

Humorous Mother's
Day Notes



May is a Busy Month

The month of May brings the end of Spring, and many festive celebrations like May Day, Mothers Day and Lei Day.

The Puritans frowned on May Day, so the day has never been celebrated with as much enthusiasm in the United States as in Great Britain. But the tradition of celebrating May Day by dancing and singing around a maypole, tied with colorful streamers or ribbons, survived as a part of the English tradition. The kids celebrate the day by moving back and forth around the pole with the streamers, choosing a May queen, and hanging May baskets on the doorknobs of folks -- are all the leftovers of the old European traditions.

Mother's Day

A lady by the name of Anna Jarvis managed to establish Mother's Day as we know it today. Anna's mother suffered from a prolonged illness. Anna looked after her and when she died she was very sad. Anna truly felt that children often neglected their mother's while they were alive and she was determined to start a National Mother's Day. Anna and her friends wrote letters and campaigned for a National Mother's Day.

Eventually they succeeded, and on May 10th, 1908 the first official Mother's Day was celebrated in honor of Anna's mother. From this point forward it was decided that the 2nd Sunday in May would be Mother's Day. At first Mother's Day was just a religious celebration. Eventually it started to become more secular with the giving of gifts and cards. These days Mother's Day is known as the day when the most people dine out all year long. Restaurants make the most amount of money all year on this day.

Lei Day

But in Hawaii, the first of the month brings perhaps the most colorful day of the year: Lei Day. Lei Day dates back to the 1920s, when it was proposed by poet and author Dan Blanding. He and Honolulu Star Bulletin newspaper columnist Grace Tower Warren declared that "May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii," even inspiring a song that's sung to this day. <https://tinyurl.com/y6tl69cu>

Dear Mom, It's not that you're the only one who sees the messes. It's that you're the only one who cares.

Except today.

We care today, because Dad's bribing us and he seems serious.

Happy Mother's Day.

So after you give Mom her fantastic lei on the 1st, what to do on the 12th{-) Every Mom is special – be it your Mom or your significant other helping you raise your l'il 'uns – and they all deserve nothing but the best. And just because Mom is a lovely lady doesn't mean she always wants flowers and chocolates!

While breakfast in bed is a great way to begin pampering mum on her special day, there are plenty of other amazing goodies out there that will make her grin from ear to ear. So, treat her to a new gadget that will give her the edge she needs to morph into a supermom. (Go to url for info).

The JBL Link View offers the best audio experience of any smart display on the market right now, despite its compact form, and she'll rarely need to push the volume more than half-way up if she wants to pump out some tunes or watch a video. Plus she'll get Google Assistant to help her with her day – after all, traditional smart speakers are so 2019. <http://tinyurl.com/y2u7t9w4>

The Fitbit Versa. You don't have to shell out a whole load of cash to get mom a smartwatch that not only looks good but performs well. It's an Apple Watch-esque smart wearable without the jaw-dropping price tag or thickness, and it will help your mother keep on top of her fitness regime and also keep tabs on her reproductive cycle. She can store her favorite music on board too, and the watch pairs seamlessly with Bluetooth headphones. <http://tinyurl.com/y2f2efyw>

This Fujifilm snapper looks nothing like an instant camera, in fact, its retro good looks will make mum feel really cool when she whips it out of her bag to take those instantly printable memories. The Instax Mini 90 Neo Classic is also the only instant camera to come with a rechargeable battery which, according to Fujifilm, should last as long as 10 film packs. And with some manual control, it feels like it's pitched to the photo enthusiast. <http://tinyurl.com/yxnsnyt9>

Tile Style Bluetooth tracker If your mom's forever losing her keys, this little white square will help her keep tabs on her handbag or key bunch via Bluetooth and a companion app. It's slim, waterproof, durable and looks great stuck on any item or attached to a key ring. Moreover, it's a great gift idea for anyone on a budget. <http://tinyurl.com/yx9d7rru>

The Chromecast is one of the best media streamers available today and it's great value. Let your mother get cosy on the couch and binge-watch some of her favorite TV shows on her not-so-smart TV. Mom gets a nifty little device that can cast movies and shows onto her TV from her phone, tablet or laptop

Reviews

The lozenge-shaped JBL Link View looks every bit the large high-end Bluetooth speaker that I'd expect from JBL (332 x 152 x 100mm). What sets this device apart from a bog-standard Bluetooth speaker, however, is the 8-inch display on the front. It's a touch larger than the 7-inch display in the Google Home Hub, but smaller than the one that features on the [Lenovo Smart Display](#).

The Fujifilm Instax Mini 90 Neo Classic Instant Camera — to give it its full name — is Fujifilm's attempt to appeal to the serious photographer. It features a retro-inspired design with clear nods to [Fujifilm's beautiful X-series cameras](#) like [the X100S](#). It also promises to give enthusiasts a higher degree of control over their photos.

Genesis of The TUG

Established in 1988 after The Retired Officer's Association (TROA) conference held in Honolulu.

Previous members coordinated all the IT communications, registrations, tours and activities via old IBM and Commodore personal computers; 14KB dial-up modem connections and many working hours to accomplish this unique multi-faceted operation.

without needing to get herself a truly smart TV. <http://tinyurl.com/y2yhv5cd>

The Foreo UFO might have a strange name, but this little device will pamper mum in the shower, offering her spa-worthy facials in the comfort of her own home. It uses the company's masks with sonic pulses and LED light therapy to keep skin glowing and revitalized, and it's all done within 90 seconds. <http://tinyurl.com/yylo9wsu>

Aloha, Have a wonderful Lei Day and Mothers Day.
Lou and in spirit. POOKY



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