

Cassina Garden Club
NEWSLETTER

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November 2009

November Meeting

Active and Associate Members

“Family Ties”

Fraser Russell Baker, a direct descendent of St. Simons Island plantation owners John Couper of Cannon’s Point and William Page of Retreat, will give a familial perspective of her famous relatives and their connection with our Cabins.



Ruins of Cannon’s Point Plantation

Thursday, November 12, 2009 at Marsh’s Edge

9:30 ~ Refreshments 10:00 ~ Meeting

Hostesses: Lee Baxter, Carolyn Lovell

October Meeting Highlights



Almost 80 members and guests gathered at Marsh's Edge on October 8th to hear a presentation by Russ Marane, Land Trust Director, on Frederica Park, the first new park on St. Simons Island in more than 50



years. During the meeting, Sharon Flores presented Russ with a check for \$25,000 for a gazebo which will be the focal point of the new park.

Rita Trudeau presented the Club with a beautiful water-color rendering she had recently done of one of the Cabins. Rita's painting will be displayed in the Meeting Cabin.



Board Notes



To keep the membership better informed about Board actions, a report from the most recent Board meeting is included in the monthly newsletter.

Twenty members attended the October Board meeting and approved the following items:

- Request from President to appoint a Nominating Committee to select the President-elect earlier than normal to give the designee additional time to learn about the workings of the Club. The Committee will report at the November Board Meeting. The remainder of the slate will be presented at the March meeting.
- Construction of an additional display cabinet for the Meeting Cabin. Cost not to exceed \$500.

Birthday Drawing Winner



Happy Birthday to Anne Caswell and other members celebrating birthdays in October. Anne received a beautiful pineapple plant. Remember, you must be present to win!

Dates to Remember

November 4	Elderhostel Tour 10:30 am Cassina Cabins
November 5	Board Meeting 10:00 am Cassina Cabins
November 12	Cassina Meeting 9:30 am Marsh's Edge

Christmas Tour of Homes

Chair Anne Aspinwall offers the following **TO DO** list for Members to ensure a successful 25th Anniversary Christmas Tour of Homes:

1. Circle Saturday, December 12 on your calendar for our 25th Annual Tour.
2. Bake one or two items for the Bake Sale!
3. Sell extra tickets and WIN a \$125 gift certificate for dinner at the Georgia Sea Grill. 2nd Prize: \$50 gift certificate to the Georgia Sea Grill.
4. Donate fresh greens (magnolia, holly, etc.). Call Anne Aspinwall, 399-1101 to arrange cutting and delivery to our homes on the tour.
5. Get ready to enjoy the tour and Bake Sale. Work your shift, then enjoy the beautifully decorated homes with your friends.



Committee, seated l-r: Leslie Carlton, Tour Treasurer; Sharon Flores, President; Anne Aspinwall, Tour Chair; Becky Stephenson; standing l-r: Betty White, Anne Caswell, Sandy Storino, Pat Collins, Sue Chambless, Martha Mooney, Elizabeth Freyer, Denise Trethaway, Susan Baltzell, Natalie Crane, Kay Harrell, Janis Rodriguez

Historical Society Field Trip



Members enjoyed a private tour on October 13th of the Coastal Georgia Historical Society and lighthouse led by Director Pat Morris.

District Meeting in Jesup



More than 240 garden club members attended the meeting on October 15. Representing Cassina L-r: Jennifer Kuja, Sharon Flores, Anne Aspinwall, Janis Rodriguez, Elizabeth Freyer, Anne Caswell and Caroline Fleetwood.

Horticultural Highlights

November is still an active gardening month with new plantings and preparation for our cooler months. Although we may miss the changing leaf colors of fall, now is a time to enjoy some of our fall displays of cassia, Confederate rose, golden rain tree, and camellias.



Lawns: A healthy lawn will withstand more cold weather than one that is weak or damaged. During dry weather, the lawn should be watered, but not more than 3/4 to one inch every seven to ten days. If the weather is rainy, brown patch disease may occur in lawns.

Trees and Shrubs: Plant shrubs and small trees now. Roots will be established by spring.

Bulbs: Tulips purchased now can be refrigerated for eight weeks to meet their chilling requirements. If you want amaryllis blooms for Christmas, consider potting your bulbs early this month. It may take seven to ten weeks for the bulb to produce a flower.

Houseplants: Many houseplants or tropicals that have spent the spring and summer outside or on the porch may need to be moved inside during the cooler months. This is an excellent time to see if the plants need repotting. Gently lift the plant from the pot. If the roots are growing out the bottom or circling the pot, it would be a good idea to repot it before bringing it in for the winter. The new container should be an inch or two larger than the old one.

Annuals: Annuals that will thrive in our cool weather are carnation, pansies, petunias, snapdragons, upright verbena, violas, and flowering cabbage and kale. If you planted snapdragons earlier, you can pinch them back to make bushier plants.

Perennials: November is a good time to divide and transplant perennials, iris, and daylilies.

Vegetables: According to the *Georgia Times Union*, this is the time to plant beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, Chinese cabbage collards, kohlrabi, onions, radishes and spinach. Strawberries can still be planted until the middle of November.

Martha Martin

Scenes from Halloween Happening ~ October 25



Seated L-r: Jan Bone, Sharon Flores, Rita Trudeau, Jennifer Leavy

Standing L-r: Chair, Lee Baxter, Libby Hogan, Sudy Leavy, Ginger Sifford, Frances Allen, Janis Rodriguez, Anne Caswell, Jennifer Kujala

