

Cassina Garden Club
NEWSLETTER

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March 2009



March Meeting...Landscape Vignettes
Alex Smith

FINAL OPEN MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS

Don't miss this presentation by award-winning landscape designer, Alex Smith.

Be prepared to be inspired with exciting ideas for your garden.

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2009

Location: **Marsh's Edge**

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

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE ~ Park along circular drive leading to main building

ELECTION OF 2008-2009 OFFICERS The Nominating Committee report was presented at the January Meeting. Special thanks to Chair, Anne Caswell, Sue Chambless and Sara Taylor. We will vote on the following slate of officers at the March meeting:

<i>President</i>	Sharon Flores	<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Anne Aspinwall
<i>1st Vice President</i>	Alice Barlow	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Becky Stephenson
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	Elizabeth Freyer	<i>Treasurer</i>	Sue Cansler
		<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	Leslie Carlton

Sidewalk Repair

Exciting News! Repairs have been made to three areas of Cassina's tabby sidewalk. Following several tripping incidents, uneven portions of the sidewalk were replaced on February 10-11. In addition, the front stoop at the meeting cabin has been lengthened to help prohibit any future accidents. Landscape designer Candace Brewer offered her expert advice on the new work and recommended tabby expert Wilson Marion for the repair. Wilson gathered oyster shells from river beds to match the small shells in the original sidewalk. He is a master craftsman, and it will be difficult to tell where the new work was done.



Georgia Heritage Day

Louise Ufer, below on right, Cecilla Holman, Lella Kelso and prospective member Mary Lynch taught first graders at Oglethorpe Point Elementary about growing plants during the annual Georgia Heritage Day celebration on February 6.



Garden Walk Photography Competition

The first annual Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk Photography Competition was held in January. The purpose was to create a Floral Photography Exhibition for the Walk Weekend and to select an image for the Poster and Ticket Brochure. The competition was open to amateur and professional photographers, ages 18 and older. Lead by Cheri Leavy and Peggy Golden, the competition was a resounding success with 150 beautiful entries.

The Judges for the Competition were Alice Parker, pictured on the right, owner of the Parker Gallery and Kerry Klumpe, Managing Editor, The Brunswick News.



Ann Nermoe, winner of the competition and Joanne Scott, runner-up, were introduced at Cassina's February luncheon.



(l-r)
Joanne
Scott and
Ann
Nermoe

Thirty-seven photographs were selected by Mildred Huie Wilcox and Cheri Leavy to be included in the inaugural Garden Walk Photography Exhibition to be held April 18-29 at the Left Bank Gallery.

Dues and Volunteer Form

It's that time of year again...Cassina annual dues need to be paid. The deadline is April 9th, the date of the April meeting. Dues structure:



- Active \$30
- Associate \$40
- Life \$15

Please refer to the dues information included in the March mailing with this newsletter if you have any questions.

Also included in the March mailing is the Cassina Volunteer Form. Remember that to maintain active standing, members are required to participate on a committee. We hope that each of you will state your preference for committee work on the easy to complete Volunteer Form. Just check the areas in which you are most interested and return the form in the enclosed addressed envelope with your dues.

Even though Associate and Life members are not required to serve on a committee, we encourage each of you to consider volunteering as you can. The ongoing success of Cassina' good work depends on the participation of everyone.

Tour of Homes Drawing

The winner of the IDAC drawing that took place during the Christmas Tour of Homes has been announced. Claire Jorgensen reports that the winners are Zachary and Maureen Fields from Jacksonville. They are receiving \$5,000 toward their purchase of cabinetry.

Board Notes.



The following items were approved at the February Board meeting:

- To contract with Wilson Marion to repair sidewalk and stoop at a cost of \$1,880.
- To accept the report of the Nominating Committee from Anne Caswell, Chair. Vote of membership will occur at March meeting
- To accept the recommendation of the Membership Committee to amend Standing Rule V. Membership Review, Paragraph C on page 69 of the Yearbook to reflect a change from 3 to 5 years to reach Associate status.
- To continue the Christmas Tour for 2009.

Dates to Remember

March 4	Docent Tour, 1:30
March 5	Board Meeting 10:00, Cabins
March 9	St. Simons Council Meeting, 10:00
March 12	Monthly Meeting Marsh's Edge 9:30 Hospitality 10:00 Meeting
March 24	Docent Tour, 3:00
March 25	Docent Tours, 1:30 and 3:00
March 27-29	Deep South Convention Huntsville, AL.

Cassina's 81st Annual Birthday Luncheon

The 81st annual luncheon was a huge success with 124 attendees. Our delightful speaker, Linda Copeland, presented a feast of interesting and enjoyable anecdotes that explained the naming of some of our favorite plants. Linda's book, *Legends in the Garden*, written with Dr. Allan Armitage was available for purchase following the luncheon. Linda is pictured on the right with Luncheon Chair, Elizabeth Freyer.



Special thanks to those who made table arrangements for the floral competition: Anne Aspinwall, Alice Barlow, Anne Caswell (2), Betty Davis, Cecelia Holman (2), Jennifer Kuja, Cheri Leavy, Thelma Montgomery (2), Becky Stephenson, Sandy Storino and Betty White.



The winner was Alice Barlow at Table 1 who is pictured on left receiving her prize from Suzanne Frehse, Chair of the Competition.



See photos of all of the arrangements at Cassinagardenclub.org.



Ann McCann, Jennifer Kuja and guest Candace Long Brewer.

Special Guests, Garden Walk Sponsor David Miller of Miller Photography chats with GCG President, Sara Lanier.

(l-r) Barbara Bruce, Ann Worthington Guest Martha Mooney, Ladye Heisel

