

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2005

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

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Meeting Date - Thursday, October 13 at 10AM

Meeting Place – Cassina’s Cabins

Program – “The Meaning of Flowers” by member
Peggy Golden

All members are welcome (no guests this month, please) to attend our pre-meeting social at 9:30AM. Our hostesses will be Lynell Chance, chairman, ably assisted by Betty McCartney and Susan Haley.

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BOARD MEETING – Thursday, October 6 at 9:30AM at the Meeting Cabin.

Standing Committee Chairs are requested to attend. Please advise Marie of attendance.

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2005 Holiday Tour of Homes

Your Tour Committee has been busy all spring and summer preparing for our annual fund raiser. The head hostesses for each of the six houses have been selected and trained, and given a list of members to contact as hostesses. This insures that all members have an opportunity to be a hostess, which is one of the most enjoyable experiences of the tour. The head hostesses also randomly drew the houses they will supervise. All this was done at a wonderful luncheon hosted by Claire Jorgensen and Betty Platt, at Claire’s home.

The five unique homes for this year’s Tour are beautifully decorated. We feel that all will be interesting for their visitors. We are finalizing the selection of the Designers’ Showcase House. This House, which will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday on Tour weekend, will be manned by the 19 new Cassina members. Ruth Kolumber, Becky Stephenson, Mary Jane Barger and Michaela Waddington have contacted many of our local vendors who will decorate this house in only three days! Stay tuned for details on how you can preview this house.

Every member is expected to work on the tour *and* bake for our fantastic Bake Sale. As the saying goes ‘*many hands make light work.*’ Please know that your committee appreciates each and every ‘hand.’ We can only be successful with your help.

Sally Hawie and Denise Trethaway Tour Co-Chairmen

RECOGNITION OF DECEASED MEMBERS. Cassina has been the beneficiary of the wise leadership of three outstanding members:

HELEN KATZ, BEVERLY MAFFETT and HELEN THOMASON

HELEN KATZ BELIEVED IN AND PRACTICED THE Golden Rule. Her contribution to this community was to establish and fund a program in the Glynn County schools that would encourage children to live by the principles of the Golden Rule. Helen's health prohibited active participation in recent years.

BEVERLY MAFFETT became a member of Cassina Garden Club in 1981. She was known as a talented flower arranger and participated in various flower shows. Beverly served as hostess for numerous club meetings as well as serving as Chairman of the 1982 Christmas Luncheon. She was well known for promoting the sales of "Coastal Cookery" and served as chairman for eight years.

HELEN THOMASON became a member of Cassina in 1972 and was a Life Member. She served as President in 1983-1985. Her many avenues of service included representative positions with the Beautification Council, the Civic Development Committee, Holiday Tour "Showcase Chair" and the St. Simons Council of Garden Clubs. Helen served as the club's Parliamentarian and was always happy to host a club or board meeting. Helen was also a Georgia Extension Service Master Gardener.

We will miss their wise counsel and leadership.

CASSINA BOUQUETS to new member **JACKIE TURBIDY**, for her presentation on growing daffodils in our hot, humid climate. She was excellent!

And to **THE YEARBOOK COMMITTEE** for preparation of a *Revised 2005-2006 issue (blue cover)* due to a computer program error. The new books will be distributed at the October meeting.

GARDEN THERAPY STOCKINGS and **PATHWAYS CALENDARS** will be available at the October meeting. Remember, both of these projects are sent to us by the Garden Club of Georgia. See **BETSY THWAITE** and **JANE RIVES** or **CLAUDIA BOFFARD**.

OLEANDER DISTRICT NEWS: The 47th Annual Oleander District Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11 at 10AM in Swainsboro (registration begins at 9AM). Site is East Georgia College, 131 College Circle, Luck Flanders Gambrell Building. Officers are encouraged to attend and every member is welcome to do so. Gather a car full of Cassinan's and drive to Swainsboro! The program: "Fall Designs for the Home" by Jim Roberts, an award-winning Master Florist. Let Marie know of your plans to attend. Fee is \$20, which includes lunch.

RAFFLES at District Meeting to raise funds for District Activities:

A hand-made quilt by Montgomery County Senior Citizens, Mount Vernon. Will be raffled at 3 for \$5. See Marie to buy.

A 3-night stay with FIVE of your best friends in a luxury Log Cabin in the Great Smoky Mountains! Located just 400 Yards from the Blue Ridge Parkway. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$10 or \$5 each. See Marie for details.

A FIELD TRIP FOR CASSINA TO SAPELO ISLAND HAS BEEN PLANNED by Field Trip Chairman, Julie Spivey, for Tuesday, December 6.

We will meet at the Cabins to carpool at 6:45 AM. Then drive up Hwy 17 to Darien to Route 99 to Sapelo Dock. We must arrive at the Dock before 8 AM.

Ferry ticket is \$10 and paid on site. Boat leaves at 8:30 and returns at 3 PM.

This is a beautiful trip. The early morning just adds to the mystery of the island. We will be met by a bus and given a tour of the island. Lunch with wine will be held at the Reynolds Mansion (a sight to behold). We'll have time for a beach walk before the ferry return.

A check for \$20 to cover lunch must be sent or given to Kay Harrell by December 1st. Call JULIE SPIVEY or CAROLINE FLEETWOOD with your questions. It will be a memorable experience.

HELP THE ALTAMAHA RIVERKEEPER WIN \$50,000!!!!

WENDELL BERRYHILL, an Altamaha Riverkeeper volunteer, is One of FOUR nationwide finalists in the 2006 Budweiser Conservationist of the Year Competition! Sponsored by Budweiser in partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the winner of the contest (chosen by popular vote) will receive a \$50,000 grant to be given to the conservation group of His/her choice. This is like a Georgia election – have every one of your friends and family members send in a vote for Wendell.

Address a postcard (or a 3x5" card) to:

**2006 Budweiser Conservationist of the Year
P. O. Box 4244
Young America, MN 55558-4244**

On the reverse simply write:

**“Wendell Berryhill is my selection for the Budweiser Conservationist of the Year.”
And Your name . . . your address . . . your age (must be 21 to send an entry)**

OR: Vote online at Budweiser.com: click “Game Time”: click “Outdoors”: click on “#3”: click “Place My Vote for Wendell Berryhill”: fill out personal info: click “Submit”

I know many of your were impressed when we had James Holland speak to us last year about the Riverkeeper program and the dreadful environmental condition of the Altamaha. Here's our chance to help!

CASSINA CALENDAR 2005

November 10 -

Lutheran Church

“Thanksgiving Themes”

Catherine Erickson of Viola's Market

December 9-11

Cassina's 21st Annual

“Holiday Tour of Homes”

GARDEN UPDATE by Frances Allen

A BIG Thank you to all of you who have taken care of your sections of our gardens. We've had a very successful season and have had the flowers to prove it. Now is the time to make preparations for the fall. The branch hanging over the meeting cabin was recently removed and hopefully the trees will soon be trimmed. Other trimming will be done to tidy up the grounds. In each section you may need to pluck the dead leaves and dead head the flowers. We will be putting out some plants for fall blooms, giving them a chance to set in before the tour. Don't let the weeds get ahead of you!

We need to measure our oak trees and the red cedar. We may list our trees in the Live Oak Society. If you have a good tape, let me know and we can make notes.

TIPS for the FALL:

A word of caution about letting fall leaves pile up around the base of plants. One might think this is good insulation, but this technique is detrimental to the health of plants. Leaves matted and piled up around the base begin to decay. This causes diseases to set in and the lower foliage of the plant to smother and die. Rake back or remove leaves that are matted against the trunks of azaleas and other shallow rooted plants.

Please remember that Hummingbirds are still in this area. They will need feed to make their journey further south.

Also, remember that plants cannot eat; they can only drink. So, when putting fertilizer on the plants, water very well or use liquid fertilizer.

The same things still need to be done in the gardens. Deadhead spent flowers, remove for creeping weeds, and mulch, if needed. We also need some moss gatherers. The trees are becoming burdened with too much moss. Just comb some out with a rake and lighten their load.

Some errant cassina bushes are coming up in the Memorial Garden along with some vines. Look around and find a few to pull. Again, thank you.

The plant for the month is the SWAMP MALLOW. We have two of these plants in our garden that bloomed with HUGE flowers this summer. It is a member of the Hibiscus family.

Thank you for your help and support.

From *Native Flora of the Golden Isles*
by Gladys Fendig and Esther Stewart

Perennial plant – 6' or more. The leaves are three-lobed, though vary in shape. The lower side is grayish white, the upper is hairy, grayish green. The very large flowers are creamy white with a crimson eye, turning a deeper yellow and finally to a pink. Summer, fall. Marshes, low ground.



SWAMP MALLOW *Hibiscus aculeatus*