Why roses are such a must-have on Valentine's Day

Many things are symbolic a connection with feelings of Valentine's Day. In the 1800s, heart-shaped boxes of candy became wildly popular ways for sweethearts to express their affection for each other, and since then they have become one of many symbols of Valentine's Day. But one such symbol traces its history back even Norway from 1814 until his further than that.

Roses are now as symbol-

of love. The Ancient Greeks and Romans, for example, wore rose garlands during wedding ceremonies. But the practice of giving Valentine's Day flowers can be traced to King Charles II, who served as King of Sweden from 1809 as well as King of death in 1818.

During his travels, King ic of Valentine's Day as those Charles visited Persia, where heart-shaped boxes, and, in he learned about the use of fact, have long maintained flowers to express certain

emotions. Red roses were used to express deep love, and King Charles shared the language of flowers when he returned home to Europe. It soon became quite popular.

But Europeans learning about the symbolic power of flowers even before King Charles' visit to Persia. In fact, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, the wife of a British ambassador to Turkey, began sharing the practice of assigning meaning to objects via letters she wrote home to England in 1716. Lady Montagu noted how the locals had assigned meaning to various colors, flowers and plants in order to send secret love letters to one another. However, Lady Montagu was incorrect in her interpretation, as historians would later note. Despite her misinterpretations, Lady Montagu's perception of the flower language would spread, and many people still associate certain flowers with certain emotions. Never is that more apparent than on Valentine's Day, when red roses remain a popular way for lovers to express their deep love for each other.

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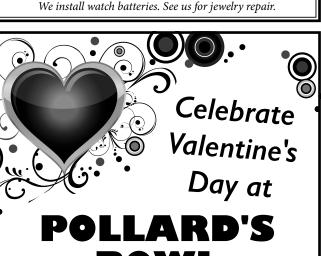
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