



**How Valentine's Day appeared?**

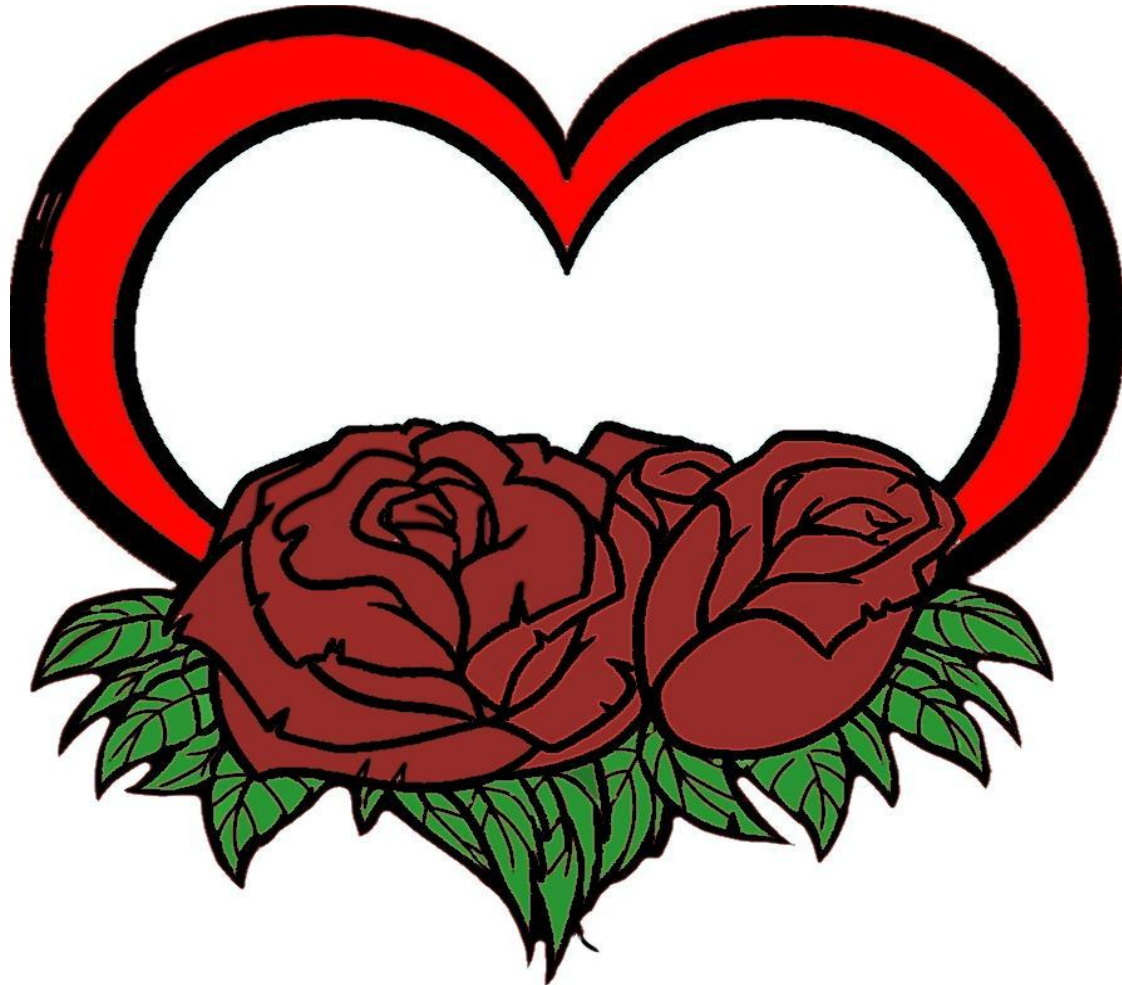
# History

Valentine's Day has existed for more than 15 centuries

So, in Ancient Rome, on February 15, every year, the feast of abundance — Lupercalia—was celebrated in honor of the god Faun, the patron saint of herds.



On this day, the girls wrote love letters, which were placed in a huge urn, and then the men pulled letters. Then each man began to look after the girl whose love letter he pulled out.



# Traditions

In Europe, this holiday has been widely celebrated since the 13th century. In England, they used to carve wooden "spoons of love" and give them to their loved ones. They were decorated with hearts, keys and keyholes, which symbolized that the way to the heart was open.



And in Russia there was a holiday of lovers, only it was celebrated not in winter, but in summer, and was associated with the legendary love story of Peter and Fevronia. Today in our country on this day - July 8 - the official holiday of the All-Russian Day of Family, Love and Fidelity is celebrated.



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*Happy Valentine's Day*

