

Cassina Garden Club

NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER, 2007

“Our Heritage”.....“Our Future”

Reminder: There will be a **Board Meeting** Thursday, December 6th, at 9:30 at the cabins. All Board Members and Standing Committee Chairs should attend. Please advise Frances Allen, 634-1410 or tfin410@bellsouth.net if you cannot attend.



The Christmas Tour is just around the corner and preparations have been in high gear for some time. Hostesses have their assignments, Parkers (traffic directors) will be notified and the ovens are heating up for your baking.

A **REMINDER** – Please get your baked goods to the cabins early (between 9 & 10 am) and have them attractively wrapped so they can be priced and displayed.

Kay Harrell (634-0323) has available high top plastic cake containers (@ \$2) that are useful for presenting your multi-layer cakes in our Bake Sale.

Hostesses – Flat shoes and carpool. For those going on the tour, remember that carpooling will help at all of the houses.

Catch the “Ticket-Selling Fever”! It becomes contagious!! **Sell TICKETS!!** Talk to your friends, neighbors about our wonderful tour!!

CASSINA MARKET

The pots have been painted and planted. The wreaths are decorated and hung around the cabins. The stockings have been sewn and are ready for display. **NOW**, it is up to us to talk up the market, purchase items for gifts, and buy some for ourselves. The talent that has surfaced is tremendous.

GARDEN WORK DAY - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

The Cassina gardens will be viewed by all who stop by at the cabins during the Tour of Homes. We want them to look their best. We have done most of our fall planting, thanks to those who helped at our October/November workdays.

There is still work to be done. Please join us at 9:00 am on Saturday, December 1st. Bring gloves, clippers, trowels, etc. New Cassina members are reminded that this is an opportunity to fulfill their gardening duty. All Cassina members are encouraged to come as well.

SECOND REMINDER – SELL TICKETS

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT – DOCENT PROGRAM

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving, 23 first graders from Frederica Academy toured the gardens and cabins. Dressed as pilgrims and Indians (3 chiefs), the youngsters harvested the peanuts, poked at the cotton bolls and wanted to taste the Muscadines. Leslie Carlton, Jennifer Kuja and Frances Allen were the tour guides for the club. It was fun to see the excitement and energy.

If you have friends visiting or know of a group who would like to see and learn about our area, call Claire Jorgenson (638-3430) or Frances Allen (634-1410).

DECEMBER HORTICULTURE TIPS: PLOTTING REPOTTING

Roots take up more and more space as plants grow, and plants can become root-bound in tight quarters. In addition, potting soil decomposes and loses essential nutrients over time, so it needs to be replaced. Experts recommend that plants be repotted twice a year, and it's best to repot when plants are between flowering cycles. Choose a new pot with a diameter at the top of the rim that's 1 to 2 inches wider than the original – no bigger, or you over-water the plant. Fill one-third of the new pot with a premium potting soil.

Lift the plant out of the old pot and gently shake off the old soil. Carefully spread the roots out evenly, and place the plant into the new pot so that the crown of the roots is a half-inch to an inch below the top of the pot. Fill in around the sides of the root ball, gently compressing it as you fill. Then water thoroughly!

THIRD REMINDER – SELL TICKETS

See you at the **Garden workday on Saturday, 12/1.**

Frances Allen