

**WHAT'S NEW FOR MEMBERS IN THE CITRUS GARDEN CLUB?** We have heard the members requests for more detailed information on specific topics relating to horticulture, design, and botanical arts than we have time for during our monthly meetings. Therefore, to meet those requests, we have decided to start **“interest groups”** within the club. The goal of the groups is to learn and share knowledge and experiences relating to specific areas of horticulture, design and botanical arts, nature, and the environment.

Currently, we plan on developing four areas of interest: Roses, Botanical Arts, Floral Design and Herbs. Each area of interest will begin with a program at our monthly meeting, followed timely by an initial “group” meeting of those who signed-up and monthly meetings thereafter at the homes of participating members. The dates, times, mechanics, and areas of desired interest will be decided by those participating at the initial meeting of each group. Kayt Huttlin is coordinating the project with Club Members, Karen Prevatt and Sandra Hume.

**Members' Bouquet.** Starting in October, members who decide to participate will bring in flowers and greenery from their gardens or different containers/vases for floral arrangements to be made by members during the break at the latter part of our meeting. Over the summer, I started looking at new charitable organizations for our monthly donations. These organizations are listed in our yearbook by month. The Clippings (newsletter) contains an article describing the mission and history of the organization or business along with acceptable items needed that month. In addition to our donations, our Member's Bouquet will be given to the organization collected for that month. If we get a lot of flowers and greenery and are able to make more than one floral arrangement, they will be brought to local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, libraries, etc.

I am always looking for something new to add to our monthly meetings. In September, I wrote a poem on a small white board for members and guests to see when they signed in. Each month I will right something new on it. In November, I have added the **“Grateful Jar.”** Members will jot down what they are grateful for, and I will read one every month until they are gone.

Respectfully submitted,

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