

# *Gift Ideas*

## Remembering Mom At Mother's Day

(NAPSA)—Ever since President Woodrow Wilson's official proclamation of Mother's Day in 1914, nervous husbands and eager children have struggled to find the perfect gift for Mom. One of the most traditional and appreciated ways to celebrate Mom is to give her the splendor of fresh flowers and plants.

What are Mom's favorite plants and flowers? According to a recent survey, some of Mom's favorite plants are gardenias, hydrangeas and miniroses. Topping the list of Mom's favorite blooms are lilies, gerbera daisies and roses. Here's some advice on how to care for spring's beautiful blossoms from 1-800-FLOWERS.COM:

Arrange the flowers in a deep vase filled with lukewarm water, and then mix in the floral preservative provided by the florist.

Remove all leaves from the stem that fall below the waterline in the vase, as they will promote bacterial growth.

Use a knife or shears to cut an inch from the bottom of the stem while holding it under water. This allows the stem to draw in the water, instead of air.

Keep cut flowers and arrangements looking fresh by adding warm water to the vase every day.



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Always keep the vase full, and change the water every three to four days.

For maximum longevity, recut the stems whenever you change the water and keep the vase in a cool spot.

Following these simple guidelines will help Mom get the most out of her flowers. Click on 1800flowers.com on the Web for beautiful Mother's Day arrangements, such as "A Lifetime of Memories by Julie," an unforgettable gift that celebrates anything she's ever meant to you.