

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER

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January Meeting...Container Gardening Pot et Fleur

MEETING for all Members

Our own multi-talented Beth Downey, Jennifer Kuja and Catherine Wood will teach us how to make our own potted gardens.

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2009

Location: The Lord of Life Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:30: Refreshments ~ 10:00: Meeting

Hostesses: Elizabeth Owens, Anne Aspinwall, Suzanne Frehse, Lee Watson

Field Trip to Little St. Simons Island



Calling all Cassina members who enjoy a good adventure. Gather fellow members and guests and sign up for the exciting trip to Little St. Simons Island on **Monday, January 12** or **Tuesday, January 13**.

The \$75 cost includes round trip boat transportation, a guided tour and interpretive program and a hearty lunch of Low Country specialties. The boat departs at 10:30 a.m. and returns by 4:30 p.m. The trip is limited to 10-12 people per day. Please contact Field Trip Chair, Catherine Wood for more information and to sign up for the event, 634-8448 or catswood@mindspring.com.

Christmas Tour of Homes A Huge Success

Chair, Claire Jorgensen reports that the 2008 Tour was a tremendous success. In spite of the current economy, Tour sales broke all previous records in the 24-year history. Ticket-sale prize winners were Elizabeth Freyer with 36 and Beverly Nash with 21! More than 155 volunteers served as room hostesses and 29 men worked as parking directors. The Holiday Market, lead by Becky Stephenson and a team of more than 60 members who volunteered in various ways was equally successful. The legendary Bake Sale spearheaded once again by Sue Chambless with donations from 75 members, surpassed their sales goal of \$2,000. Claire, Becky and Sue congratulate and thank the many dedicated members whose hard work really paid off. The estimated profit is over \$19,000!



l-r: Gee Gee Adams, Susan Haley and Joanne Scott display items at the Market.



Photo by Joanne Scott

Nancy Dobrenic prepares the display of goodies at the Bake Sale.

Cassina Members Decorate Mantels for Festival of Trees

Jennifer Leavy coordinated a Cassina Christmas project to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Glynn County. With the artistic and creative talent of Jennifer, Anne Aspinwall and Betsy Thwaite, two mantels at the Retreat Clubhouse were decorated for the Festival of Trees fundraiser. Cassina was invited to participate in this annual event and these three talented members volunteered to decorate the mantels.



Photo by Jennifer Leavy

l-r: Betsy Thwaite and Anne Aspinwall display their handiwork at Retreat.



Photo by Joanne Scott

Cassina members Sue Cansler, Ladye Heisel, Sharon Flores, M.J. Choate and Alice Barlow pose in front of one of the beautifully decorated mantels at Retreat Clubhouse.

Frederica Academy First Grade Visits Cabins

Frederica Academy first graders dressed as Pilgrims and Indians visited the Cabins on November 25 to learn the history of Gascoigne Bluff, Hamilton Plantation and about the crops in our garden.



Photo by Joanne Scott

Member Libby Hogan, above, teaches the children about growing and harvesting peanuts.



Jennifer Kuja, above, shares information about making tabby and building the Cassina Cabins.

Lee Baxter and Sharon Flores enjoyed sharing additional historical information with the first graders.

Board Notes



To keep the membership better informed about Board actions, we are adding a report from the most recent Board meeting to the monthly newsletter.

The following items were approved at the November and December Board meetings:

- To protect our property, Allgood Pest Control was hired to treat the Cabins and surrounding grounds on a quarterly basis.
- To protect our scrapbooks and other fragile documents, a proposal was made by Historian, Peggy Golden to consider creating the Cassina Garden Club Collection of our papers and designating the Coastal Georgia Historical Society as the repository.
- To help cover the costs of bus transportation to Sea Island, the price of the 2009 Garden Walk ticket will be increased by \$5.00.
- To accept a gift of an 1800's wagon that was offered from the McMillan family contingent on the gift not being entailed.

Dates to Remember

January 5	Board Meeting 2:00 p.m.; Synovus Bank
January 8	Monthly Meeting Lord of Life Church 9:30 am Hospitality 10:00 am Meeting
January 12	Field Trip to
January 13	Little St. Simons Island
January 29	Cassina Board visits Hospice of the Golden Isles

Special Thanks

Our members have worked diligently this year on the Gardens, Christmas Tour, Holiday Market, Bake Sale and general Cassina business. Special appreciation is extended to the following members for many extra hours: the Officers and Committee Chairs for doing their jobs so well including **Elizabeth Freyer** for educational and entertaining programs; **Anne Aspinwall** for organized and accurate minutes of our meetings; **Sue Cansler** and **Leslie Carlton** for taking care of our financial matters; **Becky Stephenson** for mailings; **Kay Harrell** for the website and graphics; **Martha Martin**, **Ruth Kolumber** and the horticulture team for the Gardens; **Leslie Carlton** and **Beverly Nash** for membership duties at each meeting; **Anne Caswell** for *Garden Grace*; **Jennifer Kuja** and her volunteers for Halloween Happening; **Claire Jorgensen** and her committee for the Tour; **Becky Stephenson** and her team for the Holiday Market; **Sue Chambless** and all of the Cassina bakers for the Bake Sale; **Alice Barlow** for adding more outlets for Cookbook sales; **Jennifer Leavy** for Festival of Trees and Thanksgiving and Christmas surprises for Hospice patients; **Frances Allen** for Docent outreach; **Dottie Fielder** for submitting State Award applications; **Betty Davis** for State Calendar sales; **Susan Haley**, **Janice Lamattina**, **Janis Rodriguez** and **Catherine Wood** for planning great field trips; **Caroline Fleetwood** for providing meeting hospitality; **Jean Russell** for sending cards to members; **Joanne Scott** for extraordinary photographs; **M.J. Choate** for marketing our products; **Barbara Murrah** for our Cabin maintenance; **Sara Taylor** for leading our new grounds maintenance committee; **Peggy Golden** for publicity; **Liz DeMato** for keeping a notebook of Cassina news; **Lisa Rozier** for not only making copies of the Cassina DVDs but producing the cover picture and labels for sale at the Cabins; Jim Grimsley and Tom Herndon for their act of good will during their Tour parking duties by changing the tire of a house visitor. And a very special thank you to all of the Active and Associate members who contributed to our many successes this fall.



Jennifer Leavy's daughter, Josie, on left, and her friends Anna Harland Stalnaker and Banks Stalnaker make decorations to adorn floral Christmas gifts for Hospice patients in the Golden Isles.

