

5 Timeless Valentine's Day Gift Ideas

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On a day that signifies the importance of love and companionship, many people find it rewarding to show their loved ones just how much they mean. If you're in the gift-giving spirit this Valentine's Day, you may find a bit of inspiration with these ideas.

Just remember, whether you're celebrating the relationship with your significant other or showing appreciation for a friend, the best gifts come from the heart.

*** Food** - If your partner is a foodie, a Valentine's Day date is an obvious choice. Make a reservation at his or her favorite restaurant or opt for takeout and enjoy quiet time together in the comfort of home. Satisfy that special someone's sweet tooth with a classic box of chocolates or create a personalized candy basket full of guilty pleasures.

*** Jewelry** - Whether you've been together a year, a decade or more, it's a perfect opportunity to splurge for a gift he or she will cherish for a lifetime. Necklaces, bracelets, earrings, anklets, watches and more all make for perfect gifts that can often be customized with engravings like names or important dates.

*** Experiences** - Oftentimes, the gift of moments together means more than a trinket. Consider the things you enjoy doing side by side and schedule a day or weekend to do nothing but your favorite activities. Book a tour at a local museum, find tickets to the next big game, sit frontstage for a favorite band or road trip to a nearby attraction for new sights and sounds.

*** Subscriptions** - Gifts don't always need to be sentimental. Sometimes, they can be downright practical. Creating an account for a new streaming service or music platform, signing up for monthly food or wine gift boxes and buying ticket packages for a favorite local team are all gifts that keep on giving.

*** Handwritten Notes and Flowers** - Take time to write what you appreciate most about your special someone - personality traits, favorite memories, thoughtful gestures and why they're important to you - and pair your note with favorite flowers. Gifts may spark a smile, but sharing a moment of connection offers a reminder of what you're celebrating in the first place.

Inaugural Oregon Civics Bee

(Entry Deadline March 4)

Oregon Business & Industry is partnering with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to host a first-of-its-kind civics competition in Oregon that encourages middle-school students to engage in civics and contribute to their communities.

Middle school students throughout Oregon are invited to participate in the inaugural Oregon Civics Bee. Presented by the Oregon Business & Industry Research and Education Foundation, this competition will give students a chance to share their ideas for improving their communities and show their enthusiasm for civics. Participants will have a chance to win cash prizes ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

"Today's students are tomorrow's leaders," said OBI President and CEO Angela Wilhelms. "Civics education and engagement are critical to an informed citizenry and healthy democracy, all of which underpins a prosperous economic future. Engaging middle school students in a fun, engaging and rewarding opportunity is one small way OBI can help with education and awareness."

The Oregon Civics Bee is part of U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's

National Civics Bee. The winner of the Oregon Civics Bee will be invited to participate in the national round of the competition in Washington, D.C. Participants in the national competition will have a chance to win cash prizes ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Any 6th, 7th or 8th grader who'd like to participate in the Oregon Civics Bee will identify a problem in their community and write a 500-word essay about how they could address it. The essay must be submitted by means of a portal on the Oregon Civics Bee website. The portal will open on Nov. 13, and all entries must be submitted by March 4, 2024. A panel of judges will review the essays and select 20 students to participate in the Oregon Civics Bee finale on May 30, 2024, in Willamette University's Hudson Hall. The live competition will include a quiz-style round and, for three finalists, a chance to make the case for their essay in front of a panel of judges.

Additional information for students, parents and teachers can be found on the Oregon Civics Bee website. There is no charge to participate.

Business Oregon Awards \$1.8M

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events for entrepreneurs, plus ongoing alignment with the regional Main Street program. Oregon Frontier Chamber (\$90,000) – The OFC identified business community priorities and is now poised to address them, including reinforcing support for its Rural Ambassador program, tailoring direct assistance and training to meet individual business needs, expanding support for youth entrepreneurship, and solidifying the Rural Regional Main Street program with participating communities and Oregon Main Street.

RAIN Catalysts (\$100,000) – RAIN and project partners will be active in 29 rural communities and four counties (Linn, Lane, Benton, and Grant Counties) across the state, providing programming, events, and youth entrepreneurship bootcamps that harness existing momentum and contribute to sustainable

ecosystems that prioritize entrepreneurs. Umpqua CDC (\$75,000) – Umpqua CDC and project partners will address the lack of available childcare in the region through training, instruction, and support for culturally specific providers as they build sustainable businesses and the ecosystem that supports them.

Warm Springs Community Action Team (\$110,000) – WSCAT will support development of a small business incubator on the Warm Springs Reservation in an effort to inspire authentic and positive relationships among Warm Springs entrepreneurs, visitors, and clientele, and to build a robust pipeline of entrepreneurs for the Commissary.

For more information on Business Oregon's ROI program, please visit www.oregon.gov/biz

Port of Umpqua 2 Positions Open for Board of Commissioners

The Port of Umpqua is seeking applicants to fill 2 vacancies for Position(s) #1 and #2 on the Board of Commissioners. These are volunteer positions; the appointees will not receive compensation. Both of these appointee's terms will expire June 30, 2025.


To be eligible for appointment, an applicant: Must live within the Port District (includes Gardiner, Reedsport, Winchester Bay, Ash Valley, Scottsburg, Elkton, parts of the Smith River area and other rural areas within Western Douglas County – SEE MAP BELOW OF THE DISTRICT BOUNDARY); and Must be a registered voter in the Port District

Applications must be received in the office by February 14, 2024 and are available at the Port office: 1877 Winchester Ave, Reedsport or you can download a copy if you click [HERE](#)

For additional information, contact Port Manager Scott Kent 241-271-2232


Completed applications can be hand delivered to our office 1877 Winchester Ave, Reedsport OR 97467, mailed to The Port of Umpqua, P.O. Box 388, Reedsport, OR 97467 or you can also email them to: portofumpqua@portofumpqua.net





WIC is a supplemental nutrition education program for children under 5, Pregnant and Post-Partum Women. If you are a parent, grandparent, foster parent, or legal guardian of a child under 5 years old or pregnant, you can apply. WIC gives you the information, tools and support, helping you and your children along the path of lifelong health. WIC provides Breastfeeding education, support and food packages design for nutritional needs.

Could you or your family benefit from a Supplemental food and Nutrition Education Program? WIC appointments are available in Roseburg, Reedsport, Drain, Sutherlin, Myrtle Creek, Canyonville, Glendale and Glide. Scan and fill out the interest form Or Call/Text 541-440-3516



Amazing Food & Drinks

Hot		Cold	
Latte	4.00 4.50 5.50	Milkshakes	7.00
Mocha	4.50 5.00 6.00	Malts	7.50
Cappuccino	4.00 4.50 5.50	Smoothies	5.50 7.00
Americano	3.00 4.50 5.50	Italian Soda	4.25 5.25
Drip Coffee	2.00 2.50 3.00	Root Beer Float	4.50
Hot Choco	3.00 3.75 4.75	Frappuccino	5.00 6.00
Hot Tea	2.00 2.50 3.00	Blended Chai	5.50 6.00
Hot Chai	4.50 5.00 6.00	Iced Red Bull	5.50 6.50
Breakfast Burrito	8.00	Soft Drink	1.50 2.25
Breakfast Sandwich	6.50	Ice Tea	1.50 2.25
Biscuits & Gravy	5.00 7.50	Orange Juice	3.00
		Bottled Water	1.50



COUNTRY CABIN

Laundrymat

Desserts

Soft Ice Cream	3.00 4.00
Soft Yogurt	3.00 4.00
Ice Cream Cone	3.00 4.00
Waffle Cone	5.00 6.00
Cookie - Big	3.00
Cookie - Small	.75
Rice Crispy Treat	3.00
Mini Banana Bread	4.00
Mini Pumpkin Bread	4.00
Raised Donut	1.50
Cake Donut	1.00
Danish	2.00
Brownies	3.00
Pies, 5 inch	7.95

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