



Valentine's Day Gifts



Easy Ways To Make The Heart Grow Fonder

(NAPSA)—Valentine's Day began during the Roman Empire, when Emperor Claudius II cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome.

A Christian priest named Valentine defended love and secretly married couples despite the emperor's orders. As a result, he was imprisoned and remained in prison until his death on Feb. 14, 270.

A few hundred years later, the Church wanted to do away with pagan holidays and Valentine's Day came to replace a mid-February fertility festival called Lupercalia. The original festival observed on Feb. 15 honored Lupercus, a deity who kept wild wolves away from Rome. One custom associated with Lupercalia was the practice of name-drawing.

On Lupercalia Eve the names of young girls were written down on pieces of paper and put in jars, from which each young man would draw. The girl each young man drew would be his "girlfriend" for the year. This may be the origin of Valentine's Day cards.

Today, cards and gifts are still used to express the themes of love and fertility taken from the ancient meanings of this enduring holiday.



A range of heartwarming gifts can make Valentine's Day even more delightful this year.

Here are some gift set ideas designed to please that special someone in your life from the experts at Spencers.

- Great Love Escape kit with two champagne flutes, sensual body bliss dust and four tea lites.

- For Your Eyes Only Set includes bath pouf, romantic bath fizzer, body balm and shower gel.

- A waterproof massager is proof positive that good things come in little packages.

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