

Carlton Cards Suggestions for Spending Time Together on Mother's Day



Mississauga, Ontario (April 2016) - Every Mother's Day we spend a lot of time trying to come up with the perfect gift idea for mom, one that will really knock her socks off. Oftentimes, the greatest present of all is the gift of your time and attention. The Carlton Cards trend experts have come up with some fun ideas to show mom just how much you love her on Mother's Day and to create some great memories along the way.

Fun Day Trips: Plan a special excursion with mom, keeping in mind things she loves but may not take the time to do herself.

- If mom is an art or history buff, plan a visit to a local museum of her choice. Stop in the gift shop and pick up a memento to remember your fun day together.
- May is the perfect time to take a stroll through a botanical garden, enjoy the spring flowers and get some ideas for landscaping around your own home. Make sure you take a few photos of mom in these beautiful surroundings which may end up trending as #bestmother'sdayever
- Does your mom love browsing flea markets and garage sales? Check out your local paper or online for listings and map out your day to take advantage of every minute. Not only may you come home with some bargains, you may find out where you learned your negotiating skills!
- It may sound cliché, but getting a pedicure is a springtime ritual for most Canadian women. Plan a girl's day out for a mani/pedi with mom. It is fun getting pampered together and as a surprise, present mom with a colourful pair of flip flops to show off her sandal ready feet.

Fun Stuff to do at Home: Sometimes it isn't possible to get away from the house so why not plan some activities around mom's home?

- Is the television always on the cooking channel in mom's house? Surprise her with the latest cookbook from mom's favourite chef. Pre-pick out a scrumptious recipe from the book and bring all the ingredients to mom's house so you can cook it together. If mom has some "special" recipes, you can always ask if she can show you how to make them so you can pass them on to your kids. As a special treat, make sure you do the dishes and clean up the kitchen.
- If your mom loves her garden and to cook as well, help her create her personal herb garden. Whether you decide to dig up a garden patch or use containers for each herb, do a little research first to make sure you have all the "ingredients". Bring along some new gardening gloves and decorative watering can for mom to enjoy while she watches her garden grow.
- Mom may be active on Facebook but does she feel comfortable navigating her way through Pinterest and Instagram? Spend a few hours giving her a social media 101 course. You will be pleased to

see the delicious recipe or adorable craft she found on Pinterest promptly featured on her Instagram page for you to like and comment “love it, mom”.

- Springtime means spring cleaning and mom would love some help purging and reorganizing her closet. Bring along some attractive storage boxes to store out of season clothing. Don't forget extra boxes or bags to gather the unwanted clothing to drop off at a local charity.

If you are still not sure on what activity your mom would like to do, just ask her. The aim is to spend time together, have fun and make lasting memories.

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