

Saint Valentine's Day: the origin of our Valentine's traditions

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St. Valentine's Day: 5th Century, Rome.

As early as the fourth century B.C., the Romans engaged in an annual young man's rite to passage to the God Lupercus.

During this time period, Emperor Claudius II issued a law forbidding marriage. He did this because he felt that married people made poor soldiers because of the emo-

tional ties they created. So instead of having long term mates, they would have a lottery each year that would determine their mates for the following year.

A man named Valentine was enraged about this and he secretly invited young lovers to have a private wedding ceremony.

Once Claudius heard of



The first V-day card was sent in c. 1415 by Charles, duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned.

this, Valentine was put in prison and sentenced to death. During the time that he was in prison awaiting execution, he fell in love with the blind daughter of the jailer; her name was Asterius..

Through his unwavering faith, he miraculously restored her sight.

On Feb. 24, 270 B.C., Valentine was clubbed, stoned, and then beheaded. Before he died he wrote a farewell message to his love and signed it, "From Your Valentine," a phrase that would live long after the author died.

Valentine Cards

Traditionally in mid-February it was the Roman time to meet and

court prospective mates. The Lupercalia established the practice of giving Valentine's Cards.

While no one reinstated the Lupercain lottery (under penalty of mortal sin), Roman young men did begin offering the woman that they were courting a handwritten greeting of affection on February 14.

The cards also acquired St. Valentine's name. The earliest card was sent in 1415 B.C. by Charles, duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was a

prisoner in the Tower of London. The card is now in a British Museum.

The first American publisher of Valentine cards was printer and artist Esther Howland. Her elaborate lace cards in the 1870s cost from \$5 to \$10. Some of her cards sold for as much as \$35.

Since then the Valentine's card business has flourished. With the exception of Christmas, Americans exchange more cards on Valentine's Day than any other time of the year.

Love ...

HOLLYWOOD STYLE

Don't we all wish that love could be like it is in the movies? The guy would always get the girl, relationships would always be easy to maintain and no matter what happens, there would always be a happy ending.

Unfortunately, love doesn't always have a Hollywood spin on it - although there are those few oddballs who seem to have it all together and we spend our time wondering what they're hiding.

For those of us who don't have the luxury of a picture perfect relationship, well, we can always live vicariously through the bliss and happiness of others. So, in honor of Valentine's Day here is a list of romantic films to watch if you feel like basking in the warm-fuzziness of Hollywood love.

Romantic Movies:

(in no particular order)

- Sleepless in Seattle
- While you Were Sleeping
- The Wedding Singer
- An Affair to Remember
- Dirty Dancing
- 16 Candles
- Pretty Woman
- Much Ado About Nothing
- My Fair Lady
- Pride and Prejudice
- Top Gun

- Little Women
- Ever After
- Breakfast at Tiffany's
- Meet Joe Black
- Casablanca
- Gone with the Wind
- The Sound of Music
- My Girl
- Roman Holiday
- Splash
- Moonstruck
- Joe vs. the Volcano
- When Harry Met Sally
- Romancing the Stone
- My Best Friend's Wedding
- So I Married an Axe Murderer
- Runaway Bride
- French Kiss

- An American in Paris
- Addicted to Love
- When a Man Loves a Woman
- Jerry Maguire
- Far and Away
- Notting Hill
- A Room With a View
- The Princess Bride
- The English Patient
- Say Anything...
- An Officer and a Gentleman
- 7 Brides for 7 Brothers
- Romeo and Juliet
- Somewhere in Time
- Shadowlands
- Braveheart

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'Here comes the bride' familiar song for ASG

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Wedding bells are chiming within the walls of the ASG offices this year.

The echo is a familiar sound for the student government.

DeWayne Kelly, this year's Environmental Senator and Emily

Offield, the Public Relations Officer are engaged to be married this August 4th.

Kelly cites that his love for Offield stems from "her constant friendship and support."

David Hartmann (previously David LeDoux), last year's ASG President, became engaged to Christine Reed, Legislative Officer this past fall.

They plan to wed this August, as well.

Amy Crooks (previously Amy Lundy), Legislative Advisor for Students, is a former student and member of ASG. She met her husband, Alex (previously Guy Crooks) while in ASG when she was president 1994-95.

They tied the knot in the summer of 1998.

Mike Caudle, ASG President 1995-1997, married his vice-president and high school

sweetheart from Canby, Jeri Scarborough.

"We were voted the *Most Opposite Couple* in high school," noted Caudle, who now works in the counseling and advising center in the community center. "Jeri is great because she puts up with all of my crap, basically. I'm not the type of person who shows a lot of emotion in a relationship, and she is. She

puts up with me."

They were married this past July 16.

Scarborough is now a finance officer for U.S. Bank.

"Everytime somebody joins ASG, we make them sign an agreement that if they marry someone else in ASG and they get divorced they have to make a large donation to the foundation office," joked ASG Advisor Norm Berney.

A former editor of the *Print* and a former ASG president met while at Clackamas in the early 1990s and then proceeded to get married.

They are currently divorced with a son.

This confirms the long-standing rumor that the Print and the ASG are in bed together.

Happy Valentine's Day!