

The look of love



GRAND, GLORIOUS AND TRADITIONAL: It's those very special looks shared by the bride and her groom that make a wedding so memorable. Her gown by Michele Piccione for Alfred Angelo is pure sentiment in taffeta with appliques of hand-headed lace. His proud stance is heightened by the streamlined cutaway designed by Pierre Cardin. Textured fabric in the coat and double breasted vest makes a dramatic fashion statement with distinctive striped trousers. Diamond pattern ascot and wing collar are the accessories specified by Pierre Cardin. BR893.177

Romantic remembrances for wedding, other anniversaries

Anniversaries are special occasions meant to be remembered in unique and different ways.

From the "first date" anniversary, popular with the young and not-so-young romantics, to the engagement date anniversary, preliminary to the "I do," and the wedding anniversary, roses convey a meaningful sentiment appropriate to all special anniversary occasions.

Rated the number one "all occasion" anniversary gift item, red roses have always offered even the busiest individual the welcome advantage of versatility. Usually purchased in arrangements of one, three, five or seven, roses fit any budget.

If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary this year, you should remember that a gift of roses is the perfect way to recapture the romance of young love, and allows you, the sender, to deliver an eloquent message suited to your partner's tastes.

In Victorian times, shy husbands used small rose bouquets called "tussie-mussies" to communicate devotion, trust and love. A modern-day anniversary "tussie-mussie" could contain the number of red roses representing the months or years a couple has spent sharing happy moments together - six roses for six years, 24 roses for 24 years, etc.

So, it's the anniversary of your first date. How about a gift of gourmet dining at an exclusive restaurant? Send your invitation attached to a rose bud base with a

card describing the romantic evening you have planned.

If the gift you have selected for your special someone is unsuitable for wrapping - (how do you tie a bow on a vacation or a new car?) - here are two alternatives. Give the lucky recipient a dozen, half-dozen or even a single red rose, along with a card describing your "un-wrappable" gift. Wrapping your gift card in an innocent looking box with a rose trim is another clever and intimate idea.

When selecting a rose arrangement for your anniversary, remember roses have a "language" of their own, and there are a number of vibrant colors suitable for every occasion. Use this guide:

- The red rose symbolizes love, respect and courage.
- Pink roses carry the message, "You're gentle and graceful."
- Deep pink roses say, "Thank you."
- Light pink roses convey admiration.
- A white rose says: "You're heavenly."
- Red and white roses tied together indicate unity.
- Yellow roses signify joy and gladness.
- A bouquet of roses in full bloom means gratitude.
- A single rose in full bloom means

"I love you" or "I still love you." Combining traditional values and innovative ideas can enhance the spirit of giving and create a much loved remembrance.

More and more newlyweds are thanking their attendants with a gift of gleaming gold jewelry

To say a special "thanks," more newlyweds are presenting their bridal parties with something gold. Why? They know that karat gold is a token of enduring sentiment and quality. What's more, gold jewelry is available in a variety of styles to fit any budget.

When shopping, it's wise to choose a gift the bridal party can wear at the wedding. If the bridesmaids are wearing skin-baring necklines with a lingerie look, perhaps a gold chain necklace is "right." The usual herringbone chain is now updated by a feminine bow centerpiece.

For evening glamour

Also, there are dainty links, sometimes adorned with stations of hearts, bows or semi-precious stones. A new type of woven chain is diamond cut and sparkles, creating evening glamour.

If the wedding attire is ultra-formal and elbow length gloves are being worn, a beautiful gold bracelet is the perfect gift. Simple yet elegant, a gold bangle is etched with flowers and can be engraved with initials or a message. Lacy link bracelets are often accented with one dangling charm—a reminder of the wedding day.

As many brides opt for an ensemble

look—a short jacket over a halter type dress—gold pins can be an important addition. Many designs are new but look "antique" or have a geometric art deco flavor. Both decorate the shoulder or collar in tasteful fashion.

Consider individual preferences

Don't forget to consider individual personalities when shopping for gifts of gold. Ask yourself, "Does she have short hair and love earrings? Are rings her passion?" These items are also available in gold in a multitude of looks.

Feminine gold ruffles that softly contour the face or gold beaded drop ear-

rings will look great at the wedding and thereafter.

Stackable, thin gold rings can complement an already existing collection. In this case, look for bands accented with semi-precious stones or in varying colors of gold.

Gold is also suitable for the ushers. Consider a classic gold collar or tie bar in the wedding look is informal. To complement the ascot of a morning suit, a handsome gold tac in ribbed or woven texture is appropriate.

To make the men in the wedding party look and feel "dressed," a pair of real gold cufflinks adds the finished touch.



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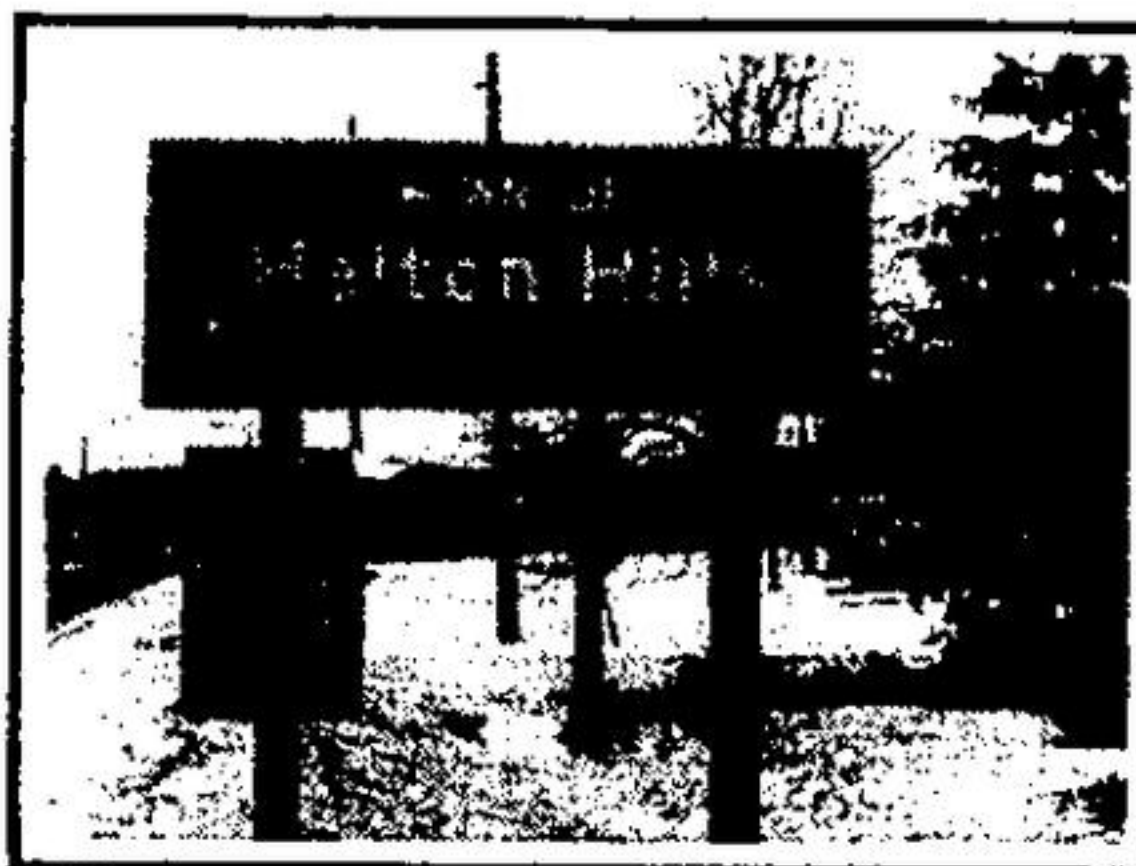
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