



Valentine's Day

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Flower meanings for Valentine giving

Come mid-February, florist delivery trucks are making the rounds through neighborhoods all across the country. Transporting thousands of gifts on Valentine's Day.

In Victorian times, flowers were given specific meanings because only a few exotic flowers were readily available, and many of these meanings have withstood the test of time. Giving a type of flower that signifies you just want to be friends may not go well for a relationship when the recipient was hoping for more. As a result, it pays to understand the subtle meaning of

flowers to make gift-giving easier.

The Society of American Florists has compiled the following list of flower meanings from various sources.

- Amaryllis: drama*
- Anemone: fragility*
- Apple Blossom: promise*
- Aster: contentment*
- Azalea: abundance*
- Bachelor Button: anticipation*
- Begonia: deep thinking*
- Camellia: graciousness*
- Carnation: pink: gratitude*
- red: flashy*
- striped: refusal*

- white: remembrance*
- yellow: cheerful*
- Cosmos: peaceful*
- Daffodil: chivalry*
- Daisy: innocence*
- Gardenia: joy*
- Geranium: comfort*
- Gladiolus: strength in character*
- Heather: solitude*
- Hyacinth: sincerity*
- Hydrangea: perseverance*
- Iris: inspiration*
- Jasmine: grace and elegance*
- Lilac: first love*
- Magnolia: dignity*

- Marigold: desire for riches*
- Orange Blossom: fertility*
- Orchid: delicate beauty*
- Pansy: loving thoughts*
- Passion flower: passion*
- Ranunculus: radiant*
- Rose: pink: appreciation*
- red: passionate love*
- red and white: unity*
- white: purity*
- yellow: friendship*
- Sunflower: adoration*
- Sweetpea: shyness*
- Wisteria: steadfast*
- Zinnia: thoughts of friends*

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