

MOTHER'S DAY

Celebrate Mom At Mother's Day

(NAPSA)—Mother's Day will soon be here. 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 shower her with gorgeous flowers.

So what are Mom's favorite flowers? According to a recent survey, some of Mom's favorites include lilies, gerbera daisies and roses. When buying a beautiful bouquet for Mom, show off your smarts and tell her these handy tips from the floral experts at 1-800-FLOWERS.COM:

- Arrange the flowers in a deep vase filled with cool 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.
- Each stem will need to be recut, preferably underwater at a 45-degree angle. This allows the stem to draw in water instead of air.
- Keep cut flowers and the arrangement looking fresh by adding



Make Mother's day with a floral tribute tucked into a charming kitchen crock vase.

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

- Recut the stems whenever you change the water and keep the vase in a cool spot.

Go to 1-800-flowers.com on the Web for beautiful Mother's Day arrangements, such as Mom's Favorite Recipe by Julie Mulligan, featuring gorgeous flowers paired with an earthenware-style kitchen crock vase that Mom is sure to love.