

# Cassina Garden Club

## NEWSLETTER



May 2011

### Calendar of Events

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May 5, 2011: Board Meeting at Cabins 10 a.m.

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May 7-8, 2011: Garden Walk Weekend, Garden Market & Photography Exhibition.

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May 9, 2011: St. Simons Council Meeting/Luncheon.

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May 12, 2011: Cassina Annual Picnic at Cabins 11 a.m. (All Members).

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May 27-30, 2011: National Garden Club Convention in Washington, D.C.

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June 5-11, 2011: National Garden Week.

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# May Meeting

## Annual Picnic ~ All Members

### Installation of Officers



**May 12 ~ Cassina Cabins**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Hostess: Co-Chairs: Helen Castrillo, Anne Caswell,  
Lee Dillard**

## Container Vegetable Gardening

For our April meeting, we were treated to quite a different gardening experience. Rather than roses, snapdragons, or azaleas, how about considering tomatoes, broccoli, radishes or cucumbers? Guest speaker, **Gary Hummel** challenged us all to consider growing a few veggies with his intriguing presentation on successful container vegetable gardening.



Dottie , Gary Hummel, Beverly

Gary gave us advice on what vegetables can be grown successfully in containers here in our area regardless of our gardening space. He also shared numerous tips on how to get started mixing our soil, the types of pots to use, as well as giving us watering and fertilizing tips.

After viewing pictures of Gary's success, we all came away ready to try our hand at container gardening. If you missed getting one of Gary's handouts, you can get one by contacting either **Beverly Nash** or **Dottie Fielder**. Also, Gary invited questions and he can be reached via e-mail at [dakota31400@yahoo.com](mailto:dakota31400@yahoo.com).

## Oleander District Fall Meeting

We are all excited that the 2011 Oleander District Meeting is going to be held here on St. Simons Island. The five member clubs of the St. Simons Council of Garden Clubs will be in charge this year. The Council has already been busy with much of the planning necessary for staging such an event. Each club will have a major designated responsibility for the meeting and Cassina has been asked to provide the table decorations for the meeting and luncheon.

The theme for this year's meeting is "The Magic of Flowers" with our own Edward Armstrong as the feature speaker and "floral magician." We need to make sure we provide the most STUPENDOUS magical floral arrangements that will WOW our guests. A committee is being formed to get things started. All those interested in helping are encouraged to sign up at our May meeting or call or e-mail Beverly Nash.

We need all your creative ideas, your floral arranging expertise, and many willing hands for all the big and little jobs that will be necessary to make this event a success.

Start thinking of "magical" ideas now and sign up at the May meeting. We need to start meeting during the summer months to begin planning and preparation.

## 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-five** members attended the April Board meeting and approved the following items:

- Standing Rules Revisions approved (pending Club approval of By-Laws Revisions at May 2011 Meeting)
- Approved Heritage Center as Meeting Place for 2011-2012
- Approved changes for November 2011 Board and Meeting date
- Discussed Garden Walk details from Committee

## Golden Days

Our Golden Days project is now complete. The National Garden Club project recognizes our past garden club members who are no longer able to garden, by delivering potted daffodils for them to enjoy.

Thank you to **Caroline Fleetwood**, **Connie Herndon**, and **Lee Dillard** for delivering the flowers, and a special thank you to **Barbara Murrah** for caring for the bulbs.



**Continue to save your pull tabs throughout the summer!**

## Photography Exhibition Reception

The Reception for the Tabby & Tillandsia Juried Photography Exhibition was held on April 19th at Left Bank Art Gallery. More than one hundred friends of the Garden Walk attended to view fabulous floral photography by Cassina members, **Jennifer Broadus, June Brown, M. J. Choate, Ann Marie Dalis, Ladye Heisel, Ann Worthington**, and other talented amateur and professional artists from the area.



Gee Gee Adams, Becky Stephenson, Phillis Harrell

The third annual juried competition and exhibition was chaired by **Peggy Golden** and **Sharon Flores** with special assistance from Cassina friend and Gallery owner, **Millie Wilcox**.

Delicious hors d'oeuvres were provided by the following Cassina members: **Frances Allen, Anne Aspinwall, Jan Campbell, Sue Chambless, Liz DeMato, Dottie Fielder, Caroline Fleetwood, Kay Harrell, Phillis Harrell, Libby Hogan, Ruth Kolumber, Mary Lynch, Bobbie Mohlman, Barbara Murrah, Julie Rochelle, Joanne Scott, Sara Taylor, and Joan Wilson.** **Sandy Storino** created the beautiful floral centerpiece.



Everyone enjoyed the beautiful flowers and delicious food

The exhibition will be moved to Cassina's Meeting Cabin for the Garden Walk Weekend.

## Garden Club of Georgia State Convention

The Garden Club of Georgia State Convention was held April 26—28, in Athens, Georgia. Cassina members attending were **Anne Aspinwall, Sharon Flores, Beverly Nash, and Janis Rodriguez.** In keeping with this year's theme, "Where it all Began", our members had an opportunity to visit the State headquarters and the State Botanical Gardens.

Adding to the excitement this year, we were especially glad to have Cassina representatives on hand to see our own former president **Sharon Flores** installed as the new Oleander District Director.



l-r: Anne Aspinwall, Beverly Nash, Janis Rodriguez, Sharon Flores

### Member Concerns

Sympathy to **Louise Grady** on the death of her husband.

### IN MEMORIUM

Cassina fondly remembers Members who have passed away this year:

**Julia Buxton**  
**Susan Keagy**  
**Lella Kelso**  
**Michaela Waddington**

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

## From Our Gardens

Saturday, April 16th and Monday, April 18th were red-letter days for Cassina Gardeners. The focus was the Champion Red Cedar Tree adjacent to our historic cabins. Concern about the care and preservation of this magnificent specimen tree led the Club to seek advice from the former Glynn County Extension Agent and local arborist.

This tree is estimated to be almost 400 years old and measured by the US Forestry Service, to be the second largest of its species in the US, and the largest in Georgia.

Following the expert advice, club members have started the process of revitalizing the tree after many years of neglect. Twenty Cassina members gathered on these two days and spread a newspaper barrier and two dump truck loads of mulch to the drip line around the tree.



Cassina Gardens mulch cedar tree

In keeping with our mission and commitment to protect and preserve our native trees this will be an on-going project for Cassina. These efforts will not only help protect the tree, but will also draw attention to its beauty and size for all the many visitors who view our cabins and grounds each year.

A huge thanks to the following members that did yeoman work to get this project started: **Julie Rochelle, Libby Hogan, Sallie Sasser, Gee Gee Adams, Anne Aspinwall, Lee Baxter, Jan Campbell, Snookie Collins, Deana Davis, Susan Holloway, Jennifer Kuja, Bobbie Mohlman, Beverly Nash, Janis Rodriguez, Sara Taylor, Ann Worthington, Becky Yelverton and Betty Young.** Thanks also to prospective member **Dale Anderson** and also to **Cesar Rodriguez.** **Frances Allen** was our Monday cheerleader!

## Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk Docent Orientation



Docent orientation at Garden 5



Docents gathered at Garden 5 located in Shaws Bounty for an orientation prior to the Garden Walk. Fourteen orientation sessions are held in the two weeks leading up to the Walk. These training sessions prepared more than 260 Garden Docents to educate and inspire visitors for our Fifth Annual event.

Committee members and Garden Chairs recruited and coordinated almost 290 volunteers for the Garden Walk, Garden Market, and Photography Exhibition.

A big thank you to our Cassina members, and friends in the community for their time and support to produce a successful Garden Walk Weekend.

# A Look Back ~ Our 2010-2011 Club Year

## Summer at the Cabins



Cabins open on Wed. 10 a.m.-noon



Summer visitors to our Cabins



Our gardens in bloom

## National, State, & District Garden Club Conventions & Awards



Sharon, Cecelia, Janis, and Beverly at National Convention



Cassina Members at District Convention



Anne, Beverly, Janis, Sharon at State Convention



Sharon wins District Outstanding Member Award



Cassina wins awards at State, District and National levels



Sharon Flores elected District Director

## New Members and Programs



*New Members 2010-2011*



*September meeting under the Red Tent*



*"Fruit & Flowers", Alice Barlow*



*"Landscape Central", Sandy Turbidy*



*"New Plants", Norman Winter*



*"Callaway Gardens", Patricvia Collins*



*"Lewis Gardens", Janis Rodriguez*

## Field Trips and Workshops



Jacksonville Zoo Field Trip



Workshop at The Vine



Field Trip to Jekyll Island Turtle Center



Signature Squares Field Trip



Pottery Workshop at Glynn Art



Overnight Field Trip to Callaway Gardens

# Historic Preservation and Community Outreach



Frederica Academy students visit Cabins



African American Job Corps Chorus entertain visitors at Cassina Cabins during Black History month



Harrington School Preservation event



Heritage Days at Oglethorpe Elementary



"Saving the olive trees"  
Frances Allen wins District Sara Lewis Award



Society for GA Archeology uses ground-penetrating radar to scan Cassina grounds



Thanksgiving arrangements made for Hospice patients

# Christmas Tour of Home ~ Garden Walk & Photography Exhibition



Home Chairs for Christmas Tour of Homes



Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk



Photography Exhibition

## Annual Cassina Luncheon



Members enjoy luncheon and Floral Arrangement Competition

## Golden Days Project



Golden Days National Garden Club Project  
Cassina members pot daffodils

## Birthday Winner



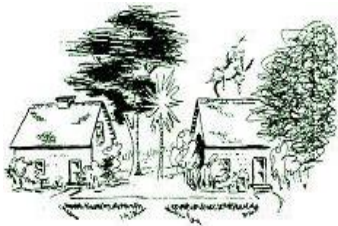
Ann Worthington birthday winner

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

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## May Gardening



### May is time for some Pruning and Fertilizing

#### Pruning

Hopefully, you did your rose pruning in February or March. They should be blooming now. If you have not already done so, you need to prune the bushes that have just completed their blooming season such as azaleas, forsythias, and loropetalums. There are many well-illustrated pruning books that cover each plant in detail. You will thank yourself for checking one of them out.



#### Fertilizing

Shrubs need a second application of fertilizer now. Use a balanced fertilizer, one tablespoon per foot of height for shrubs or one cup per inch of trunk diameter for trees. Give daylilies a light application of fertilizer as buds begin to appear. After blooming, fertilize iris with a balanced fertilizer or well rotted cow manure. You annuals and perennials need regular fertilization every four to five weeks.

#### Plants

Warm weather annuals may still be planted for summer color. Try planting some from seed. Zinnias work well, and planted at intervals they are great for cut flowers until frost. Over plant bulb beds with annuals. For a little trick, try hiding a tomato plant in with your zinnias. It may fool the raccoons.

#### A Reminder for All Gardeners

Take care of the gardener. It is your responsibility to take care of yourself. Our spring and summer months can be pretty brutal. Use common sense—wear a hat and sunscreen, drink plenty of water and come in out of the extreme heat. Remember to carry a phone outside with you. Always be careful when using power tools. Take care of yourself so you can enjoy our wonderful summer.

Finally....Share your garden. Do go out and take some pictures. Who knows, you might be our winner next year in the flower photo contest! Don't forget how much fun it can be to share your time in the garden with a child. Help them develop a love for gardening. And don't forget the birds—keep your bird bath full and bird seed handy. Hopefully you planted some attractive plants for the birds and butterflies.

Have a great gardening summer.

We're on the web!

[www.cassinagardenclub.org](http://www.cassinagardenclub.org)

#### 2010-2011 Officers

##### President:

Beverly Nash

##### First Vice President:

M. J. Choate

##### Second Vice President

Dottie Fielder

##### Recording Secretary

Ann Worthington

##### Corresponding Secretary

Beth Thrift

##### Treasurer

Kay Harrell

**Happy Mother's Day!**