

# Cassina Garden Club

## NEWSLETTER

*Cassinagardenclub.org*



September 2009

## September Meeting...Welcome Back!

All Members ~ Actives and Associates

## Cassina Preview ... Excitement for New Year

**Date:** Thursday, September 10, 2009

**Location:** Cassina Cabins ~ Under the Red Tent

**Time:** 9:30: Refreshments

10:00: Meeting

**Program:** Speakers, field trips, workshops, demonstrations and volunteer opportunities abound for the 2009-2010 season. Meet the new members and be energized by the exciting plans.

**Hostesses:** Betsy Thwaite, Chair

Mary Carnathan, Nancy Dobrenic, Ladye Heisel

**Please join us as we celebrate the beginning of our 82<sup>nd</sup> year!**  
**New Yearbooks and September Birthday Drawing**

## September Field Trip to Historic Jekyll Island Gardens

The first field trip of the season, a private tour of gardens in the historic district on Jekyll Island, is scheduled for Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$5.00, and we will meet at 9:00 a.m. at Faith Chapel near the Jekyll Island Hotel. For those wishing to carpool, please meet at the Cabins at 8:15 a.m. Contact Field Trip Chair, Janis Rodriguez for more information



and to sign up: 638-9455.or [Janisemr@AOL.com](mailto:Janisemr@AOL.com).

## Record Number of Summer Cabin Visitors

Docent Chair, Jennifer Kuja reports that almost 500 people visited the Cassina Cabins and grounds during the open house each Wednesday during the summer. Thanks to Peggy Golden and *The Brunswick News*, notices of the Docent tours were posted each week in the newspaper from June–August. Summer Docents included: Frances Allen, Barbara Bruce, Sue Cansler, Leslie Carlton, Mary Carnathan, Anne Caswell, Liz DeMato, Marie Dodd, Martha Jane Dodson, Dottie Fielder, Sharon Flores, Ladye Heisel, Libby Hogan, Jennifer Kuja, Beverly Nash, Janis Rodriguez, Sandy Storino, Sara Taylor and Denise Trethaway.

Docent Training for new members and other interested members will be Wednesday, September 16, at 10:00 in the Meeting Cabin.

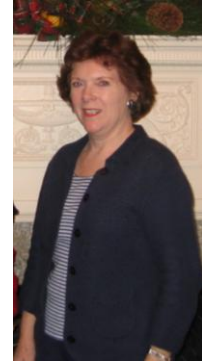
## Website Wins National Award

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. awarded Cassina the First Place award for the most outstanding Club website in the United States. This prestigious recognition also included a monetary award. Sara Lanier, outgoing President of the Garden Club of Georgia pictured on right, made the presentation to (l-r) Dottie Fielder, Awards Chair; Kay Harrell, Webmaster; and Sharon Flores, President.



## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tour of Homes

Chair Anne Aspinwall and her committee have worked throughout the summer to develop exciting plans for the twenty-fifth Tour of Homes. To celebrate the success of a quarter century of offering holiday decorating ideas to our visitors, the 2009



Tour will feature the homes of five Cassina members with a spotlight on beautiful, fresh Island greenery.

The Christmas Tour will be held Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The annual Bake Sale, under the leadership of Sue Chambless, will be held at the Meeting Cabin from 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.



Committee members include:

Hostesses: Becky Stephenson  
 Parking: Ginger Sifford, Nan Fuller  
 Posters: Susan Baltzell  
 Printing: Kay Harrell  
 Publicity: Denise Trethaway  
     Peggy Golden, Janice Lamattina, Sara Taylor, Joanne Scott, Betty White  
 Signs: Beverly Nash  
 Special Interest Stop: Nancy Dobrenic  
 Tea Cabin Docents: Jennifer Kuja  
 Tea Cabin Decorations: Pat Collins, Anne Caswell  
 Tea Cabin Refreshments: Phillis Harrell  
 Tickets: Sandy Storino  
 Treasurer: Leslie Carlton  
 Web Site: Kay Harrell  
 Write-up: Elizabeth Freyer  
 Anniversary Advisors: Beth Downey, Ann McCann, Jane Ledbetter, Patsy Bryan

## New Members Coffee

M. J. Choate and the Membership Committee hosted a lovely coffee on August 12<sup>th</sup> to welcome the new Cassina members. Officers and Board Members presented an overview of club activities and responsibilities to the new members and their sponsors. M. J.'s lovely home was the perfect setting to introduce the new members to each other and to the Board.



Photos by Joanne Scott

New Members, pictured (l-r): June Brown, Charlotte Dennis, Mary Lynch, Sheron Williams, Jan Bone, Beth Thrift, Virginia Ellis, Pamela Hamilton, Deana Davis, Martha Mooney, Sallie Sasser, Rose Ann Williams.

Not pictured: Jan Campbell, Judith-Eff O'Grady, Alice Keen.

## District Officers Workshop

President, Sharon Flores and Recording Secretary, Anne Aspinwall traveled to Reidsville on July 21<sup>st</sup> to attend the Oleander District's annual Workshop for club officers. The Workshop was conducted by the Garden Club of Georgia's Immediate Past President, Sara Lanier. Pictured below (l-r): Sharon Flores, Winette Almon, District Director, Sara Lanier, Anne Aspinwall.



### Dates to Remember

- September 2 Cabin Clean-up**  
10:00 Cabins
- September 3 Board Meeting**  
10:00 Cabins
- September 10 Monthly Meeting**  
Cabins – All Members  
9:30 Hospitality  
10:00 Meeting
- September 16 Docent Training**  
10:00 Cabins
- September 17 Field Trip**  
Jekyll Island  
Garden Tour, 9:00

## Garden Club of Georgia Engagement Calendar



Prepaid orders for the 2010 Calendar will be taken at the September Meeting by Chair Betty Davis. The price for the pocket size is \$7.00 and the standard size is \$9.00. Revenue from the sale of these calendars funds scholarships for deserving students attending Georgia colleges or universities and majoring in garden related fields.

## Cabin and Grounds Improvements

If you haven't visited the Meeting Cabin this summer, you are in for a wonderful surprise. Thanks to the efforts of Preservation Chair, Phillis Harrell, there is now great display space for our many historic artifacts, books, awards and Club memorabilia. Glass enclosed bookcases and lucite-covered hanging panels provide a secure and visually-pleasing way to tell both the story of the Island and Cassina. Now, we need volunteers to design vignettes for each panel to represent different historic periods. Interested? Please contact Sharon Flores.



You may not recognize the stately oak pictured on the right ... but it is located in front of the Cabins by Arthur J. Moore Drive. The glorious natural spreading habit of the Live Oak has been hidden for years by unsightly undergrowth. Janis Rodriguez and her husband Cesar decided that it was time for the specimen oak to show her beauty. They spent many weeks during the hot summer clearing out the weeds and other debris to reveal this beautiful sight. We all truly appreciate the Rodriguez's initiative and hard work!



## September Gardening

Yes, cooler weather will be coming...and with it, gardening that is more pleasant. The warning for this month is to watch for fungus and insect problems that might come with cool damp nights and warm days. Mildew, especially on crape myrtle, zinnias, and roses, can be expected. Use a fungicide and be sure to spray the top and the bottom of leaves.

### Lawns

A complete fertilizer should be applied to the lawn in mid to late September. Watch for insect damage (sod webworms, chinch bugs, and mole crickets). If there is mole cricket damage to your lawn, this is the last month to apply mole cricket bait. Brown patch fungus disease can attack St. Augustine, centipede, or Bermuda grass when the days are warm and the nights are cool and wet. If grass dies in circular areas (5 to 6 feet), apply a lawn fungicide.

### Shrubs and Trees

Cosmetic pruning of shrubs can be done now, but avoid any major pruning after early September. Fertilize shrubs and young trees for maximum growth and cold hardiness this month. The final azalea fertilizer should be applied mid-September to stimulate good bud set for the next year's bloom period. This should also be the last time you fertilize palms until next March. Using a palm fertilizer will insure that the plants get the needed micronutrients.

If you plan to transplant any shrubs or small trees this winter, now is the time to "root prune" them. Cut a circle around the plant at the drip line so new roots will form close to the plant.

### Annuals

This is not a good time to plant cool weather annuals, but the University of Florida recommends planting digitalis (foxglove) for spring bloom. In our area, digitalis must be treated as an annual, but at least deer don't like it.

### Perennials

Any perennials that have finished blooming can be divided and replanted at this time. It is a good time to divide daylilies. Cut the daylily leaves back to 12-14 inches and replant at the same depth.

### Vegetables

According to the University of Florida, these vegetables can be planted in our area this month: snap beans, pole beans, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, lettuce, cucumber, bulbing or bunching onions, radishes, and summer squash.

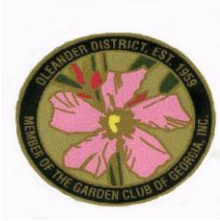
*Martha Martin*

## District Meeting to be Held in Jesup

The 51<sup>st</sup> annual Oleander District Meeting will be held in Jesup on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Altamaha Technical College. This is an important and informative Garden Club of Georgia event, and Cassina members are encouraged to attend. The honored guest will be Betty Grimes, President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

The registration deadline is October 6<sup>th</sup> and registration forms will be available at the September meeting.

**Oleander District**  
**Cordially Invites All Garden Club Members**  
**To the Fifty-First Annual Oleander District Meeting**  
**“Our Future - Beautify it, Conserve It”**  
**Thursday, October 15, 2009**



Coffee/Registration: 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM  
 Meeting: 10:00 AM  
 Altamaha Technical College  
 Curtis P. Scott Center  
 1777 West Cherry Street  
 Jesup, Georgia 31546  
 912-427-5900

**Honored Guest: Betty Grimes, President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.**

**Program:** “Gourd Art Work” presented by Louise Horesovsky, a graduate of Florida State University with a BS degree in Art. She is a member of the American Gourd Society, the Georgia Gourd Society, and the Florida Gourd Society.

**Directions:** Coming into Jesup from Hwy 341E, it is on the right. From any other direction, follow West Cherry Street, take a left onto Hwy 341W. It is on the left past the intersection.

**Suggested Accommodations:**

Jameson Inn	Days Inn	Ramada Inn
205 Hwy 301N	1090 Express Lane	1100 Express Lane
Rates: \$59.00 + tax	\$55.00 + tax	\$57.80 + tax
Phone: 912-427-6800	912-427-2980	912-427-7760

Exhibit Space Chairman: Liz Dubberly, 912-427-6571 or email: [sarahjane@bellsouth.net](mailto:sarahjane@bellsouth.net)

**Registration Form - Oleander District Fall Meeting October 15, 2009**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nat'l Board Member      | <input type="checkbox"/> Former State President   | <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nat'l Life Member       | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member       | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member        | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member  | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director        | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State President         | <input type="checkbox"/> Former District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Voting Delegate  |

Complete the form above, make check for \$22.00 to Wayne County Council of Garden Clubs, and mail to: **Willie Burch, 1579 Stanfield Rd., Screven, GA. 31560.**

**Telephone: 912-579-6620.** After October 6, 2009 registration cost will be \$25.00.