

♥ Valentine's Day Delights ♥

A Unique Gift Giving Idea

(NAPS)—As Valentine's Day approaches, love birds all over the world struggle with the tiresome choice between chocolate or roses. Why is it that people spend more money and less time on buying gifts that truly convey their love? There are many ways to express your love for your Valentine that are more than just a trip to the chocolate store or florist. A simple love poem, a compilation of photos representing the years spent together and personalized gifts show ingenuity. This Valentine's day, stay away from ordinary and think out of the proverbial "candy" box.

Here are some ideas that are sure to delight any Valentine and will show how much you care:

Wine Labels

Take ordinary bottles of Wine or Champagne and give them a kick with personalized labels. The labels can be printed with such things as your anniversary date the bottling year, the name of the vineyard as your favorite place or saying and, of course, you can be the proprietors of the vineyard. The best part is that once the wine is gone, the bottle will serve as a reminder of the day and will reflect the history you have shared.

Love Poems

There is nothing sweeter than a love sonnet. Write down the words that truly express how you feel about your loved one—long or short, the sentiment will be sure to delight. Unless you have the handwriting of a calligrapher, an inkjet is a great way to make the words look as good as they sound. You can even add romantic graphics such as flowers and angels. Print on heavy-stock paper and present as a scroll or framed.

Compilation of Photos

Take pictures that represent the best times of your relationship and digitize them. Using the latest technology, you can add cap-



tions, borders and graphics to make them extra special. Print them out on photo paper and make them into a book by tying them with a red satin ribbon.

Chocolate Lovers

And if your Valentine is the type that loves receiving the traditional chocolate box, give chocolate with a twist! Take a pre-packaged box of chocolates and personalize it! To start, personalize the box with your sweetheart's photo and some special words. Inside the box is where the fun begins! Using an inkjet, print out your favorite photos and love sayings on heavy stock paper, place these under each chocolate in the box. When each chocolate is eaten, a new verse or another photo that reminds you of the fun times you have shared is revealed. Another fun idea, is to make unveiling the surprises lead to another gift.

If you don't already own a color inkjet printer, consider the following tips when shopping. Look for a high-resolution printer featuring at least 1200 x 1200 dpi to 2400 x 1200 dpi to produce photo-quality prints. An advanced paper handling system like Lexmark's patented Accu-Feed system accommodates heavy-stock or specialty paper. Finally, ease-of-use features, such as one-click driver installation, will guarantee setting up your new inkjet is stress-free. Lexmark offers a range of consumer inkjets from \$50-\$180. For more information on printing tips, visit Lexmark International at www.lexmark.com.