

Valentine's Day is Time of Love

by Tharon Sapp

As long as there has been life, there has been love. People have found hundreds of ways of showing their love: personal names, tender expressions, and special gifts for special days. Today we are a bit self-conscious about showing our emotions; a bit hesitant to say what we feel. Most of us wait too long to say, "I love you," or to hug a close friend.

There are few times that we allow our emotions to have a free hand. In the Spring when the first daisies start to bloom and everyone has spring fever, it is a bit easier to smile brightly; to sing loudly and be happy. During the Christmas season there are happier thoughts, friendlier greetings, and more animated faces.

Yet Probably the easiest time for everyone to say "I love you" or to send a tender message is Valentine's Day.

The center of love in a physical way has always been illustrated by the heart, symbolizing love and happiness. In the same way, we use heart-shaped valentines to show extra care and special love.

February 14 is the day designated nated for showing love to special people in our lives. Why not try to save a little of that special Valentine's Day feeling for every other day of the year?

May Valentine season prevail through fall, winter, spring, and summer.

Cupid's Arrows Penetrate Hearts

by Jessica Gillespie

It is a special day. A time to tell someone that you love him. It is universal.

Valentine's Day is a day to be tender but not corny, funny but not too funny. Of course, all this business is Cupid's fault.

Cupid works in strange ways. He is subtle at first. His victim is captivated by a face, a movement, a smile. Of course, it is not love yet, but his purpose is accomplished, the arrow has struck.

The chubby cherub always makes sure that there is someone around who can tell you more about your mysterious stranger, just enough to arouse interest.

Then the arrow strikes.

The arrow prods further when the chance for that first date or meeting comes. It seems then that Cupid has a monopoly on nervousness. He can fully take over the mind of his victim, taking all thoughts of important matters to the side. The victim is obsessed.

For many, that first contact is made sweet as the arrow edges closer to the center of the heart. And afterwards, the little man of love takes charge of the telephone wires. Each ring of the phone is exactly timed to make the victim's heart jump and mind rationalize. It is a short forty minutes from nine-thirty until ten-

Cupid must tantalize further,

room shoes on one foot, a result of relentless kicking at the little white post. They await a letter of

Love takes a varied road from there. Love can come in the form of a refusal or a renewal, a post

Many victims are seen with bed-

Clues to Valentine Crossword Puzzle DOWN

2. February 14th (2 words)

4. A letter of the alphabet

5. You and me

6. Not young 7. Vehicle for dating

8. Bride's month

9. If at first you don't succeed, again.

11. The number in a pair 12. Roman goddess of love

14. Goes with the groom

18. God of love

19. Flirty

21. Absence of joy

22. Valentine, Nicholas, or Patrick

23. The arrow shooter

25. You and

28. Valentine color

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1. Greatest emotion of all

3. Greek goddess of love 8. Romeo's lover

10. A red symbol of love

13. Negative reply

... meets girl 15. It's never too

16. A grin of happiness

17. Two is company, is a crowd.

19. Lover gives you a box of ..

are red, violets are blue. 24. Positive response

25. A smack on the mouth

26. Not any 27. First comes love, then comes

29. Winking apparatus

30. A gift

card or a phone call. But once the arrow has struck, love is hard to pry out. Usually it is just waiting for another chance.

Don't treat Valentine's Day lightly. Somebody down there has gone to a lot of trouble to make the occasion possible.



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