

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



Summer, 2007

“Our Heritage ”.....”Our Future”

From the President

As you know, we do not have regular meetings in the summer, but much work continues to go on. To keep you better informed, I’m attempting to make this information available.

Cabin Docents: Claire Jorgensen has scheduled members of the Docent committee to be available at the cabins on Wednesday mornings during the summer. The cabins are open to the public from 10:00 am – Noon. You are encouraged to drop by and visit with your fellow club members. Take your guests and enjoy the serenity of Gascoigne Bluff and know that Cassina helps protect the area.

Garden Upkeep: Maintaining the gardens is a continuous endeavor. Dollar weed does NOT take a vacation. Remember that members work every Saturday morning, but that does not limit your working on other days. Please keep your assigned plot weed-free. Enjoy the flowers and learn the names of those growing in our Cassina garden. As members, we have an obligation to do our part. We all have other commitments as well, and we have to maintain a balance of our time. However, a dedicated FEW cannot do the whole job.

New Member Orientation: The orientation for new members will be held on Thursday, August 9th. The sponsors of the new members have been informed of the time and place, and those appearing on the program will also be contacted by Leslie Carlton and Sharon Sowders, Membership Chairs.

Database Changes: Any changes in your email address, home address or phone number(s) should be sent to Kay Harrell as soon as possible. She is getting the Yearbook information together early so that our Yearbooks can be ready for our September meeting.

August Board Meeting: The Cassina Board will meet on Thursday, August 2nd. Current plans are for the meeting to be held at 9:30 am at Frances’ home (1410 S. Windward).

September Meeting: Mark your calendars now for the September meeting. It is scheduled for Thursday, September 13th and the theme will be “Getting to Know You”.

Remember throughout the year, the first Thursday of the month is generally reserved for Board meetings and the second Thursday is Garden Club Meeting day.

Other dates to set aside: December 8, 2007 – Christmas House Tour;
May 2-4, 2008, Second Annual *Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk*

Volunteers Needed: Cassina will be responsible for supplying the floral arrangement for the Library in September. Please contact Frances if you are willing to provide the arrangement.

Garden Club of Georgia Calendar: You may place your orders for the 2008 Garden Club of Georgia calendar at our September meeting with Betty Davis (634-1765). This will be your only opportunity to order this beautiful calendar this year. (We are no longer doing a bulk order.) The Standard size (5 ½"x8 ½") is \$9.00, a new Pocket size (4"x6") is \$7.00 and a Combo, one of each size is \$14.00.

Butterflies

Pollution, Pesticides and People = Problems for Butterflies
Don't be a part of the problem.
Protect, Promote and Plant for Preservation of these little flying wonders.
Butterflies are among the most beautiful and delightful gifts over which
Man was given dominion.

from Martha Miller – former State Butterfly Chairman

See you all in September, if not sooner,

Frances Allen

Cassina welcomes the following new members and thanks each sponsor for proposing such outstanding women as members of the Class of 2007-2008.

New Members

Anne Aspinwall
Snookie Collins
Jacquie Goldman
Jennifer Kuja
Janice Lamattina
Elizabeth Owen
Louise Ufer
Neile Weiss
Catherine Wood

Sponsors

Betsy Thwaite
Pat Collins
Emily Swift
Claire Jorgensen
Joanne Scott
Jean Russell
Betty Davis
Kay Harrell
Sharon Flores

Something Added To Cassina's Christmas Tour

By Ruth Kolumber

A special events committee will be creating a Holiday Market to add to the excitement and popularity of our Annual Bake Sale in December on our Christmas Tour Day. This event is intended to bring to our cabins not only people going on our Christmas Tour but also local residents who support Cassina Garden Club and who want to do a little holiday shopping. Plans include selling grape vine wreaths, small felt Christmas stockings, potted amaryllis and herbs and other Cassina crafts. We will paint the pots and create some of our own marketable items. We also plan to have for sale a small group of plants including decorated ivy topiaries, bromeliads, and some orchids available from local vendors and perhaps some small, decorated birdhouses. Our famous Muscadine jelly, our Cassina cookbook, stationary, CD, etc. will have a place in our Market. This activity will take place at the Tea Cabin on Tour Day.

Although our vendors will be taking responsibility for what they prepare and bring to the market, we are going to become crafty ladies and prepare some of the above items ourselves. Our regular Garden Club program in October (Oct. 11) will be a workshop to prepare for the Garden Market. The workshop will be divided into several groups: wreath makers, clay pot painters, and stocking decorators. We welcome the ideas of members who have other special projects in mind for making holiday items. We know garden club ladies are creative. Share your talents and ideas.

The committee needs some leaders for these groups—so if you would like to help organize one of these workshops contact either Beverly Nash or Ruth Kolumber. In the past, members have asked for workshop activities as part of our regular programming. So, let's have fun with this one; it's for a good cause.

GARDEN TIPS from Martha Martin

HINT: For those who might wish to dry hydrangeas to put on the grapevine wreaths, you should wait to cut your hydrangeas until the petals of the flowers feel a little papery. Tie a bunch together by their stems and hang in a dry area.

During these hottest of summer months, our time outside is limited by the temperatures, rains, and insects...and by just what can be done in the garden.

The Garden Guide to the Lower South has several suggestions for late July and August:

- Cut back leggy annuals and fertilize them to have fuller plants and more profuse blooms in the fall. This is especially important for salvias and impatiens that may be scraggly by this time of the summer. Cut back herbs (including mint, oregano, and basil) to prevent seed formation and maintain compact plants. Dry your herb cuttings for kitchen use.
- Prune summer flowering shrubs after flowering. Remove spent crepe myrtle blooms to encourage a second flowering. Do **not** prune azaleas since buds are set in July.
- Shrubs and lawns should be monitored for fungus and insect problems as well as lack of water. Citrus plants should have set fruit now so make sure they have adequate water. Lack of moisture at this stage will result in smaller, less sweet fruit.
- If the heat outside is too much, you can still garden. This is a great time to plan a fall garden or to order spring-blooming perennials and bulbs that need to be planted in the fall. Some bulbs such as lycoris (spider lily) can be planted for a fall bloom.