

# Cassina Garden Club

## NEWSLETTER



October 2008



### *October Meeting...Decorating Tips for the Holidays*

**OPEN MEETING for all Members & Guests**

The talented floral designer Edward Armstrong will inspire us with creative ways to decorate for Thanksgiving and Christmas using greens from our gardens.

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2008

Location: The Lord of Life Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 10:30 – Refreshments *(Note Time Change)*

11:00 – Meeting *(Note Time Change)*

Hostesses: Betty White, Anne Caswell, Glynda Garner, Joanne Scott

### **Preservation and Community Outreach**

Sally Hawie, Chair of Cassina's Preservation & Community Outreach Committee, announced at the September meeting that contributions for the 2008-09 year will be made to the following worthy organizations:

- \$1,000 – Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship Fund
- \$5,000 – St. Simons Land Trust
- \$5,000 – Coastal Georgia Historical Society
- \$100 each will be donated to the following ten organizations:

Altamaha Riverkeepers  
Ashantilly  
Friends of Hofwyl  
Garden Therapy Project – GCG  
Hospice of the Golden Isles, Garden Project  
LeConte-Woodmanston Foundation  
St. Simons Council of Garden Clubs  
St. Simons Library League  
Signature Squares, Brunswick  
Southeastern Horticulture Society  
Wild Garden Project

To provide for a potential catastrophe, \$30,000 of the profits from the Garden Walk has been placed in a fund to self-insure the Cassina Cabins and grounds.

## New Members Introduced at September Meeting



Left to right: Alice Barlow, Jennie Doyle, Janis Rodriguez, Jennifer Leavy, Cheri Leavy, Libby Hogan, Carole Ploeger, Dottie Fielder, Jimmie Boyd, Barbara Murrah, Barbara Bruce  
Not pictured: Liz DeMato, Ann Worthington

## Christmas Tour of Homes



Claire Jorgensen had members in a holiday mood as she shared plans for the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Tour at the September meeting. By following the Six Steps listed below, Claire says we are assured of another successful tour.

1. Five beautiful Tour Homes
2. Fabulous Holiday Market & Bake Sale
3. Exciting Extra Tour Stop – IDAC
4. Talented, Dedicated Committee Chairs
5. Great Publicity: Magazines/Newspapers
6. Total Involvement of Members by:
  - \*Selling Tickets & Baking Goodies
  - \*Being a Room Hostesses
  - \*Helping at Holiday Market Workshops
  - \*Distributing Posters
  - \*Telling Friends and Neighbors about the Tour

## Holiday Market

Becky Stephenson and her committee displayed a wide variety of gifts at the September meeting that will be available for purchase at the Holiday Market at the Cabins on December 13<sup>th</sup>. From birdhouses to paintings, the selection is fabulous, and there is a gift for everyone on your shopping list. Volunteers are needed to complete the extensive inventory, so contact Becky, shown below with Leila Buchanan.



## Dates to Remember

<b>October 2</b>	Board Meeting 4:00 pm Cassina Cabins
<b>October 8</b>	Field Trip 10:00 am - Noon
<b>October 9</b>	Cassina Meeting 11:00 am Lutheran Church
<b>October 15</b>	Elderhostel Tour 10:30 am Cassina Cabins
<b>October 17</b>	District Meeting Statesboro, GA
<b>October 26</b>	Halloween Happening 2:00 – 4:00 pm Cassina Cabins

## October Field Trip... Shrimp Boat Adventure

The enthusiastic Field Trip committee comprised of Susan Haley, Janice Lamattina, Janis Rodriguez and Catherine Wood has arranged an exciting Fall voyage aboard a working shrimp boat for members, spouses and prospective members.

We will depart on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am from the dock by Spanky's in Brunswick for a two-hour trip on the *Lady Jane* to explore the Marshes of Glynn and see the workings of a shrimp boat. The cost of the trip is \$39.95 per person and beverages and snacks will be provided.

Mark your calendar and sign up for this special adventure. Contact Catherine Wood to make your reservation: 634-8448 or email [catswood@mindspring.com](mailto:catswood@mindspring.com).

## Halloween Happening

Join the fun on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> as Jennifer Kuja, Catherine Wood and Cassina volunteers present the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Halloween adventure for local pre-school and elementary school-age children at the Cabins from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Sudy Leavy and Edward Armstrong have enthusiastically agreed to tell ghost stories again, and a *fortune-teller* will be added this year as suggested by students at Oglethorpe Point Elementary. Children will have the opportunity to bob for apples, make s'mores, play "Ghost in the Graveyard" and enjoy refreshments.

Please bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other people's children!!! And while you're there just volunteer for a few minutes! Please contact Jennifer Kuja or Catherine Wood to help out with this fun community project. Remember, the event is free and open to the public!



Edward Armstrong and Sudy Leavy enchant costumed visitors at last years Halloween Happening.

## September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Suzanne Frehse and other members celebrating birthdays in September. Suzanne was the lucky recipient of a beautiful yellow Oncidium donated by ACE Garden Center. Beginning with the September meeting and continuing throughout the year, a drawing will be held to celebrate the birthdays of each month. You must be present to win.

## 72 Members Attend Meeting

Cassina's first meeting was a special event under the Big Red Tent. Although September heat and humidity had members fanning themselves, reminiscent of a church revival, the ladies of Cassina enthusiastically welcomed 11 new members and were entertained and educated about "our patch of ground" by Hamilton Plantation historian Patricia Buie, pictured at right.



Committee Chairs described their committee responsibilities and encouraged members to volunteer. Frances Allen, dressed in period attire recruited Docents while Martha Martin extolled the satisfaction received from working in the Cassina garden.

It was an honor and privilege to welcome our members and new officers. With the support that was evident by your attendance and committee participation, I'm confident that we will continue to build upon our strong legacy of service to the community.

*Sharon Flores, President*

## Horticultural Highlights on the Island

October promises the beginning of cooler weather and a chance to plant some of the annuals that cannot handle our Island summers and to plant perennials or shrubs for spring bloom. According to the *Garden Guide to the Lower South*, perennials and biennials should be planted now through November. This allows the plants to become established and will increase branch growth and bloom in the spring.

Cool season annuals are not just limited to petunias and snapdragons. Other plants that have done well in the cabin gardens and bring a splash of color are calendula (*Calendula officinalis*), bright yellow or orange; lobelia (*lobelia erinus*), a vivid blue; and flowering cabbages and kales which are solid or variegated white, pink, red and green.

Some of the traditional cool season annuals like pansies, pinolas, and violas should not be planted until the end of October or even early November. If planted too early, these plants will become leggy.

*Martha Martin*

**Did You Know...** In 1953, Cassina adopted a long-range project proposed by the Trust Committee of the Cookbook funds: "To create around the Slave Cabin Club Houses an authentic Plantation Garden, and to gather historical data and relics of the St. Simons plantation era into a museum in one of the Club Houses; to make both the garden and the museum so authentic, lovely and interesting that they would prove of great value to the entire community to visitors and to posterity. The garden plan embraces a formal garden, done in the manner of the formal gardens around the plantation homes. This one is placed directly in front of the slave cabins. The whole picture is enclosed and framed with a foundation border of trees, shrubs, plants – and some native material – commonly used on the coastal plantation grounds. No effort is being spared in behalf of authenticity. The plan for the formal garden is a combination of and adaptation from actual drawings and descriptions of several plantation gardens. All plants will carry name plates and plantation association data, adding botanical and historic interest."

*Cassina Garden Club Yearbook, 1958-1959*