

Buds AND Blossoms

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"Flowers have an expression of countenance as much as men or animals. Some seem to smile; some have a sad expression; some are pensive and difficult; others again are plain, honest and upright, like the broad-faced sunflower and the hollyhock."—Henry Ward Beecher.

As the mid summer flowers bloom, we can make beautiful arrangements. We may have expressions of moods and personality by the flowers we

select for our arrangements.

The following rules will keep our arrangements from wilting so early. All flowers should be placed in water overnight before being arranged. Cut all flowers with a sharp knife. Flowers cut late in the afternoon will last 12 hours longer than the ones cut in the morning.

The following methods will aid in conditioning your flowers; To boil, place one and one-half inch of the stem in boiling water, or 110 degrees. To char, place the stem over a flame and burn the end, then place in cold water. To harden means to let stand in water until they soak in a sufficient amount of fluid.

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The world is full of poetry. The air is living with its spirit; and the waves dance to the music of its melodies, and sparkle in its brightness.—Percival.

True philosophy is that which makes us to ourselves and to all about us, better; and at the same time, more content, patient, calm, and more ready for all decent and pure enjoyment.—Lavater.

The history of persecution is a history of endeavors to cheat nature, to make water run uphill, to twist a rope of sand. It makes no difference whether the actors be many or one, a tyrant of a mob.—Emerson.

We realize that the peace we enjoy is the absence of war, rather than the presence of confidence, understanding and generous conduct.—Raymond Gram Swing.

The true past departs not; no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies, or can die; but all is still here, and recognized or not, lives and works through endless changes.—Carlyle.

The best men are not those who have waited for chances but who have taken them; besieged the chance; conquered the chance; and made chance the servitor.—Chapin.

The man that hath not music in himself, and is not moved with concord of sweet sounds, is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils; let no man trust him.—Shakespeare.

Let the day have a blessed baptism by giving your first waking thoughts into the bosom of God. The first hour of the morning is the rudder of the day.—Beecher.

I am very doubtful whether history shows us one example of a man who, having stepped outside rational morality and attained power, has used that power benevolently.—C. S. Lewis.

the day, as they stand up better. Use turpentine oil, sugar or salt to close up the stem. Cut carnations above the joint, and boil the end of the stem. Place Boric acid on the end of the carnation.

Put chrysanthemums in one-half cup of sugar to a quart of water. Cut dahlia stems and rub alcohol or powdered aspirin in the stem. Put forget-me-nots in boiling water and then in cold water.

Break the stems of hydrangea instead of cutting. Then char the ends. Boil the ends of marigolds. Add eight drops of peppermint oil per quart. Place zinnias in water immediately after cutting. Should be hardened before arranged.

Share your flowers with others. Let them speak the "Language of the Flowers." Much of your time now may be shared with the ones who could not garden.

"In all labour there is profit."—Old Testament—Proverbs XIV—23.

From my experience, not one in twenty marries the first love; we build statues of snow, and weep to see them melt.—Walter Scott.

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