

Sweet dreams are made of this

Here are some GREAT ways for you and your honey to celebrate Valentine's Day



LONG ONE OF ARLINGTON'S Valentine's Day favorites, **The Sanford House** offers Inn Packages that include luxurious overnight accommodations coupled with various combinations of fine dining at Restaurant506, fruit and wine, champagne and strawberries, candles, rose petals, and spa pampering. Spa packages include "Heart of My Heart," featuring a 60-minute massage and a spa manicure and pedicure, along with a delicious spa lunch with a glass of wine, and "Just the Way You Are," featuring a 60-minute stone massage, sea salt body scrub, oxygen facial, and spa pedicure. Lunch with wine or champagne is also included. If you can't stay overnight, you can still enjoy a romantic evening at Restaurant506, which has a special menu just for this special day. thesanfordhouse.com



AS YOU PONDER the prospective perfect gift for the already-established perfect person, we **STRONGLY** suggest that you pay a pre-Valentine's Day visit to **Gracie Lane**. This collection of shops ranging from fashion, jewelry, home décor and more basically gives the Valentine's Day shopper - or any day shopper - a treasure trove of wonderful options. Gracie Lane is a combination of shop owners who incorporate their unique items to create a charming experience sure to please everyone's style. AND ... if you really want to win a heart, instead of going to Gracie Lane before the big day, take your significant other there on Valentine's Day and let him/her select a present from the thousands of items available on the shelves and floor. gracielanecollection.com

A POPULAR HANGOUT in general, **Legal Draft Beer Co.** this year is certain to be a favorite Valentine's Day date stop when it hosts a lovers' brunch from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Inspirations Catering will provide the food, and, of course, Legal Draft will serve its famous Arlington-brewed beers - lots and lots of its famous Arlington-brewed beers - as well as mimosas. The brunch will be served buffet-style and costs \$26.95 per person. No tickets or reservations are required. The menu will feature eggs benedict, frittatas, sausage, Peruvian chicken with house sauces, winter salad with couscous, hummus and crudites, fresh fruit, donuts, charcuterie, and a variety of desserts. (This is where you lick your lips and then make plans to include this stop on your Valentine's Day itinerary.) legaldraftbeer.com



WHILE YOUR HEART RACES at the breathtaking view of the person sitting across from you at the table on your Valentine dinner date, he/she likely won't hold it against you if you let your eyes wander a bit when you go to **Mercury Chophouse**. The view there, from atop one of Arlington's tallest buildings, is downright spectacular, as well. But that's just the start. The menu and attentive service has won over a vast crowd since the upscale eatery opened a couple of years ago. Oh, and be sure to appreciate the classic steakhouse vibe with wood paneling, piano bar and fellow diners appreciating a great meal and a great time. The Mercury Chophouse menu includes steak, lamb shank, pan-seared foie gras and seafood, and the service is second to none. mercurychophouse.com



WE GET IT. Not everyone is comfortable venturing far outside the home to celebrate Valentine's Day this year. But that doesn't mean you have to forgo the romantic revelry. **Nothing Bundt Cakes** has a pair of Arlington locations (at 5001 S. Cooper St., Suite 111 and at 839 E. Lamar Blvd.), where love - and the sweet aroma of fresh-baked goodies - is in the air. As the photo here shows, you can order a "love"ly option (or several), but if your favorite date has a favorite Nothing Bundt Cakes staple item, you can get that, as well, from 8- and 10-inch varieties to tiered cakes, from Bundtlets and Bundtlet Towers to the very popular Bundtinis®. Each recipe uses the finest ingredients (i.e., real eggs, butter and cream cheese) to bring you Bundt Cake perfection. nothingbundtcakes.com

IF YOU ARE SEARCHING for that “perfect” Valentine’s Day gift for that special someone, you will undoubtedly find it at the aptly named **Anything Goes**. This eclectic gift shop located in Pantego specializes in gifting for all occasions as well as college, sorority and fraternity accessories. The featured fare includes jewelry, home decor, vintage items, collegiate items, sports memorabilia, girls favorite things, candles, box signs, purses, wine accessories, soaps, greeting cards, unique gifts and the proverbial more. Owner Mary Davis’ goal is to provide you with a one-stop unique gift shop with selection opportunities for a wide variety of occasions. And this month’s most noteworthy occasion – Valentine’s Day – is when Davis and her team especially shine. anythinggoesgiftshop.com



GREAT SKIN SPA & FACIAL CLUB has been voted an All Star every year we’ve had skin care as a category in our annual Readers’ Choice poll. One of the reasons is the care owner Brenda Hunt and her team give to clients every time they come in. That “loving” takes on special meaning this month, when a trip to the spa is generally regarded as an ideal Valentine’s Day gift. Great Skin specializes in dozens of skin treatment protocols and instant slimming and body contouring procedures. Through its Facial Club, Hunt and her team make it affordable for clients to care for their skin in both aspects – in the spa and at home. Great Skin is now offering Virtual Skin Care Consultations where clients meet with a licensed, trained professional Great Skin esthetician via Zoom or Facetime (or by phone). greatskin4you.com



IF YOU ARE A LOVER and a lover of The Great Outdoors, you no doubt know why this Valentine’s Day date idea is part of our package. **River Legacy Parks** is “all that and more” when it comes to showcasing the best Ma Nature has to offer. This Valentine’s Day, the wonders of the parks hold special romantic allure, what with all the communing with flora and fauna under the stars (and even during the day, as this striking photo suggests). River Legacy Parks are composed of romantic amenities galore, including eight miles of paved hike and bike trails, a 10-mile mountain bike trail, picnic areas, pavilions, river overlooks, restrooms, a custom playground and playscapes, and some of the more spectacular views in all of the Metroplex. riverlegacy.org



TEXAS LIVE! is open, and the proprietors of its collection of dining and entertainment venues are eager to welcome you back! For this year’s Valentine’s Day celebration, Texas Live! is set with new features and pandemic-centric measures that are sure to make this holiday your best yet. There’s new expansive patio-style seating, game-watch experiences and live entertainment for you to enjoy with food and drinks in a fun, safe, socially distanced environment. Valentine’s Day features include expanded picnic-style seating, yard games, live music, contactless ordering, digital menus and sanitation stations. All of that care makes it safer and easier to enjoy a night out – and especially the night out that is most-circled on the February calendar. texas-live.com



WITH THE POPULAR “Vivian Maier: The Color Work” exhibit coming to a close on Feb. 21, Valentine’s Day seems like the ideal time to pay a visit to **The Arlington Museum of Art**. Dating from the 1950s to the 1980s, “Vivian Maier: The Color Work” captures the street life of Chicago and New York, and includes a number of the artist’s enigmatic self-portraits. Maier’s color work was made during the last 30 years of her life when she began to work with a 35-millimetre camera during which time she produced roughly 40,000 Ektachrome color slides. This exhibition is the largest and most highly curated collection of Maier’s full-color photographs to date. The AMA will also feature an exhibition of works from the Texas Photographic Society in its Rooftop Gallery. arlingtonmuseum.org



IMAGINE, IF YOU WILL, a casual restaurant-bar that specializes in all forms of social interaction. Now, imagine what it might be like on Valentine’s Day. Actually, you don’t have to imagine. You just need to visit **The Social House** on Feb. 14, and you will discover an award-winning scratch kitchen teamed with a great selection of beers, wines, and signature cocktails on tap. Plus, because it is Valentine’s Day, the restaurant staff will be going the extra mile to ensure that you and your date will have a memorable – and, dare we say, romantic – evening. The Social House’s extensive wine list reflects popular trends and emerging wine regions. Whether you like stouts, ales, lagers, or local quirky crafts, Social House offers a vast selection of local beers on draft, all chilled at 32 degrees. socialhousearlington.com

