

May 2nd

LITHUANIA

MOTHER'S DAY



Violets

Mother's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday in May. This holiday is known in Lithuania since the old times. On this day mothers are congratulated by their children and husbands who do all household chores at home. Mothers are given spring flowers. This day is a thanksgiving day to mothers for their being, unconditional; love and patience. Mother's Day is celebrated in spring since mother is identified with the land. Thus, in spring, when the land is worshiped in order it would be productive, mothers are also unforgotten. Mothers have been praised since the very old times.

The notion and functions of Mother has changed considerably since the ancient times up to the present. Lithuanian folk songs contain a lot of information about mothers who used to take care of their children and used to do all the household chores. They are going through a difficult release of the daughters, for the discharge of their loveless men, hard release, his sons, put into the war, the traumatic death. There are Lithuanian proverbs which say that Mothers arms are soft, but her tears are severe.

Nowadays mothers are no longer just housewives and guardians of the family hearth. Many of them are self-employed women, not only bringing their children, but also doing a job which would be considered as a male one.

Lithuanian language is rich in words of love to a mother described as: Mom, Mamuli, mamulytė, Mum, mamyčiukė, mamučikė, mamulytė, mamužė, mamuželytė.

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The history of Mother's Day is centuries old and goes back to the times of ancient Greeks, who held festivities to honor Rhea, the mother of the gods. The early Christians celebrated the Mother's festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent to honor Mary, the mother of Christ. Interestingly, later on a religious order stretched the holiday to include all mothers, and named it as the Mothering Sunday. The English colonists settled in America discontinued the tradition of Mothering Sunday because of lack of time. In 1872 Julia Ward Howe organized a day for mothers dedicated to peace. It is a landmark in the history of Mother's Day. Slowly and gradually the Mother's day became very popular and gift giving activity increased. All this commercialization of the Mother's day infuriated Anna as she believed that the day's sentiment was being sacrificed at the expense of greed and profit.



Mother's Day has flourished in the United States. Actually, the second Sunday of May has become the most popular day of the year. Although Anna may not be with us but the Mother's day lives on and has spread to various countries of the world. Many countries throughout the world celebrate Mother's Day at various times during the year, but some such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium also celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May.

When it comes to celebrating mother's day, it comprises of a series of activities to make the day a real special one. There are different ways through which you can express how dear your mother is to you and that you cannot imagine your life without her. If you and your mother live in different cities, try to plan a family gathering day on the mothers day. That would serve as the perfect gift for your mom.

As a part of mother's day celebration, make a nice handmade card and do not forget to write some beautiful mother love quotes inside. Accompany the card with a set of beautiful flowers. If you wish to do something different on this mother's day, then plan a nice getaway for your mother and do small special things for her like reading awesome thank you poems for her. Make her favorite recipes or if you plan to go to a restaurant, give her a lavish treatment and make her feel like a queen.