

Cassina Garden Club
NEWSLETTER

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March 2010

March Meeting

**All Members ~ Active and Associate
Thursday, March 11, 2010**

Marsh's Edge

9:30 a.m. Hospitality 10:00 a.m. Meeting

Hostesses: Snookie Collins & Barbara Murrah

**Guest Speaker
Hillary Parker**

Award winning botanical watercolor artist, Hillary Parker will present a preview featuring original watercolors of edible plants and foods which will be on exhibit at The Atlanta Botanical Garden in June



Anniversary Luncheon Celebrates 82 Years of Service

The annual February Luncheon was a huge success with 146 members and guests in attendance. Chair Alice Barlow and Co-Chair Beth Thrift, did a wonderful job to insure that it was a memorable event for everyone. With a theme of Southern Hospitality and our charming speaker, Sister Schubert, as well as the lovely floral centerpieces and fried chicken salad, everyone was in a southern frame of mind.



Left to right, Elizabeth Freyer, Program Chair, presents Patricia “Sister Schubert” Barnes with a copy of Cassina’s Coastal Cookery.

Special thanks to the participants in the floral competition, won by prospective member Jennifer Broadus who is pictured at left. Our talented floral designers



included Jan Bone and Sudy Leavy, Anne Caswell, M. J. Choate, Pat Collins, Lee Dillard, Ladye Heisel, Jennifer Kuja, Mary Lynch, Jane Ledbetter, Barbara Murrach, Sandy Storino, and Beth Thrift. Anne Caswell was Chair of the competition. See photos of all of the creations at Cassinagardenclub.org.

Important Membership Committee Reminder

Each year the membership committee is responsible for reviewing active member participation. All of our active members are expected to regularly attend meetings, meet their responsibilities for our annual fundraiser, participate on at least one committee and give some time in our gardens and to the docent program.

We want to remind everyone that these are our commitments to Cassina. Each member is encouraged to review where she is at this point in the year. Where there is room for improvement in meeting these membership requirements, we encourage each of you to take the steps necessary to ensure that they are met. Many opportunities exist to more fully participate: attend our remaining meetings, help with Garden Walk, work in our gardens or with the docent program, help maintain the cabins – the list goes on. Every member actively participating each year is what ensures that we can successfully continue the legacy that has always been Cassina.

February Birthday Winner

Congratulations to our February birthday winner, Beth Thrift, who took home a gorgeous Hydrangea macrophylla with large rose blossoms. The monthly drawing for the floral Birthday gift was held at the end of the Anniversary Luncheon.



Dates to Remember

- March 4 Board Meeting
- March 7-9 Deep South Convention
Natchez, Mississippi
- March 8 St. Simons Council of
Garden Clubs Meeting
- March 11 Meeting
9:30 am, Marsh's Edge
- March 16 Field Trip
White Oak Plantation
and Conservation Center
- March 23 Elderhostel Tour
3:00 pm
- March 31 Elderhostel Tour
10:30 am

Outreach to St. Simons Elementary School



Ruth Kolumber, pictured on the right, presents a check for \$50 to members of the fourth grade Junior National Honor Society at St. Simons Elementary School to purchase plant labels for the refurbished Spanish Garden. Ruth and Jan Bone have been working with the students, teachers and parents to encourage and advise as work progresses in the Garden. In addition to the funds for plant labels, Cassina members have donated gardening tools.

**Look for Your Dues and
Volunteer Forms in the Mail.
Be sure to return by April 8th.**

Garden Walk Photography Competition

The second annual *Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk* Photography Competition was held in January, and the winner was announced at the February Luncheon. Cassina's own Joanne Scott was the 2010 winner of the \$150 prize with a photograph of daisies surrounding a picket fence.



Pictured l-r; Competition winner, Joanne Scott and Garden Walk Chair Dottie Fielder

Joanne's image will appear on the Garden Walk Poster and Ticket Brochure. The Runner-up was St. Simons artist, Jackie Turbidy. The competition was open to amateur and professional photographers and was chaired by Peggy Golden and Cheri Leavy. The Judges for the Competition were Alice Parker, owner of the Parker Gallery and Kerry Klumpe, Managing Editor, The Brunswick News.

Cassina Garden Activity

Pack up your trimmers, trowels and rakes for some work time in our gardens. The winter cold has left a bit of a mess, so we begin serious clean up during the coming Saturdays. We meet at 9:00 am and work for an hour. Please join us.

Thanks to Neile Weis for trimming the vines of the grape arbor. The cuttings are available at the Cabins to create your own wreaths.

Martha & Ruth, Garden Chairs

Cassina's 82nd Annual Birthday Luncheon



Betty McCartney checks in with Sue Cansler



Phillis Harrell and Gee Gee Adams



Martha Jane Dodson, Claire Jorgensen, Betty White



Sharon Flores with "Sister Schubert"



Neile Weiss, Erin Hirschhorn, Kay Harrell, Jewel Harrell



Garden Walk Sponsors: Adair Roberts, *Culver & DeLoach*; Laura Cross McKinley, *Oglethorpe Bank*; Janet Shirley, *Hunter Maclean*; Henry Hart, *ACE Garden Center*



Garden Walk Photography Winner Joanne Scott; (right) Runner-up, Jackie Turbidy