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them. Use a sharp clipper to pick lilacs in the early morning. Plunge stems into room temperature water to hydrate for a few hours, then cut the outer sheath and peel off some of the woody layers. Your beautiful arrangement should last three to four days.

Over the years, the lilac has been associated with good luck in love and

hope for a bright future. To learn more, visit the Annual Lilac Festival at the Arnold Arboretum in Boston on May 12, 2024. For more information, call 617-524-1718. Visit the New Hampshire Governor's Lilacs and Wildflower Commission online at www.nh.gov/lilacs. For more information about the club and our meetings, please visit www.littletonnhgardenclub.org.