

# Cassina Garden Club

## NEWSLETTER



April 2011

### Calendar of Events

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March 30, 2011: Cabin  
Tour 10:30 a.m.  
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March 31, 2011: Callaway  
Gardens Field Trip  
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April 7, 2011: Board  
Meeting at Cabins 10 a.m.  
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April 14, 2011: Monthly  
Meeting, Coastal Georgia  
Heritage Center, 9:30 a.m.  
Hospitality, 10 a.m.  
Meeting (Open Meeting).  
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April 18, 2011: Cabin Tour  
1:30 p.m.  
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April 19, 2011:  
Photography Exhibition,  
Left Bank Gallery,  
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
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April 26-28, 2011: Garden  
Club of Georgia Annual  
Convention in Athens.  
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April 27, 2011: Cabin Tour  
10:30 a.m.  
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May 7-8, 2011: Tabby &  
Tillandsia Garden Walk

## April Meeting

### Open to All Members And Guests

#### “Container Vegetable Gardening” Presented by Gary Hummel



**April 14 ~ Coastal Georgia Historical Society  
Heritage Center  
9:30 ~ Refreshments 10:00 ~ Meeting  
Hostesses: Carolyn Lovell, Mary Stivers**

## Eugene Lewis Gardens

What a wonderful presentation by our own member, **Janis Rodriguez**, at our March meeting. The history of the Eugene Lewis Garden on Hamilton Plantation is probably one of the best kept garden secrets on St. Simons. BUT NOT ANY MORE.... It is pretty amazing to realize what used to be just next door to our cabins.



Janis Rodriguez, speaker

It is also nice to know that through the efforts of our garden club committee that worked on this Georgia Historical Garden Initiative Project for the Garden Club of Georgia, the records of this garden's place in Georgia history are being preserved in the Cherokee Garden Library at the Atlanta History Center.

Thank you Janis for all the hard work that went into preparing this program for us and to the committee for all of their hard work on this Garden Club of Georgia Project.

## Membership Questionnaire

We encourage everyone to complete the membership questionnaire that was enclosed in the dues mailing. Our goal for the next year is to have all of our members meeting and working with other members by serving on a standing committee, plus using your talents and skills to help with our annual fundraising projects. The questionnaire was designed to allow you to share your interests and talents with us.

Chairing or serving on any committee for the Christmas House Tour or Garden Walk does satisfy the committee participation requirement for all active members.

Once 2011-2012 chairman are appointed, they will call and ask you to help them with their projects or tasks based on your interests and skills. If you refer to the Membership guidelines (page 72) in the Yearbook, requirements have not changed; we are trying to clarify active participation. We hope to have all members assigned to at least one committee by July. Call **Anne Aspinwall** or **June Brown** if you have any questions.

Please remember to return your dues payment and membership questionnaire before April 14, 2011.

## Board Notes



*To keep the membership better informed about Board actions, a report from the most recent Board meeting is included in the monthly newsletter.*

Twenty-four members attended the March Board meeting and approved the following items:

- By-Laws Revisions approved
- By-Laws Revisions to be distributed to active membership for review
- Membership to vote on By-Laws at April meeting
- Membership dues notice and participation questionnaires to be distributed
- Garden Walk Progress Report
- Nominating Committee Report

## State Convention

Don't forget the Garden Club of Georgia Convention will be held April 26—28th, 2011 in Athens. Registration deadline is April 10th and registration forms are available on line at [www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org](http://www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org).

The Awards Banquet will be held on April 27th, and **Sharon Flores** will be installed as the new District Director on April 28th.

If interested in attending, please contact **Beverly Nash**.



**Save your pull tabs and bring them to each meeting throughout the year!**

## St. Simons Council of Gardens Clubs

It was Cassina's turn to host the St. Simons Council meeting on March 14, 2011. Thank you to **Lee Dillard** for allowing us to meet at her home. Also, thank you to all who so graciously helped provide refreshments for the group.

The meeting's discussions centered on the many plans that are in the works for the Oleander District meeting that will be held here in October. More information on Cassina's role will be coming shortly, and we will need lots of help with this event.

You can help now by purchasing your raffle ticket for an evening of flower arranging with our very own **EDWARD**. Tickets are only \$10 and will be on sale again at our April meeting. Remind your friends, and help us ensure that the Council has funds needed to put on the kind of meeting that will make St. Simons Garden Clubs proud.

### Raffle Details

Date: July 2011; day to be determined by raffle winner and Edward

Location: To be determined by Edward

Total Number of Guests: 8

Raffle Ticket: \$10 (Multiple tickets may be purchased)

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres provided by Edward

### Member Concerns

Mimi Franklin is recovering at Magnolia Manor.

Michaela Waddington is recovering at home.

Jane Ledbetter's husband is recovering at home.

## Photography Exhibition Reception

Mark your calendar and plan to join fellow Cassina members and local artists at the Opening Reception for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk Floral Photography Exhibition on April 19th at the Left Bank Art Gallery. The festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m., and Chairs **Peggy Golden** and **Sharon Flores** have planned a lovely cocktail reception to kick off the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Walk and celebrate the artists who were selected for the juried exhibition. Please make plans to attend and support our first-place winner, Cassina member **Ann Worthington** and the other juried winners.

Last year's Opening Reception was fabulous, and Peggy and Sharon are requesting that members again contribute their delectable hors d'oeuvres.

Please plan to sign up at the April meeting or email Sharon at [sharon.flores@bretton-woods.com](mailto:sharon.flores@bretton-woods.com) if you are willing to contribute your favorite appetizer for the reception.



l-r: Anne Aspinwall, Martha Martin, Becky Stephenson, Bob and June Brown at the 2010 Photography Exhibition

Please contact either Nan Fuller or Emily Swift about any member concerns.

## New Cassina Officers

New Cassina officers for the 2011-2012 year were voted on at our March meeting. The new officers are as follows:

President: **Anne Aspinwall**  
 Vice President: **Janis Rodriguez**  
 Secretary: **Ann Worthington**  
 Treasurer: **Kay Harrell**  
 Asst. Treasurer: **Pam Hamilton**

Congratulations to all and our thanks for their willingness to serve Cassina in the coming year. They will need the support of all club members to serve in many ways throughout the year to ensure we continue the mission and good work for which Cassina is known in our community. Let's all find our place and demonstrate to them our strong support for the upcoming year,

## Pull Tabs Reminder

Thanks to those of you who have brought tab tops for the Ronald McDonald project. Please remember to collect and bring all your tabs to the meeting on April 14th. Just look for the red and yellow McDonald's house or for **Susan Baltzell**.



**Don't forget to check out the Cassina Website. The award-winning website is now full of many new features and information regarding the Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk.**

## Cabin Inventory—Help Needed

Several members have undertaken the job of taking an inventory of our cabins. Their main priority has been our kitchen area. Over the years many things have been donated to the club or left in the kitchen area after use. The majority of these items do not appear to be needed. The major items include a large supply of blue and white china (cups, saucers, desert plates, etc.) many punch cups, several silver plate items and coffee urns.

Before any decision can be made about disposition of these items, we are asking all members to contact us if they know who donated any of these items or other items that may be in the kitchen area.

Please contact either **Jennifer Kuja** or **Anne Caswell** if you know anything about the items mentioned.



## From Our Gardens



Dust off your garden tools and get ready to join **Libby Hogan** and **Sallie Sasser** for the "Big Planting." The event will begin by meeting at ACE Garden Center on March 30th at 10:00 a.m.. At that time plants and flowers will be selected to use in the Cassina Gardens in preparation for the Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk in May.

On Saturday, April 2nd, everyone is to meet at the cabins at 9:00 a.m. for the "big planting." Hope lots of Cassina members will be there to help plant our gardens.

## Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk

Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk Co-Chairs **Dottie Fielder** and **Janis Rodriguez** are busily organizing the many details necessary for the big event on May 7-8th. Seven wonderful gardens have been selected to show with our own Cassina gardens: three on Sea Island, one in the Island Club, one in Shaw's Bounty, and two at the Hampton Point end of St. Simons. Garden Chairs are finding their docents to assist the visitors during the walk, posters are posted, rack cards are being printed, manly parkers are being recruited, and the media is revving up with lots of publicity.

Ticket brochures go on sale on April 1<sup>st</sup> at nine outlets: **Hattie's Books** and **Pat's Hallmark** in Brunswick, and **ACE Garden Center**, **A.W. Jones Heritage Center Gift Shop**, **G J Ford Bookshop**, **Pat's Hallmark**, **Moncrief's**, **Seaside Home**, and **St. Simons Drug Co.** on St. Simons Island. They may also be purchased online at our website [www.cassinagardenclub.org](http://www.cassinagardenclub.org). Tickets sell for \$30 in advance and \$35 on the days of the event. When docents attend the orientation at their gardens the week prior to Garden Walk Weekend, they may each purchase ONE ticket for \$20, a special thank-you for their untiring efforts.

Miller Photography, a garden sponsor, is graciously offering 50 certificates for a portrait session and a beautiful 11" X 14" color or black and white portrait at the incredible price of \$125, with all the proceeds going to Cassina's philanthropic causes. Members are selling these certificates now. For more information on purchasing or selling these certificates, call Dottie Fielder at 634-5728.

**Kay Harrell**, Garden Market Chair has been busy contacting Market vendors. Kay and her co-chair **Marie Dodd** will arrange the tents around our Cassina property to create a wonderful Market. Decorated with banners and colorful tablecloths you won't want to miss this inviting place to shop!

Again this year the Garden Market Vendors will donate an item for our Prize Drawing. There will be four drawings, two on Saturday, two on Sunday. **Gee Gee Adams** and **Rose Ann Williams** are chairing this event and will make sure each visitor signs up to win a prize.

**Jennifer Kuja** and **Deana Davis** will be chairing the Signature Shop. This year the Signature Shop, which sells our cookbook and cabin items, will be located with the vendors. Hopefully all our visitors will leave with a Cassina Cookbook!

**Anne Caswell** is Cabin Docent Chairman and **Libby Hogan** and **Sallie Sassar** are the Cassina Garden Chairs. This event gives a great opportunity for visitors to view our Tabby cabins and beautiful gardens.

Thank you to all that have signed up to help with this exciting event. Don't miss out on the fun...if you haven't signed up as a docent in one of the many areas, please do so. You will not want to miss out on being a part of our Garden Walk. Call one of the Chairs listed on page 6 and volunteer today!



# Garden Walk Committee

## Co-Chairs

Dottie Fielder, Janis Rodriguez

## Advisor

Sharon Flores

## Garden Chairs

Anne Aspinwall  
 Lee Baxter  
 Laura DeMartino  
 Lee Dillard  
 Sibby Gruber  
 Susan Haley  
 Sally Hawie  
 Libby Hogan  
 Ruth Kolumber  
 Martha Martin  
 Julie Rochelle  
 Susie Salvatore  
 Sallie Sasser  
 Alison Schueneman  
 Sherry Snyder  
 Becky Yelverton

## Garden Market

Kay Harrell, Chair  
 Marie Dodd, Co-Chair

## Art in the Garden

Dottie Fielder, Sharon Flores

## Cassina Signature Shop

Deana Davis, Jennifer Kuja

## Garden Descriptions

Elizabeth Freyer

## Garden Selection

Sharon Flores

## Group Tours

Charlotte Dennis, Janis Rodriguez

## Historic Cabin Docents

Anne Caswell

## Hotel Partners

Jimmie Boyd

## Music in the Garden

M.J. Choate, Elizabeth Freyer

## Photography Competition/Exhibition

Peggy Golden, Chair  
 Sharon Flores, Joanne Scott  
 Millie Wilcox

## Poster Distribution

Becky Stephenson

## Prize Drawing

Gee Adams, Rose Ann Williams

## Publicity

Liz DeMato, Dottie Fielder, Sharon Flores

## Signage

Dottie Fielder, Cesar Rodriguez

## Ticket Brochure

Sharon Flores

## Ticket Brochure Photography & Graphic Design

Harlan Hambright/h2o creative group

## Ticket Brochure Advertising

Ann Worthington, Chair  
 Jennifer Broadus, Liz DeMato  
 Judith-Eff O'Grady, Susan Haley, Anne Sisley

## Ticket Sales

Sandy Storino

## Traffic Coordination

Don Fielder

## Transportation—Bus Coordinator

Tom Milburn

## Treasurer

Pamela Hamilton

## President, Cassina Garden Club, Inc.

Beverly Nash

## Birthday Winner



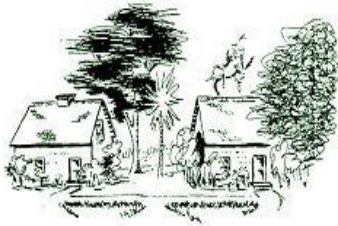
Charlotte Dennis, March birthday winner

Every month a drawing is held at the membership meeting to celebrate the birthdays for the month. *(Remember, you must be present to win!)* March's birthday winner was **Charlotte Dennis**. Happy Birthday to Charlotte and all the members with a March birthday.

## Cassina Newsletter

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## April Gardening



### Your Plants for April

This is the opportune time to plant warm season annuals and perennials. It is beginning to get late in the spring to plant bare root stock. Try new varieties and new color combinations this year. Don't be afraid to try seeds. They are best sown where they are to grow. Keep them moist for germination. Seeds are not as costly as plants and you can share the excess with friends. Purchase some shade plants, including begonias, impatiens, and ageratum to put among your ferns and hostas. Water these well. Here is a tip that is hard to do but well worth it -- *You will have bushier and stronger plants if you can make yourself pinch off all blooms and buds from new plants at the planting time.*



Bulbs such as dahlias and canna lilies may be planted this month for summer bloom. In full sun, dahlias will give rich color well into the fall. You can also start planting your gladioli bulbs now. Try planting some of these about every two weeks. This will help keep you in cut flowers for a longer period of time. If you have been lucky enough to have daffodils to enjoy this spring, after they bloom, cut the flower stem so they do not produce seed. Do not cut back the foliage as it is now storing food for next year's blooms. Find a clever way to tie off the foliage and still have it look attractive in your garden.

### Veggies and Herbs

Don't forget to plant some herbs. Why not consider herbs as a ground cover or between pavers if you use them in your yard. They also can be very attractive as under plantings in your pots. Have you ever thought about using asparagus to add a nice texture to a flower border or a blueberry bush as an ornamental shrub? Why not consider finding a spot in your yard for some vegetables. Plants are available to purchase now or you can also start some from seeds. If you plant carrots, try mixing a few radish seeds in with them to help carrot plants break thru the soil. You can plant these with a mix of other heat-loving annuals such as zinnias, marigolds, portulaca, rubeckia, gloriosa daisies, and celosia. You do not need to have a vegetable garden to enjoy tomatoes and peppers. Place large containers on your patio or deck and fill them with herbs, your favorite vegetables, and add a few annuals for color.

Come hear more about container vegetable gardening from our speaker at our April meeting. See you there!

We're on the web!  
[www.cassinagardenclub.org](http://www.cassinagardenclub.org)

#### 2010-2011 Officers

##### President:

Beverly Nash

##### First Vice President:

MJ Choate

##### Second Vice President

Dottie Fielder

##### Recording Secretary

Ann Worthington

##### Corresponding Secretary

Beth Thrift

##### Treasurer

Kay Harrell

##### Assistant Treasurer

Pam Hamilton

Happy Easter

