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The season for love often invokes a heightened sense of creativity in lovers who let not embarrassment – stand in the way of expressing their affections. If the ubiquitous dozer dinner do not fit the bill for you, take a cue from these eight lovebirds who reminisce about Day memory while we offer tips on how to recreate them in your own special way. |



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## 1 Flower power

SOME years ago, stylist Karen Ng was living in Hong Kong where she owned a flower shop when just before Valentine's Day, an order arrived by phone for 9,999 roses. At a cost of \$60,000, it wasn't just the size of the order that made her swoon, but rather the thought of who would go to such an extent to impress his girlfriend.

She recalls: "My business partner took the order and I thought, wow, who is this generous and romantic guy."

Little did she know that the flowers were for her – a gift from a then-suitor of

hers who was in cahoots with her business partner. "I remember that my business partner sent me out on errands the whole of Valentine's Day but when I got home, my whole apartment was filled with roses and looked like a garden. It was absolutely breathtaking.

"According to my partner who's been in the business for about 20 years, this was the biggest order she'd ever received, and it was for me," she adds with a cheeky laugh. Now that she's back in Singapore, Ng, who no longer deals with flowers, has a few suggestions for budding lovers.

"Be generous and thoughtful with your

gifts," she says. "This may not be the most expensive gift I've received but it's certainly one that I remember fondly because of the sheer thought that went into it.

"But when in doubt, I have to admit, diamonds always make the best gifts because diamonds are forever."

**Recreate this gift:** Far East Flora will oblige with as many roses as you want – or can afford. Bouquets range from \$235.29 for 49 stalks of roses to \$2,138.89 for 999 stalks.

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## 2 Light my fire

IN the words of consultant Seraphine Leong, "Telling somebody 'I love you' is a big thing in itself but declaring it on sand takes it to another level altogether.

"I was trying to win this guy's heart as he was torn between me and another woman, so I bought a bunch of light



ry for keeps." The romantic has always been one to conjure up unique ways of expressing her feelings.

As a farewell gift once, she wrote a poem expressing her feelings for her beau, soaked the paper in tea to make it look vintage, burnt the edges and finally placed it in a Victorian-like photo frame.

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