

"FRIENDSHIP TREE"

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I have a branch anchored in a flower pot, and added a few plastic leaves to the branch. My flower is California poppy which I make out of art crepe paper - light yellow on one side, brighter yellow on the other side. Also have made some in two shades of orange. I have cut strips of green construction paper, and each visitor that comes to our Chapter signs his or her name on one of these strips, which are then fastened to a flower and on the branch. Thus each visitor adds another flower to my friendship tree. It is fun to watch the bloom grow with each meeting. /pht

(NOTE: this idea could be carried out for a "Friends night" when a lot of visitors would be present, or a "Neighboring-towns night," and have the "Friendship Tree" just for that night. It could sit in front of the podium during the meeting and be used for decoration in the dining-room after the meeting.

If the Worthy Matron does not have her own flower for the year, she could use any of her choice - perhaps a seasonal one.