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For an added treat, each mother will have an opportunity to enter a draw to win a fabulous prize!

Treat Mom to our fabulous Mothers Day Dinner from 5:00pm onward!

Don't be disappointed! We suggest reservations. (Sold out last 9 years in a row)

Two seatings - 11:00am to 1:00pm and 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
\$29.95 per person, \$15.00 children 12 & under  
(Exclusive of applicable taxes and gratuities)

For reservations, please call: (905) 470-8500 ext. 2635

**Thanks Mom - Mother's Day is May 10**

**A gift of Mom's favourite flower is a 90-year Mother's Day tradition**

In Ontario's billion dollar floriculture industry, Mother's Day represents approximately seven per cent to 15 per cent total annual volume of sales, about 50 per cent more than Valentine's Day.

But unlike the rose which accounts for the majority of purchases for the lover's celebration, our tribute to mother is not characterized by any special flower.

At Mother's Day, anything with a flower will sell," said Michelle Schoenmaker, auction sales manager at the Ontario Flower Growers Co-Op.

But pastels are the preferred colours in cuts, while potted flowering plants such as hydrangeas, chrysanthemums and calla lilies do well because of their lasting value. Hanging out-

door plants are also becoming popular as a Mother's Day gift.

The tradition of buying flowers for Mom on Mother's Day is connected to the origin of the holiday which is less than a century old despite its ancient roots.

The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets states that Mother's Day has English pagan connections in a ritual that was honoured up until the 18th century AD.

On the fourth Sunday of Lent, each person visited his or her mother with an offering of a mannequin-shaped simmel cake (a ceremonial Gingerbread Man like the Host in Christianity) to receive her blessing. It was called going-a-mothering.

Today, thanks to the efforts of a devoted daughter named Anna Jarvis, Mother's Day is an official holiday.

Anna believed that grown children,

preoccupied with their own families, too often neglect their mothers.

Two years after the anniversary of her mother's death in 1906, Anna invited a group of people to her home and announced the idea for a nationwide celebration called Mother's Day.

The idea met with unanimous support.

On May 10, 1908, the first Mother's Day service was held in Grafton, West Virginia, attended by 407 children and their mothers.

At the conclusion of that service, Jarvis presented each mother and child with a carnation, her own mother's favourite.

It launched a Mother's Day tradition that has manifested in the modern day custom of buying mom her preferred flowers.

Although the British continued to pay tribute to mothers on the fourth Sunday of the Lenten season, it took the American observance to give the idea world-wide prominence.

Within a few years after President Woodrow Wilson's May 8, 1914 proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day, almost every country in the world had a Mother's Day.

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