

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



July 2011

Calendar of Events

August 11, 2011: Garden Club of Georgia Awards workshop in Richmond Hill.

September 1, 2011: Board Meeting at Cabins, 10 a.m.

September 7, 2011: New Member Docent Training at Cabins, 9:30 a.m.*

September 8, 2011: Membership Meeting at Cabins 9:30 a.m. (All Members).

September 13, 2011: New Member Docent Training at Cabins, 4:00 p.m.*

October 11, 2011: Oleander District Meeting.

*New Members are required to attend one docent training session.

Summer Newsletter



*Lazy, hazy (smokey)
days of summer
at our cabins*

New Member Coffee

The New Member Coffee was held on Thursday, May 26, at Frances Allen's home. We welcomed fifteen new members to our Cassina Garden Club for the 2011-12 year. It was a lovely event with all of our new members and their sponsors present.

Our new members will be introduced at the September meeting. The new members are:

Martha Armstrong, Jane Bangert, Alice Marie Burnet, Laura DeMartino, Brenda Davis, Sibby Gruber, Elizabeth LeSueur, Nancy Muldowney, Tootsie Murray, Hillary Parker, Mary Ellen Parkins, Susie Salvatore, Peggy Sheffield, Mary Starr, and Elayne Zeyock.

Each of our new members bring gifts and talents that will greatly enrich our club in the years to come, and all of them are anxious to be an active part of Cassina.

If you would like to sponsor a prospective member for next year, please contact **June Brown** to get the process started!



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.



Nineteen members attended the June Board meeting and approved the following items:

- Standing Rule revision in II.A.16
- Christmas House Tour report
- Discussed upcoming Oleander District Meeting on St. Simons Island
- Update on land lease with Glynn County
- Approved new fencing of Cassina property when lease is approved

Cassina Programs

The Program Committee worked quickly to secure programs for this next year. **Ladye Heisel, Jennifer Kuja, and Betsy Thwaite** have a wonderful line up of programs for our members. They also had three requests from our community to present programs to Cassina for the 2012-13 year.

The following programs with the general topics have been "booked" for 2011-12:

October 13 **Curt Smith** — Flower Arranging

November 3 **Ed MacKethan** — Retreat and Hamilton Plantations

January 12 **Jim Harrell** — Rose Care

March 8 **Linda Lamb** — Coastal Wildscapes

April 12 **Clayton Mathis** — Camellias

A big thank you to **Jennifer Broadus** who is graciously loaning a slide projector for the November meeting.

Check your new Yearbook and monthly Newsletter for more details on each program.

District Meeting

The 2011 Oleander District Meeting will be held on St. Simons Island. The five member clubs of the St. Simons Council of Garden Clubs will be in charge of the event.

Each club will have a major responsibility for the meeting. Cassina will provide the table decorations for the luncheon. Check your September newsletter for more details on how you can help.



Continue to save your pull tabs throughout the summer!

Christmas Tour of Homes

Mark your calendars now for our Saturday, December 10, 2011, Christmas Home Tour and Bake Sale. Our theme this year is *“Trimmings & Treats”* with special emphasis on our historic cookbook, Coastal Cookery.



Anne Sisley, Hostess Chair, and Mary Lynch

Peruse your copy of our cookbook and experiment with some cake, cookie and snack recipes that you might like to offer as your Bake Sale contribution. You may be surprised to find some “oldies but goodies!”

Our special interest stop this year will be Glynn Art which will be decorated for the season. This stop along with our varied selection of festive tour homes will make for a fun and interesting day. **Mary Lynch** and **Lee Dillard**, co-chairs, look forward to working with all Cassina members as we celebrate *“Trimmings & Treats”* this Christmas season.

2012 Calendars

The 2012 calendars, “Expressions,” published by the Georgia State Council of Garden Clubs, is now available. The photographs were taken at **Deen Day Sanders’** Garden House in January and the designs are exceptional.

Two sizes are offered, Purse and Desk, same price for either, \$8.56, tax included. Proceeds from the calendar sales go to the scholarship fund.

MJ Choate is taking pre-paid orders **NOW**. The Desk style is plentiful, but only 1000 of the Purse style were printed and they are popular. No more will be printed. The early bird is more likely to get her choice!

Make out your check to Cassina Garden Club and indicate your style choice on the memo line. Mail your check to **MJ Choate**, 103 Spyglass, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. Contact **MJ** for any questions. (912-634-2518)

Oleander District Club & Council Officers Workshop

The Garden Club of Georgia—Oleander District Club & Council Officers Workshop was held on Wednesday July 13 at the Sapelo Hammock Golf Club on Shellman’s Bluff. The Workshop was designed for incoming and returning garden club officers and interested club members. Conducted by Sara Lanier, Deep South Regional Director and past President of the Garden Club of Georgia, the workshop focused on ways to enhance leadership qualities, responsibilities of Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers, along with ideas for increasing membership. **Anne Aspinwall**, **Liz DeMato**, **Sharon Flores**, and **Janis Rodriguez** represented Cassina at the workshop.



Sharon, Janis, Anne, Liz at workshop

Member Concerns

Sympathy to **Sallie Sasser** on the loss of her grandbaby.

Please contact **Sue Chambless** about any member concerns.

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From the Docent Committee

Starting on June 1st, the cabins have been open every Wednesday morning, and we had two special openings for visitors. A total of 175 visitors came in June with cabin sales over \$250 and almost \$100 in donations.

Special thanks for being a docent this month go to **Frances Allen, Anne Aspinwall, June Brown, Sue Cansler, Mary Carnathan, Anne Caswell, Ann Marie Dalis, Deana Davis, Marie Dodd, Ladye Heisel, Libby Hogan, Susan Oakey Holloway, Jennifer Kuja, Beverly Nash, Wendy Reilly, Janis Rodriguez, and Rita Trudeau.**

New members **Mary Ellen Parkins, Brenda Davis, Martha Armstrong, and Jane Bangert** also came out to help and learn.



Summer visitors to our cabins

Docent Training will be offered on two dates in September. **NEW MEMBERS** are required to attend and all members are welcome. The dates are Wednesday, September 7th at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, September 13th at 4:00 p.m. Plan to attend on one of these dates. Please contact Leslie Carlton or Sue Cansler if you have any questions.

Tabby & Tillandsia Garden Walk



Liz DeMato and Julie Rochelle
Chairs of the Garden Walk

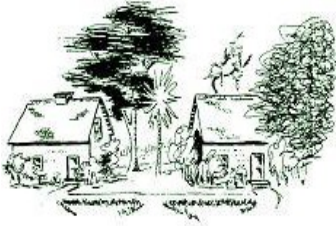
Liz DeMato, Julie Rochelle, and Elayne Zeyock have been busy working on the 2012 Garden Walk. Most committee chair positions have been enthusiastically filled. Detailed job descriptions are being prepared and will be presented at the first Garden Walk meeting.

Six gardens have been procured. Two are located in King's Point, one in Sea Palms, two in Frederica Township, and the Cassina cabin gardens. A decision on using the Chapel and gardens at the Cloister on Sea Island will be determined this fall. Most of the garden descriptions and photos have been completed.

Following a meeting with the ticket brochure publisher, major sponsors and garden sponsors are being solicited. **Becky Stephenson** is developing group tour contacts. **Martha Martin** is completing the docent database, and **Dottie Fielder** will update the database from the Prize Drawing tickets.

All committee chairs will be listed in a future newsletter.

Summer Gardening



Between the heat of August and the lengthy drought, our gardens need extra care this month. Luckily, early mornings or evenings can be pleasant outside, so most of these garden tasks can be done then.

Water as necessary, and remember that a deep watering does more good than repeated shallow watering. Add mulch where necessary to preserve moisture.

Many annuals are beginning to look leggy, so impatiens, begonias, salvia and other bedding plants can be cut back and fertilized. This should give added blooms well into fall. Remove blooms from herbs such as basil to promote leaf growth. It is also a good time to fertilize perennials, vegetables, and caladiums. Plants that are to be fertilized should be watered before fertilizing.

The Georgia Times-Union stated in the local gardening Q & A column that azaleas could be fertilized in August if you missed the spring fertilization. They can still be fertilized in late September, also. Use an azalea fertilizer and avoid using any high nitrogen or quick-release nitrogen because this could cause new growth that could be damaged by the heat now or the cold in winter.

Major pruning of shrubs should not be done at this time but trimming for appearance may be done.

Check for insects, especially spider mites and aphids, on crepe myrtles and gardenias and treat accordingly. Also, keep weeding—dollar weed is thriving!

Watch the lawn for insect problems. Mole crickets and chinch bugs damage St. Augustine lawns as well as sod webworms this time of year.

Plan for fall plantings—the catalogs are beginning to arrive. Also you can start fall vegetables now.

One of the older southern bulbs that can still be planted now are spider lilies (*Lycoris radiate*). It is sometimes referred to as the surprise lily because it sends up the flower stalk in the fall when no leaves are evident. Planted now, plants could bloom this fall. The plants do not like to be moved once planted but, once established naturalize beautifully.



Red Spider Lily

We're on the web!

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Happy Summer!