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Conejo Valley Days**
May 9 - 12
Conejo Creek Park South
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**36th Annual California
Strawberry Festival**
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Music Festival**
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5005 Los Angeles Ave
Simi Valley

Mother's Day Around The World



Moms are celebrated in many countries on different dates and in different ways. While Mother's Day traditions and customs vary, everyone knows how important it is to honor mom's for everything they do all year long.

United Kingdom In the UK, Mother's Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent, and is called Mothering Sunday. During medieval times, poor families often sent their children off to work as domestic servants or apprentices to rich families. Their rare day off was traditionally granted during the Lenten season, so they could worship the Virgin Mary and visit their home, "mother church" and their families. The children would often pick flowers to give to their mothers and bake special cakes called Mothering Cakes or Simnel Cakes (the holiday even used to be known as Refreshment Sunday because the strict Lent fasting rules were put aside for the holiday). Today, Mother's Day in the UK is celebrated in the same way as it is in America, with flowers, cards, gifts and family meals.

Brazil In Brazil, Mother's Day is one of the most commercial holidays celebrated, second only to Christmas. Brazil commemorates this special day on the second Sunday in May with special children's performances and church gatherings, which often culminate in large, multi-generational barbecues.

Germany Muttertag takes place on the second Sunday in May (unless it falls on Pentecost, in which case it occurs on the first Sunday of the month). In Germany, the giving of Mother's Day cards is extremely popular. During WWII, Mother's Day traditions took on political significance as the day to acknowledge women for producing children for the Vaterland, or Fatherland. Medals were awarded in gold, silver or bronze, based upon how many children were in the household. After the war, it assumed a softer feel, with the giving of gifts, cards and flowers, as well as festive meals earmarking the day.

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Camarillo

895 Grada Ave
4 Bedroom, 3 Bath
2637 sq. ft. \$4000

Camarillo

529 Mission Dr
2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath
1347 sq. ft. \$2700

Oxnard

4620 San Juan
3 Bedroom, 2 Bath
1407 sq. ft. \$2550

Camarillo

685 Calistoga
3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bath
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Mother's Day Around The World (Cont.)

Japan In Japan, where Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May and is symbolized by beautiful carnations -- which represent the gentle strength of mothers who are revered in Japanese culture. Children draw pictures of their mothers in school and sometimes enter them in art contests. Like most other countries, Mother's Day is a day of pampering for moms -- kids help take over the household chores, have a special family meal, like sushi or eggs, and give their mothers red carnations or roses and cards.

France Fete des Meres takes place in late May or early June, based upon Pentecost. It didn't become an official day of celebration until 1950, but was originally declared a holiday by Napoleon. On this day, like usually in the United States, moms relax, relying on their children to cater to their needs and do the chores. Gifts are given and sometimes short, original poems are recited. A large, celebratory meal ends this relaxing, enjoyable day.

Australia Another country, which relies heavily on the giving of carnations and other flowers, is Australia, where Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Chrysanthemums are also a very popular floral choice, because mothers there are called Mum. Aunts and grandmothers are also acknowledged with gifts. In Australia, lots of service events are held around the holiday, with many organizations holding events to help raise money for women's causes.

Ethiopia Mother's Day is celebrated at the end of the fall rainy season, as part of the three-day Antrosht festival, dedicated to moms. When the weather clears up and the skies empty of rain, family members come home to celebrate with a large feast. Daughters traditionally bring vegetables, butter, spices and cheese, while the sons bring meat of various types, including lamb or bull. These will be included in a traditional hash recipe. All family members share in singing and dancing.

May Quote

***It's hard to beat a person
who never gives up.***

.... Babe Ruth

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