

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER

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November Meeting...Orchids, Orchids, Orchids! **All Members**

Gail Mathews, the “Orchid Lady” from Live Oak Orchids in Savannah will teach us everything we want to know about these beautiful plants.

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2008

Location: The Lord of Life Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

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

Hostesses: Nancy Dobrenic, Lee Baxter, Caroline Fleetwood, Carolyn Lovell

Orientation for New Members

New members and their sponsors met on September 18 for an orientation about the historic Cabins and the Cassina gardens. Frances Allen presented the history of Hamilton Plantation and our slave cabins. Garden Chairs Ruth Kolumber, Martha Martin, Snookie Collins and Betty Young, briefed the group on the development of and the plant material included in the gardens. New members chose planting areas that they would be responsible for during their first year. The orientation was coordinated by Leslie Carlton and the Membership Committee.



Betty Young, (far right) and Martha Martin, (second from right) conduct the Cassina Garden Orientation for new members.

October Meeting Highlights

Ninety-one members and guests filled the Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall for the first Open meeting of the year. A lovely brunch was prepared by the October hostesses lead by Chair Betty White and Anne Caswell, Glynda Garner and Joanne Scott. The multi-talented Edward Armstrong of *Edward on St. Simons* enthralled members and guests with his decorating tips for the holidays. Using plant material from Elizabeth Freyer's garden and blossoms from the grocery store, Edward demonstrated his magic by creating easy to



make decorations that can make the transition from Thanksgiving to Christmas. By adding gold spray paint and colorful ornaments, a harvest celebration became a Christmas fantasy.

Three of Edward's fabulous creations were included in the October Birthday Drawing. First drawing winner was Sharon Flores, followed by Ginger Sifford and Anne Caswell.



Members check in as Nan Fuller (right) purchases Cassina products.

District Meeting in Statesboro



Pictured above, new Member Liz DeMato, Garden Club of Georgia President Sara Lanier, Cassina President Sharon Flores and Elizabeth Freyer take a break during the 50th Annual Garden Club of Georgia District Meeting, held this year in Statesboro on October 17. Cassina received Certificates of Appreciation from the GCG for contributions to their Garden Therapy program and to the LeConte-Woodmanston Conservation Project and a citation from National Garden Clubs, Inc. for Net Membership Increase.

Dates to Remember

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| November 6 | Board Meeting
10:00 am
Cassina Cabins |
| November 10 | St. Simons Council of
Garden Clubs Meeting
10:00 am
Sally Hawie, Hostess |
| November 10 | Elderhostel Tour
1:30 pm
Cassina Cabins |
| November 13 | Cassina Meeting
10:00 am
Lutheran Church |
| December 13 | Tour of Homes |

Halloween Happening

More than 50 children and their parents enjoyed the festivities at the 2nd Annual Halloween event on Sunday, October 26th at the Cabins. Open to the public, pre-school through elementary-age children came in costume to participate in the many events from apple-bobbing to story telling by Edward Armstrong and Sudy Leavy.

Special appreciation to Jennifer Kuja and the following volunteers who made the event a success: Nancy Acree, Frances Allen, Anne Aspinwall, Alice Barlow, Jan Bone, Leslie Carlton, Liz DeMato, Marie Dodd, Dottie Fielder, Sharon Flores, Elizabeth Freyer, Libby Hogan, Jennifer Leavy, Martha Martin, Beverly Nash, Jean Russell, Joanne Scott, Ginger Sifford, Sandy Storino, Betsy Thwaite, Rita Trudeau.



Chair, Jennifer Kuja enthralls Susan Haley's grandsons with her fortune telling.



L-r: Costumed volunteers Alice Barlow, Sharon Flores, Elizabeth Freyer, Rita Trudeau and prospective member Jan Bone.

October Field Trip



Cassina members and guests set sail on the Lady Jane for an exciting shrimp boat adventure on October 8th. Nets, filled with shrimp, eels, rays, sharks and other fish were hauled onto the boat. Ever vigilant nature lovers, lead by Susan Haley, tossed back all but the shrimp, which were then steamed and served to the delight of all on board. *Pictured above, l-r: Ladye Heisel, Eleanor Goodson, Martha Martin, Janis and Cesar Rodriguez, Marie Dodd.*

Holiday Market

Chair, Becky Stephenson and her Committee met recently to complete work on the unique and beautiful items that will be sold at the Holiday Market at the Tour of Homes on December 13.



Pictured left, top to bottom: Pat Collins, Libby Hogan, Janis Rodriguez, Becky Stephenson; right, top to bottom: Betsy Thwaite, Anne Aspinwall, Rita Trudeau, Beverly Nash.

Tour of Homes “To Do List” for Members

1. Circle Saturday, **December 13** on your calendar!
2. Be involved in some way leading up to the Tour such as contributing to the Holiday Market, distributing posters, or selling tickets, and on Tour day by helping at the Holiday Market or Bake Sale, serving as a Room Hostess and taking friends on the Tour!
3. Bake at least two items for the Bake Sale! (Cakes are the best sellers and the most profitable!)
4. Do your Christmas shopping at our Holiday Market!
5. Sell extra tickets and WIN a \$500 gift certificate from IDAC, 2nd prize: \$100 certificate for a dinner at Halyards!
6. Enjoy the Tour! Take a group of friends with you!
7. Talk, talk, talk about what a wonderful group of Homes we have this year and how exciting it will be to visit IDAC on Tour day!



Horticultural Highlights on the Island

November in our area is still a gardening month. You can plant many annuals for winter and early spring color as well as vegetables. Annuals include alyssum, carnations, calendula, dianthus, lobelia, pansies, petunias, snapdragons, stock, upright verbena, violas, and flowering cabbages and kale. You can still plant strawberries for an early spring harvest as well as broccoli, cabbage, carrots, spinach, and collards.

If you miss the spring bulbs that grow farther north, now is the time to buy tulip or other bulbs that need a longer chilling period. Put them in the refrigerator for 8 weeks before planting. Paperwhites and other *Narcissus tazetta* varieties can be planted directly in the ground for midwinter bloom.

If we have dry weather in November, water the lawn to keep it healthy. In cooler weather, the lawn needs to be watered no more than once per week with 3/4" of water. If we have rainy weather, watch your lawn for brown patch fungus disease that causes a circular area of grass to die and needs to be treated with a fungicide. If cold weather comes, water lawns and shrubbery 24 to 48 hours before a freeze. Do **not** water during a freeze.

Martha Martin

The Tour Committee Needs Your Support Now!

Did You Know... In 1946, Cassina meetings were held at the Cabins at 3:30 pm and dues were \$2.00 per year. The November program that year was *What Women of Today Can Do About Conservation*, presented by Mrs. Earl Clapp. In 1948, the focus for November was a Harvest Festival where all garden clubs worked together to stage a Fall Flower Show at the County Harvest Festival. In 1973, meetings began at Noon. The speaker for the November meeting in 1973 was Mr. Albert Fendig, and his topic was *Care and Exhibiting Camellias*.