

Valentine's Day gifts to give to your date

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Valentine's Day is the day in February where the girl is showered with gifts and spoiled with candies and cute little teddy bears. Right?

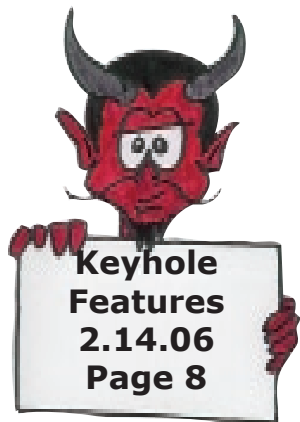
There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts believe that it originated from Saint Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries.

Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine."



Other aspects of the story say that St. Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him.

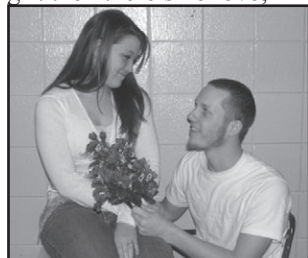
Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the



patron saint of lovers.

The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts, such as flowers. There was often a social gathering or a ball.

We all have our own way to celebrate this day. Some people think a card says it all; some say if there is no gift then there's no love;



some are just happy to be with someone.

Students at Central planned ahead for Valentine's Day.

"I think that I will give my girl a rose for her beauty and all my love. That is the perfect gift," said Aaron Bundrick '07

Kendyl Sumbry '06 said, "A teddy bear, a box of candy, hugs and kisses; yeah, that's what I would get."

The following is a top-ten

list for gifts to give on Valentine's Day provided by Abraham's Valentine Page.

1. A hand-made Valentine's Day card- A hand-made card says much more than a bought one, and will let your partner know how much they mean to you.

2. Fresh flowers- The key to this is how they are delivered. You could have them delivered to your special someone's place of work, cover her apartment with them, or give her a single red rose with a ring attached to it. What could be more romantic?

3. Chocolates- We are not talking about a box of chocolates, but something more personal. Personalized chocolates are all the rage on Valentine's Day.

4. Tickets for a vacation- What girl would not like to run away with Prince Charming?

5. A romantic candlelit dinner for two- Cook his/her favorite meal, light some candles and play background music to set the

scene perfectly.

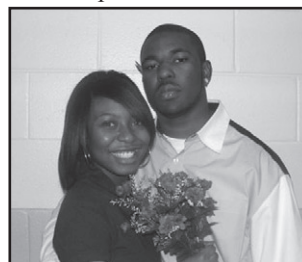
6. Jewelry- A heart-shaped locket for her with a photo of the two of you inside, or a piece of jewelry with a message on it, maybe an engagement ring (hint, hint).

7. Love songs- Put together a compilation of your and your honey's favorite love songs.

8. Say it with words- Write them a poem about how much they mean to you. If you can't write poetry, give them a book of poetry instead.

9. Perfume or Cologne- Something to smell on that long and lovely night.

10. Picture perfect- Have a favorite photo of the two of



you blown up and mounted onto a nice frame.

Valentine's Day is for lovers of all ages to give gifts to their loved ones.



Top Ten Valentine's Day Date Ideas

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Some of us wonder where we should take our loved ones on Valentine's Day. Others might just not even have a clue.

Well, if you are looking for a place to take your loved one out to eat go to a nice Italian restaurant, such as Johnny Carino's or Olive Garden.

Jessica Jennings '08 said, "I would take my date to Olive Garden."

If you would like to go to a casual-style restaurant you can go to a place like Cheddar's or Red Lobster.

Tereka Thomas '06 said, "I would like to go to the movies and Ruby Tuesday."

Whether you want a little Italian kick to your evening or a laid back casual-style evening, these are some places that your date will enjoy and one they won't forget.

What if you want to make the night last longer? You can choose to go to the movies or you can take a walk on the Riverwalk.

Damonica Johnson '08 said, "I would like to go some place like the movies."

Whatever you decide just

let this night be a night that your loved one will remember.

Your date will really appreciate whatever you do with them on that day. If there is a true love connection, they wouldn't want anything but you.



Top Ten Date Ideas

1. Red Lobster
2. Movies
3. Olive Garden
4. Outback
5. Johnny Carino's
6. Pine Mountain Cabins
7. Shoguns
8. TGI Fridays
9. Bruster's
10. Krispy Kreme