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The date is highlighted with every calendar you purchase, but what is so special about the second Sunday in May, and why celebrate only once a year?

Mother's Day is two-fold, for children to pay tribute to their mothers in one way or another, and for moms to reflect upon their children — time spent together, happy memories of days gone by and looking ahead to the moments that will be shared in the future. But why once a year?

For many of us our mothers are miles away. In this day and age of travel and transfers it has become more than likely that distance between our families becomes greater. And isn't it a strange phenomenon that the further away we are from each other the more we learn to appreciate one another, especially our moms.

By Nancy Hoskin



Not being a mother myself, I can't speak as an expert, but as a child I can at least appreciate the job my mom did in the care, friendship and freedom she allowed me when growing up.

After interviewing mothers of all ages I truly believe it must be one of the most challenging occupations imaginable and thank all mothers that contribute to the raising of children who become productive members in our

society, in whatever way they might choose.

As children, we might not express our feelings very well, or thank our mom's for the great jobs they are doing, but we do appreciate all of you and hopefully our actions speak louder than words, not just one day of the year, but everyday.

Happy Mother's Day, to all moms. With a special wish to mine who lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

Look for the unusual

According to the experts — us kids — Mother's Day is one of the most difficult gift giving occasions. What do you buy a mother who has everything?

Now, we could go out and purchase the routine gifts: perfume, bubble bath, slippers and knick-knacks, or concentrate on finding something a little more unusual.

It seems, from past experience, you don't have to spend a lot of money to receive the highest compliments on a gift you choose.

For example, ever thought of making your own card (if you won't attempt a rough drawing you can certainly cut out shapes from colored paper), presenting a gourmet breakfast in bed, or preparing dinner in the dining room for the two of you (though cooking may not be your forte, the candle-light and personalized menu

make up for any flaws in the taste)?

How about a beautiful bouquet of flowers? You may just offer a gesture of kindness, they make great gifts, and the cost is minimal — just some of your time.

Give an IOU on a spring cleaning of the outside windows (the ones you can reach) or if you're younger, IOU to walk the dog daily for a month.

If you haven't the time for the extra personal gifts or you aren't in the same area as your mom, you might consider choosing a gift that most moms wouldn't buy for themselves.

A gift certificate for a manicure (about \$10) or pedicure (about \$20) is thoughtful, a nice treat for the hard working mom.

If all the kids pitch in toward the cost, how about a massage? There are also beautiful nighties and robes that a mom wouldn't

consider purchasing, but secretly wish someone would present them with!

Several gifts that are popular in stores for this Mother's Day include hand-painted silk scarves, hand-made beaded necklaces, novelty sweaters in bold colors and small leather purses in bright colors that can tie at the waste or around your neck.

You can buy a bouquet or arrangement of silk flowers in a planter, vase or wicker basket that will last forever and can be co-ordinated with the decor of a particular room in the house.

This is the one day of the year when children of all ages are in a rut when having to choose the perfect gift for their mom. Look for the unusual. You'll find something when you least expect. And then again, you may not have to look further than the colored pens and paper in your desk drawer.

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