

FATHER'S DAY FACTS AND FANCIES

A Tradition Of Giving Dad Something Special

(NAPSA)—The idea of Father's Day was first proposed in 1909 by Mrs. John B. Dodd, who wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widower, who had raised his six children by himself. It's said she was inspired while watching a Mother's Day parade.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington, and President Calvin Coolidge declared the third Sunday in June as the official day to celebrate Dads, in 1924. Ever since, children have honored their fathers with gifts—but finding just the right gift can be a challenge.

For all those still trying to figure out what Dad might enjoy, here are a few suggestions:

- Ask yourself what his interests are. Although the dad who enjoys golfing is by now probably used to receiving golf balls, tees, golf towels, a driver or other utilitarian golf gear each year, you can't go wrong giving him something you know he'll actually use.

- Give him something to wear. Find out his size, take note of the colors he looks good in, and give him a new shirt or two.

- Take him on a trip down memory lane. Was he a pilot in the Air Force? Did he play the saxophone in a college jazz band? Look for a book that will spark some nostalgia.

- Give him the choice. Put the power of gift choice in his hands.



The dad who seems to have everything may appreciate the gift of a choice.

Nearly 75 percent of the dads who responded to the survey said they would be pleased to get a gift certificate for Father's Day and a universal gift certificate offers Dad the most versatility. Some shopping malls offer gift certificates good for any store in the mall or you can buy a similar offering online. For example, GiftCertificates.com offers the SuperCertificate, which is good for hundreds of stores, restaurants and travel merchants.

Whatever sort of gift you choose, however, you may be glad to know most Dads think the greatest gift of all is knowing their kids really care.