

# Cassina Garden Club

## NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER, 2007

“Our Heritage ” ..... “Our Future”

**Meeting Date – Thursday, November 8 – 10 am**

**Meeting Place – Lord of Life Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

**Program – Jeff Homans, Speaker, will discuss how to  
“Create an Inviting Landscape.”**

Hostesses – Nancy Dobrenic, Chairman; Caroline Fleetwood, Jean Laramore, Carolyn Lovell

**Active and Associate Members** and their **Guests** are welcome. Pre-meeting social at **9:30 am.**

**Board Meeting - Thursday, November 1 at 9:30 am** at Cassina’s Meeting Cabin.

All Board Members and Standing Committee Chairs should attend.

Please advise Frances Allen, 634-1410 or [tfin410@bellsouth.net](mailto:tfin410@bellsouth.net) if you cannot attend.

What a fun filled October for Cassina! Preparing for the Workshop, we were blessed with a beautiful day at the cabins. Almost 70 members enjoyed painting pots, sewing stockings, making and decorating beautiful grapevine wreaths and getting to know each other in an informal setting. Our goal of meeting and learning about more members was accomplished.

The **Oleander District meeting** was held at Ebenezer Conference Center in Rincon, site of the Lutheran settlement of 1734. Almost 200 ladies gathered to hear state reports, trade ideas, shop at the country store and get to know other area gardeners. Michaela Waddington and Ruth Kolumber accompanied Frances for the day trip.

The weather cooperated beautifully for our **Altamaha River Trip**, October 18, with 27 members and guests making the excursion - first to Skipper’s for lunch, followed by an enlightening two-hour river cruise. We were educated about the history and flora and fauna of the river area. The view of Fort King George from the river is interesting and breathtaking. A re-enactment is planned for November 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be well worth the drive if you haven’t been there. The bald eagle was not in residence along the Altamaha, but his 12-foot wide nest was amazing, and we kept a vigilant watch. The Bald Cypress along the river are beginning to lose their needles and turning a rust color. Locally, you can see the cypress turning at the parking lot at Harris Teeter.

Enclosed in the newsletter this month are the tickets for the **Cassina Christmas Tour of Homes**. Remember, you are responsible for selling these tickets. Our tour cannot function without you ladies. Do it right away so you won’t forget. Enjoy the excitement as we prepare for our 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas Tour.

### **HALLOWEEN HAPPENING – Sunday, October 28th**

Remember on **Sunday, October 28th** at the **Cabins, 4:00 - 6:00 pm**, we are hosting a "**Hallowe'en Happening**" for preschool - middle school age children and their parents. Sudy Leavy and Edward Armstrong will be telling ghost stories; we will be making s'mores; we will have apple bobbing; and we need YOU to be there to help out in any way that presents itself. It will be fun. Also, if you know families with young children, have some yourself, or have grandchildren, please spread the word about this event.





## CASSINA'S CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES IS ALMOST HERE!

Enclosed with this newsletter are:

1. Your Tour Tickets
2. Pre-Addressed Envelope for Payment
3. Reminder and Information about the Bake Sale

*Active* status members each receive two (2) Tour Tickets and *Associate* status members, one (1) ticket. Each member is responsible for the value of the tickets they receive: Sell them to your friends or purchase for your own use. This year a Tour Ticket is **\$25** (\$30 day of Tour).

Please don't let your efforts stop with your membership responsibility! We are going to have a wonderful tour this year, and our *Tour of Homes* is Cassina's fund-raiser for the club's daily operations. Purchasing your tickets is a minimum effort – we need you to sell many more. Whoever sells the most tickets over her membership responsibility wins a \$50 cash prize that will be awarded at our February Luncheon (2/14/08). So, let's all get busy and call our friends. Contact Sue Cansler, 634-8141, for additional tickets. You can also purchase tickets on our website, [www.CassinaGardenClub.org](http://www.CassinaGardenClub.org).

Be sure to check out our website to see photos and descriptions of the Tour houses.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sue Chambless still needs several helpers to sell baked goods with her on tour day. Please see Sue at the November meeting or call her if you can help.
- All head hostesses are reminded that they should be well on their way with recruiting helpers for their assigned home. Please get these names to Becky Stephenson as soon as you can. Plan for several extra volunteers in the event there are unexpected issues at the last minute.

### HELP NEEDED TO PREPARE CASSINA GARDENS FOR CHRISTMAS TOUR

Many visitors will stop by the cabins on Tour Day, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Cassina gardeners will begin work on the gardens in preparation for the tour with an all-out effort to clear out weeds and spent plants on **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**. We begin early. New plantings for the winter season are to be planted once we have prepared the gardens. We need the help and cooperation from each one of our able members. In the event the weather prevents us from completing the job, we will continue the project the following **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. For our new members this is a requirement of their first year membership. Bring your gloves and work tools. Call Martha Martin or Ruth Kolumber for updates.

### DOCENT TOURS

An Elderhostel group – 38 strong – came to the cabins on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The next Elderhostel visit is **Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 with Denise Trethaway and Betty White serving as docents. This is a wonderful learning opportunity for those of you who are interested in becoming a Cabin Docent.

**LIVE WELL - LEARN MUCH - LAUGH OFTEN**

*Frances Allen*