

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Past Presidents **BETTY THURSTON** and **RUTH KOLUMBER** along with **MARIE DODD** will begin their process. If asked to serve your club as an officer, you know the answer of a good Cassina member is **YES!**

ENLIGHTENING BIT OF CABIN HISTORY: While attending a party at the home of Dorine and Lindsay Brown, I noticed a Keta Davenport painting of our Meeting Cabin and asked Dorine why she had such. The conversation led to a very interesting story. It seems that Dorine's grandfather, Norris S. Deaver, was born in our Meeting Cabin in 1877!

Mr. A. S. Deaver, great-grandfather, arrived on St. Simons from Maryland in 1877 with a very pregnant wife and no place to live. While their house was under construction, the Deaver's lived in our Meeting Cabin and cooked in the fireplace in the tea cabin. Mr. Deaver worked in the lumber mills and his name is recorded in the book "Old Mill Days 1874-1908, copyright 1976 by St. Simons Public Library.

Norris Deaver, the grandfather, lived his entire life in Brunswick but came back to St. Simons to be buried in Christ Church cemetery just to the right of the entrance.

What a wonderful history our cabins have! If you sit quietly there, you can almost hear them tell their wonderful stories.

CASSINA CALENDAR – 2006: (Add to your new calendar today!)

February 9 **78th ANNUAL LUNCHEON**
Place: **St. Williams Parish Hall**
Program: **James R. Cothran will visually showcase GARDENS & HISTORIC PLANTS OF THE ANTEBELLUM SOUTH. Mr. Cothran is a noted Landscape architect and has received many awards for both his designs and his literary works. His latest book will be available for autograph. Jim is a frequent speaker and loyal supporter of the Garden Club of Georgia. You'll miss a treat if you don't attend!**

Guests are welcome and encouraged. We'll again have our table centerpiece design competition. Details and signup will take place at our January meeting.

March 9 **"Wild Flower Garden Project" - Mary Stimmel from the Sanctuary on Sapelo will present this program.**
Place: **Cassina Cabins**

April 13 and May 11 meetings will complete this year so note the dates today.

Garden Update by Frances Allen

A **HUGE** thanks to everyone for making the gardens look so lovely during our Tour. It was truly a team effort but appreciated by all. We have been fortunate with the weather as our fall plantings were able to get established and kept blooming.

The water to our cabins was cut off in early December and we had to investigate the possibility of redoing the old well on the property. Unfortunately, it is not feasible to put in a pump because the well's inter casing is not sound. In fact, tracking down the actual

location of the well has been an interesting mystery. In December, Cassina's board authorized the drilling of a new well that should serve us for a very long time. Sapp will begin drilling sometime this month. Funds from the cookbook account will be used to pay for this expense.

Another pending item will be the removal of some trees around the Red Cedar Tree between our cabins and Epworth. The magnolia tree and vines are preventing the Cedar from getting proper sun and encroaching into its canopy. The county has promised to take care of this problem and will possibly open the view to the river along the bank. The tree board and Glynn County are consulting on that.

January in the Garden - Resist the temptation to prune Roses and most other shrubs until early February. This is important to protect the plants against whatever cold may come our way this winter. Also, if you prune too early, you stimulate the plants to recycle and tender new growth can be damaged if we do have a cold snap. This in turn weakens the main plant. If adding roses, remember that roses must have sun.

Watering is important this month. Tropicals need water to help sustain them through the cold periods. Newly planted or transplanted shrubs and trees need water to help them get established.

Raking is one of January's most important chores. The leaves fall faster than they can be cleaned up but an effort should be made to remove them to the compost pile as often as possible. Now is a good time to eliminate dead limbs on trees. Many of our evergreens show their skeletons now while their foliage is sparse and deciduous trees are clearly outlined for decisions regarding their shape.