

Which fresh-cut blooms will last the longest

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recently created all the wedding florals for a bride coming from London, England to wed at Patoka Lake over Mother's Day weekend. The bride found Kathy and the House of Flowers via the internet, liked what she saw and the two began planning over Skype.

"She was in my element," Welp enthuses. The bride chose wildflowers, and was surprised Welp had access to thistle. She also wove in fever few, scabiosa, scabiosa pod, Queen Anne's lace, stock, "which I can get all year and it is usually very pretty," wax flower, rucus, greenery, ("which is not as good in winter, it's best in season"), veronica, which Welp notes is gorgeous in February but less so in summer, protea (year round available but best in summer) and astible, which also adorned the Duchess of Sussex's bridal bouquet.

For the reception, Welp filled Mason jars with wildflowers and Gerbera daisies with a rustic barn

as the backdrop. "Everything was beautiful," she notes.

Welp has some advice for brides who are considering their choices for bouquets and decor.

Varieties that last longer include carnations, which are back in fashion. "They are available all year round and inexpensive. New is a beautiful soft lavender, it's gorgeous!"

She also recommends Bells of Ireland



and Alstromeria, seasonal flowers, "most of which we can get all year round."

What's something not available through all seasons?

"One we can't get is peony, they are only available in June and July. We can try hard to get them throughout the year but never know what they're going to look like."

She continues, "English and French lavender are also best in June and July; however, we can get both year round. Tulips

are available year round, but it seems like they look best in the spring, they're just gorgeous! Seeded eucalyptus is also best in early spring but available year round. Delicate calla lilies are best in their season (spring/summer)."

Future brides, Kathy Welp invites you to visit the Ferdinand House of Flowers on Main Street to discuss your preferences and consider something fresh and new for your very important day.



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