

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



September 2005

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Meeting Date - Thursday, September 8 @10AM

Meeting Place - St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Program - "Daffodils" by Jackie Turbidy

Jackie is an avid daffodil gardener (even in our hot climate!) and serves as a Board member of the American Daffodil Society. She is a daffodil judge and is a member of both the Georgia and Florida Daffodil Societies. She is a 30-year garden club member in Rumson, NJ and belonged to their state society.

All members are welcome to our pre-meeting social at 9:30AM. Our hostesses will be Betty Rhudy, chairman, with Betty McCartney and Susan Haley assisting. Guests and prospective members may be invited to this meeting.

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BOARD MEETING - September 1st

The September Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1st @9:30AM at the Cabins. Standing Committee Chairs are requested to attend this first board meeting of the new Cassina year

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WELCOME to a hot, hot, hot new Cassina Year!

Our club year begins anew each September. I know your officers and committee chairs are rested, revitalized and committing their energies to Cassina. As I composed this newsletter on Sunday afternoon, I received two telephone calls from these folk so I know they were working!!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

BEV NASH, Membership Chair, introduced 19 new members at an orientation meeting on August 16th that took place at the Cabins and continued at a delightful luncheon that was held at the lovely home of DENISE TRETAWAY. You will have an opportunity to meet these outstanding new members at the September 8 meeting.

CASSINA BOUQUETS TO:

MICHAELA (AND BILL) WADDINGTON and KAY (AND JIM) HARRELL for bringing us into the Internet age! E-copies of our Cassina Newsletter go to more than 75 of our members!

BECKY STEPHENSON, Docent Chair, and the docents who held "Open Cabin Days" throughout the summer. This activity is a generous gift to our community and to visitors to our area. It is labor-intensive but it is SO worth the effort.

NAN FULLER, Yearbook Chair, for once again taking on this huge project. Special thanks to **KAY HARRELL** for her assistance with this project, too.

GARDEN THERAPY - This is a Garden Club of Georgia program which promotes the therapeutic aspect of gardening for the visually, mentally and physically impaired and those confined to hospitals and nursing homes. The program is 50 plus years old! The Cassina Garden club has participated in the therapy program at Milledgeville State Hospital by decorating Christmas stockings. These will be placed on the patients' breakfast trays on Christmas morning. This gift from our members adds more joy to the therapy of gardening for all those lives we touch.

We are asking for a \$1.00 donation for each stocking we send. Donations of cash are accepted if you do not want to decorate a stocking. The stockings will be available at the September 8th meeting. Please see BETSY THWAITE, Garden Therapy Chair, to collect your stocking!

"PATHWAYS" CALENDARS will be available from JANE RIVES and CLAUDIA BOFFARD, at the September 8th meeting for \$7 each. These make neat little gifts and are a perfect purse-size!

MEMBER CONCERNS - EMILY SWIFT, CHAIR. Please call Emily when you feel a note or card should be sent to one of our members.

CASSINA CALENDAR 2005

September 8 SSI Presbyterian Church	"Daffodils" – Jackie Turbidy Yearbooks will be delivered. Help us by taking books to neighbors and friends.
October 13 Cabins	"The Message of Flowers" Peggy Golden
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

Tree trimming is taking place. The broken limbs will be removed and the large limb that is overhanging the meeting cabin is also on the agenda for removal. A recent meeting with the County Extension agent, recommended that we review the condition of the historic Red Cedar next to our cabins. That will be addressed and planning begun.

The gardens are looking good for the late summer. Review of the placement of plants and a design plan is in the works. A HUGE thanks to all who have maintained their plots and more. The kudos go to many.

The plant for review this month is the RATTLEBOX.(*Crotalaria*). Reuel Platt raised the plants that are now in our garden from seeds that came from plants previously alongside our cabins. The dried seedpods were rattles that entertained the children. Reuel grew up with this plant in Florida where it was used as a cover crop in the orange groves; it also put nitrogen back into the soil.

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



RATTLEBOX: *Crotalaria Spectabilis*

Summer annual, 4' tall, has succulent trifoliate leaves. Flowers yellow. Name is derived from seed pods, which when dry rattle and split open scattering seed. Seeds are poisonous to poultry. Introduced from India a nematode eradication crop. Summer, fall. Roadsides, fields.