

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



April 2006

“Creation . . . Conservation . . . Celebration Cassina’s Legacy”

APRIL MEETING: Meeting Date – Thursday, April 13th – 10 am
Meeting Place – Cassina’s Cabins
Program – “Heritage Center” at Coastal Georgia Historical Society by Pat Morris, Executive Director & “Bike Path and Park Plans” by Fred Freyer, Executive Director, St. Simons Land Trust

All members are invited to our pre-meeting social at 9:30 am. Hostesses are: Betsy Thwaite, Chairman; Marcia Gardini, Ladye Heisel and Connie Herndon.

BOARD MEETING DATE HAS CHANGED:

The April Board Meeting will be on **FRIDAY, April 7** at 9:30 am at Cassina’s Cabins. Standing Committee chairs are invited to attend and should call or e-mail Marie – 638-4096 or mariewdodd@earthlink.net - if unable to attend.

REMINDER: Reports from Standing Committees for the year should be prepared and given to Marie by April 1st.

CASSINA BOUQUETS to all the members who assisted **BETTY McCARTNEY** and **ELEANOR PLUMBO** with the Christ Church Tour of Homes at the cabins. Clair Jorgensen, Frances Allen, Beverly Bittinger, Nan Fuller, Ladye Heisel, Nancy Carter, Bev Nash and Becky Stephenson were instrumental in making the event “happen”.

FIELD TRIP TO THE FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (FLETC) FOR CASSINA MEMBERS

Friday, April 14, 2006 – 10 am

We will meet at the cabins at 9:15 am and carpool to the Main Gate of FLETC, Highway 17 North to left on Chapel Crossing Road, then right at Main Entrance. Follow signs to parking and visitor entrance. We must be there before 10 am as we have to clear security. It will be a 2-hour tour of the campus, seeing students “in action”, role playing, etc. We will then have lunch in the Dining Room where the food is delicious and inexpensive.

IMPORTANT: I must e-mail a roster of Cassina members attending **NO** later that April 7. There is a limit to the size of the group that may attend so this will be a first-come-first-on-the-list basis! Please call Marie or e-mail if you wish to attend. In order to attend you must give me your full name (as on your driver's license), your Social Security number and your date of birth. You will need to bring a picture ID (driver's license) with you.

Plan to wear comfortable shoes. **NO** cameras or cellphones allowed.

If you have never visited this important Homeland Security site I believe you will find it fascinating and informative.

KEEP BRUNSWICK GOLDEN ISLES CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL

This group will host their annual "Beach Sweep" and island clean-up on Saturday, April 15. Cassina typically picks up litter along Hamilton Road to Arthur J. Moore Drive. Those of you who are dedicated "de-litter bugs" should show up with gloves and comfy shoes about 9-9:30 am and we'll make our neighborhood look a little better. Trash bags will be provided.

Garden Update by Frances Allen

In keeping with Cassina's long-standing tradition, Tabor azaleas were recently planted in the new Memorial Garden in memory of Helen Thomason, Beverly Maffett and Helen Katz.

This is time of the year when you might be splitting up plants in your garden. Share them with your fellow garden club members. Bring them in pots or just wrap them in newspapers/paper towels to keep damp. Many of us have extras. I will be bringing lots of mint to our April meeting. (Better keep the mint in a pot or it will take over your yard.)

The gardens are looking very good for this early in the spring. The plants that are currently blooming are the ones that we put out in early November before our Tour of Homes. Most of these have survived our warm winter. The roses have been pruned and are already starting to rebloom. Also, our big crinum lily has a bloom on it and the Stokesia Asters are beginning to bloom. Our Bradford pear tree is also in bloom. After we have assessed what plants may be coming up, we will probably add some additional plants. However, a few sections of our Cabin gardens are in need of weeding. Please don't let the weeds get ahead of you in your section and while you are at it, please remove as many acorns from your area of the beds as you can. Happy Spring Gardening to All!



Cassina Members - Mark Your Calendar for Our Picnic on Thursday, May 11!