Elementary School plant seeds as part of the Coastal Historical Society program. This fun opportunity will take place on **February 12th**. Please let Frances (634-1410) know if you are interested in participating.

Oleander Leaflets, the District Garden Club Newsletter included photos and a story in their December edition about Cassina’s Halloween Happening and the Christmas Tour.

Utilize your **Garden Gateways**. This GCG publication contains much useful information.

See you at the meeting on Thursday,

Frances Allen