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Are you seeking the perfect valentine gift idea for the man in your life?

Valentine's Day is a day set aside for us to show how much we love and appreciate the man in lives whether it is our husbands or boyfriends. How can this be accomplished with just a gift? Just any gift idea will not do for this important day.

This is a special day when the gift should be about giving of oneself. Plan a gift that you can also be included in. One that says "I love you" to the man of your dreams.

You could plan a great gift idea for the man in your life, by purchasing a picnic basket.

Add all kinds of favorite snack items, nothing too heavy. Summer sausage and crackers with small pieces of cheese cut out into hearts. Champagne or sparkling cider to drink.

Chocolate kisses or heart shaped candies. Find a romantic place to have your picnic. Somewhere secluded where you both can be alone, even if it has to be your own bedroom. If you have to have your picnic indoors, use scented candles to enhance the mood.

Another great gift idea is sexy lingerie for both of you.

For the man buy some silk boxers or even something sexier if you dare. Buy yourself a sexy outfit that matches his. Yes, it is fine to buy for yourself. This night is for both of you.

How about a gift idea of a quiet weekend in a motel room with a hot tub.

You can find different types of sachets of love soap that would be great to help put your man in the mood for a weekend of endearing love. Take a bath together in the aroma of the soaps.

After the cuddly bath, use massage oil, one that is scented for the romantic evening. You can find these types of oils at an herbal shop or sometimes in most stores. Enjoy giving your man a massage he will not soon forget. He will return the favor. Do not turn on the television or leave the room for the

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entire weekend. Use room service for dining. This is your weekend and your gift to the love of your life.

Another gift idea that is available now are engraved champagne and toasting glasses.

An engraved set that are personalized with custom engraving will be a memorable Valentines Day gift for that special man. You will be able to find different varieties of champagnes or sparkling cider if you prefer. Usually these sets come with tall fluted stemware. What better way to remember your first Valentines Day together?

Other ways of saying "I love you" on Valentines Day could be with a personalized mouse pad for his computer. Many shops today can add photos and saying on just about anything. This would be a good gift idea for any man.

One awesome gift idea is the Message in a Bottle; you can add your own personal message and put it in your man's briefcase, one in his car, or even place one by his shaver. Add your own intimate messages about what the evening will bring. After he finds all of these messages he will be sure to come home, maybe earlier than expected.

No matter, what gift idea you come up with he will love it. You have showed your love to this man by choosing a gift that is from your heart. Enjoy this day and remember to let this man know just how much you appreciate his love for you.

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The origins of Valentines Day

By Paul Wilson

Every year February 14th is celebrated as a day for love, exchange of gifts, promises of eternal passion, and more. The inspired pen poems inspired by their love and admiration for the women of their dreams while others just go to shops and buy commercially available verses.

Valentines means candy, chocolates, perfume, red hearts, balloons, and more. Have you ever wondered when the celebration first originated? Well in ancient Rome, February heralded the coming of spring a time for rejuvenation, fertility, and growth.

In ancient times, Romans celebrated in February a festival to honor the god of fertility who provided them with progeny and ensured a good crop. In Rome February 15th was celebrated as the feast of Lupercalla and Feb 14th as a holiday in honor of Juno the queen of Roman gods and goddesses. On the eve of Lupercalla a glass jar was filled to the brim with chits on which were penned the names of all eligible girls. Then young men would draw a chit each from the jar and the girl whose name was on the chit would be his partner for the celebration. This was a method by which ancient Romans introduced

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eligible boys and girls to one another.

Much later in the 3rd century BCE when Emperor Claudius II ruled Rome there lived a priest called Valentine. And when Claudius passed a decree that young men in his empire were not to marry, Valentine defied him and used to consecrate marriages secretly. He was sentenced to death and thrown into prison. While awaiting his execution Valentine penned a letter to his love and signed it "from your Valentine." After his death Valentine became a martyr and saint and was popularly known as St Valentine.

Wonderful legends are woven around Valentine's Day. In Wales young people exchanged as gifts wooden spoons which were hand carved with decorations of hearts and key holes. The decorations conveyed "you hold the key to my heart or you unlock my heart." In other places women were given gifts of clothes and if they accepted the gift then it conveyed that they were willing to marry the man who has sent the gift.

In 1415, Charles, the Duke of Orleans is known to have penned, from his prison in the tower of London, what were known as "poetical amorous addresses" to his wife in France, he is believed to be one of the earliest creators of valentines.

Just as companies like Hallmark sell cards for Valentines Day in the 15th century people bought little booklets with verse in them ---they then made their own valentines using the verse to express their thoughts. For example a valentine could have the hand drawn illustration of a knight and his lady with Cupid the god of love shooting arrows into the knight's heart.

In the US it was after 1723, that popularity of the celebration grew. People imported the "booklets of verse" all the way from England and copied the verses on to gilt edged papers. Then a Ms. Ester Howard in around 1830 decided to be original and create American Valentines that were marketed as Worcester Valentines.

Since then with changing centuries and tastes the celebration has taken on new hues with young men and women, children, as well as older couples creating newer ways to celebrate and declare their

undying love.

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