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With the hopes of the new year of getting together, planning for Achievement Day would be a great way to get together and show off your expertise in the Environment Category. Share your knowledge of creating a beautiful flower arrangement. Get creative and help the environment by repurposing an item headed for the landfill and use it to hold your flowers.

Create a Dish Garden with herbs to bring indoors to use all winter! Basil, chives, parsley, thyme, rosemary, mint and even lettuces make great additions to an indoor culinary garden.

Fall is also a great time to enjoy the last display of flowers in our gardens. Collecting fall flowers to Press Under Glass can also be a great way to learn about gardening for wildlife. Many of our late blooming native plants are not only beautiful but essential for the survival of wildlife. Goldenrods, asters, sunflowers, and even grasses are all important food sources for overwintering insects and birds. Many native bees over winter in the hollow stalks of your spent flowers. Birds eat the seeds all winter. So, resist the urge to "tidy up" the garden and help create a winter home in your garden for wildlife.

Help to make your Achievement Day successful with your Environmental programs this fall and make sure to encourage members to enter!