



saying thanks

It's the season for attending summer garden parties and spending long weekends at vacation houses. The *flower* editors and a handful of our stylish friends share what hostess gifts we'll be taking along to guarantee a repeat invitation

"For a weekend invitation, I take **Frances Palmer's Shane pot**—there's no complicated arranging necessary, as everything looks beautiful in this vessel. It's a classic shape that works with any décor."

—STACEY BEWKES, BLOGGER, *QUINTESSENCE*

Frances Palmer Shane pot, \$150
www.francespalmerpottery.com



"As a child of the '60s, I love the name of this **Orbix Groove vase**, and then there's the fact that they're made in my home state of Alabama. They're super easy to arrange with a little cluster of ranunculus or the like."

—MARGOT SHAW, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Orbix Hot Glass Groove vases in cobalt, apricot, lime, gold, copper blue, ruby, and purple, \$42 each, www.taigan.com



"A piece of good advice a Parisian host once offered me: Send a case of **Champagne** for every week spent in someone's home. Well, I rarely spend that long anywhere, but it's always nice to arrive with a good bottle and some pre-arranged flowers. This one accomplishes both."

—THOMAS JAYNE, DESIGNER

Perrier-Jouët Belle Époque Champagne, \$150
www.sherry-lehmann.com



"I love giving books and confess I sometimes judge them by their covers, so I was taken with the new edition of **Oscar de la Renta**. The rest of the book lived up to my first

impression, and now I'm just waiting for the perfect invitation that's worthy of Oscar's fabulous style."

—PAMELA HOLLON, ASSISTANT EDITOR

Oscar de la Renta: The Style, Inspiration, and Life of Oscar de la Renta (Assouline, 2014), \$125
www.assouline.com





"I LOVE mixing practicality with chic, so I unfailingly arrive with a **fabulous scented room spray** from Antica Farmacista that is perfect for powder rooms. The *Ala Moana* fragrance is

loaded with plumeria, and smells to die for."

-ELAINE GRIFFIN, DESIGNER

Antica Farmacista *Ala Moana* room spray, \$28, www.anticafarmacista.com



"I always like to leave behind a little sweet treat, especially when my hosts have children. With the exception of my mother's recipe, Eleni's makes some of the yummiest **sugar cookies** I've tasted. And no offense to my mom, but these are much better decorated."

-KAREN CARROLL, EDITOR-AT-LARGE

Eleni's wildflowers cookie gift set, \$59 for a set of 28 cookies, www.elenis.com

"I wish good luck and wisdom for hosts by taking a beautifully-wrapped **bundle of fortunes**, tied with a recipe for the cookies. It's always a great conversation starter, particularly over the course of a long weekend."

-COURTNEY BARNES, BLOGGER, *STYLE COURT*

**Peabody Essex Museum Shop
100 Fortunes, \$14, www.pemshop.com**



"Sometimes it's all in the presentation. An 'expected' bottle of wine becomes more special when popped into a **wine bag made of fabric** inspired by the patterns and foliage of Charleston and monogrammed with the host's initials."

-TARA GUÉRARD, AUTHOR AND EVENT PLANNER

Lettered Olive wine bags, \$20 each, www.taigan.com



"I take a **hurricane or lantern** to summer parties. You can never have too many to illuminate an outdoor table or garden path."

-MARY EVELYN MCKEE, DESIGNER

Treillage leopard glass hurricane, \$75 (small) and \$95 (large), www.treillageny.com



"I'm fascinated by Thomas Jefferson, who was perhaps our country's greatest connoisseur. When I give **heirloom seeds** from the Thomas Jefferson Center for

Historic Plants, it's my small way of bringing horticultural history to life."

-JENNIFER BOLES, AUTHOR AND BLOGGER, *THE PEAK OF CHIC*

Monticello historic seeds sampler, \$15 www.monticelloshop.org