

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



March 2006

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

MARCH MEETING: Meeting Date – Thursday, March 9th – 10 am
Meeting Place – Cassina’s Cabins
Program – “Wild Flower Garden Project” by
Mary Stimmel and Linda Lamb

All members are invited to our pre-meeting social at 9:30 am
Hostesses are: Nancy Carter, Chair; Pat Collins and Phillis Harrell.

BOARD MEETING – please note: The March Board Meeting will be Thursday, March 2 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.

CASSINA BOUQUETS to: The 16 members who designed very special centerpieces for our delightful 78th Annual Birthday luncheon. The arrangements were judged by all present and prizes awarded:

First Prize: Sandy Storino
Second Prize: Thelma Montgomery
Third Prize: Susan Haley

Other Cassina members who participated in the centerpiece competition were: Sue Cansler, Anne Caswell, Pat Collins, Natalie Crane, Elizabeth Freyer, Phillis Harrell, Ladye Heisel, Becky Stephenson, Mary Stivers, Dawn Swan, Michaela Waddington, Betty White, and Betty Young.

Thanks also go to all who helped with the details of our luncheon – managing check-in, table assignments, audio and lighting.

We had a record turnout of 125 members and guests for our luncheon. Everyone enjoyed and learned from James R. Cothran’s presentation on southern plants and gardens. Special guests included Brenda Griner, GCG’s Oleander District Director and Jim Harrell.

THE ALTAMAHA RIVERKEEPER’S WENDELL BERRYHILL won the Budweiser competition and its prize of \$50,000 which will help sustain the Altamaha River. Thanks to all who voted for Wendell. He won by barely 200 votes so your vote and the support of Cassina was truly important.

Included with your newsletter this month is Cassina's new MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM that Beverly Nash, Membership Chair, has carefully developed. Please fill out this important blue form completely and return to her by March 9.

Its time for our Annual MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. Included with this newsletter is your RENEWAL FORM and a preaddressed return envelope. Please fill this form out completely and return. (No e-mail newsletter will be sent this month.)

THE CHEROKEE GARDEN LIBRARY is hosting a traveling exhibition, "Plants in Print: the Age of Botanical Discovery", from the collection of the Chicago Botanic Garden in collaboration with the United States Botanic Garden. This stunning exhibition will be on view at the Atlanta History Center from March 11 to May 20. Atlanta will be in full bloom and 34 fascinating rare books dating from 1483 to 1888 will be displayed.

THE SEA ISLAND GARDEN GROUP invites Cassina members to hear Mary Jackson, artist and teacher, discuss and demonstrate the art and craft of sweetgrass basketry. The presentation will be March 21, 11 am at Retreat Golf Club. Tickets are \$20@. Checks should be mailed to Penny Flickinger, P. O. Box 30991, Sea Island, GA 31561.

THE 78TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA will be held April 19-21, 2006 at The Crowne Plaza Ravinia (across street from Perimeter Mall). The theme of this year's convention is "Kaleidoscope II". Registration deadline is April 1. Registration forms are in the Winter edition of "Garden Gateways" or see Marie.

GARDEN UPDATE by Frances Allen

PLEASE CHECK YOUR LOCATION on the accompanying chart– if you have a question or need assistance, call Frances Allen, 634-1410. As you can see, ADDITIONAL HELPERS are NEEDED!!!!

Spring is just around the corner and we need to make preparations for the coming warm weather. The gardens have survived the winter very well and many of our plants will soon come back. In anticipation of the Christ Church house tour, March 18, we need to do our spring cleaning and planting. Our club WORK DAY will be Saturday, March 4, at 9 am. Rain day will be March 11. If you can't come that day, come by anytime at your convenience and do some weeding. Inflation is on the rise – that is, the dollar weed is appearing. Please dig deep enough to get the whole thing. Also, the beds are full of acorns. These need to be removed before we plant any new flowers or put down mulch. We don't need a bumper crop of young trees.

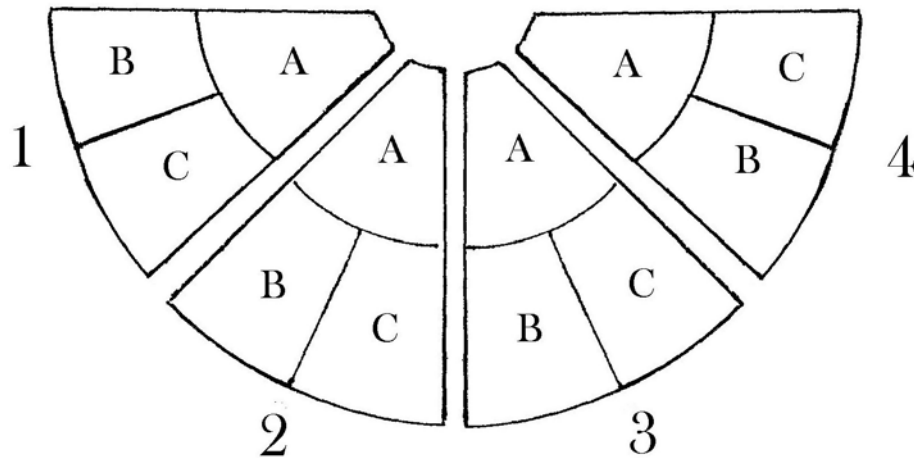
For those who have trouble bending and stooping; the moss in the trees behind the cabins needs to be pulled from the branches. Also, the holly and pittisporum have vines that need to be removed. Bring your rakes, diggers, good cheer, trash bags, clippers, shovels, (you know, garden tools) and have a good time with your garden club friends. Just an hour, or whatever time you have, can be put to good use.

UPDATE:

- I need a crew to measure the location of the sprinkler heads and water lines.
- We hope to have the electric line coming from the Epworth side buried soon.
- The trees are going to be pruned and that should open up that view to the marsh. The vines are overtaking the Red Cedar and the county has it on their agenda to trim these soon.
- We will be planting some hedges/bushes around the new well to mask it from view.

TEA CABIN

MEETING CABIN



GARDEN SIGN UP

MEMORIAL GARDEN

(By Bird Bath)

1. Betty White
2. Layde Heisel, Beverly Bittinger

PIE SECTION 1

- A. Claire Jorgensen
- B. Susan Haley
- C. Sandy Storino

PIE SECTION 2

- A. Ruth Kolumber
- B. Maddie Criswell, Jane Rives
- C. Pam Brittin

DAY LILIES (by fence)

1. Peggy Golden
2. Michaela Waddington

CRIMUM LILY

- 1.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

(Around Oak Tree near Meeting Cabin)

- 1.
- 2.

PIE SECTION 3

- A. Marie Dodd
- B. Betty Young
- C. Phillis Harrell

PIE SECTION 4

- A. Becky Stephenson, Ginger Sifford
- B. Karen Bell
- C. Bev Nash, Anne Caswell, Connie Herndon

ROSES

1. Kay Harrell
2. Denise Trethaway

COTTON & INDIGO

1. Will Kampschmidt