

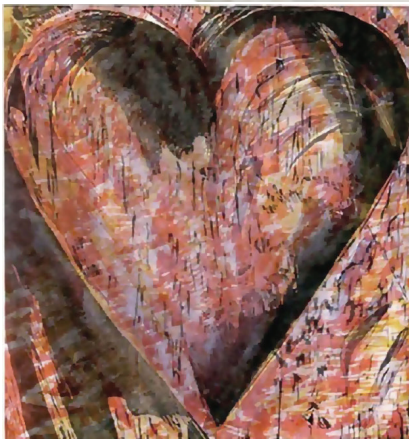
THE VALENTINE'S DAY EDITION

Red roses and boxed chocolates are nice, but your Valentine is probably one in a million, so give them something just as special. We've compiled some thoughtful — and artful — ideas to consider before making your final gift selection.

BY DAVID NASH

Dine In

Surprise your sweetheart with this untitled six-color woodcut from 1996 by pop artist **Jim Dine**. Known for his recurring themes such as hearts, bathrobes and ties, this particular work of heart, measuring 29½ inches by 19½ inches from an edition of 100, is available from Michael Lisi Contemporary Art in New York City. Price upon request. lisicontemporaryart.com



Snake Eyes

Glorifying the head of the snake, Bulgari's Serpenti ring in 18k rose gold, set with rubellite eyes and full pavé diamonds (\$6,800) sparkles with sensuality. Ignite your animal magnetism this month by gifting this wide-eyed little bauble. bulgari.com



Given the Boot

Pick up these Fendi Ski Boots (\$1,150) for your best ski bunny, then hit the slopes for a lover's retreat. Made of neon pink Lycra with a 3D-effect "FF" motif, these high rubber-soled boots with carved tread will warm your heart. fendi.com



Let Them Eat Cake

The design lover in your life will lose their head over this Marie Antoinette bust (\$725) from Hudson Grace. The artisan-crafted Resin-Stone bust is incredibly lightweight at 30 inches by 16 inches. Spark a romantic revolution with this dramatic piece of home decor. hudsongracesf.com



French Twist

Each Hermès Petit H piece, such as this Mysore goatskin and Porosus crocodile Card Holder (\$740) in rose, rouge, jaune and orange, is as unique as the recipient. Available in a few other colorways, shapes and styles, these hand-crafted pieces of art are guaranteed winners for the chicest of beaux. hermes.com

The New Sexy



BY NATASHA CHALENKO

Aphrodisiacs, pheromones and gourmand scents are the latest genre of seductive perfumes. They capture our imagination, hover above our skin, and linger in our memory. An everlasting love, a passionate romance or an effervescent flirt — you decide your own Valentine's Day story, but these perfumes will make the holiday truly unforgettable.



Into the Night.

Casablanca Lily by Byredo is a beautiful seductress. It pays homage to heady flowers that bloom at nightfall — a tempting array of gardenia, plum, carnation and tuberose intensified by rosewood and softened by honey. This precious liquid comes in an extract of perfume formula, so one small drop behind the ear will last you from dusk to dawn. *Byredo Casablanca Lily Perfume Extract*, \$320 for 50 ml; byredo.com



Sweet Harmony. Love is the ultimate addiction, a total loss of boundaries and a roller coaster for the soul — this is the statement behind *Rolling in Love* by

Kilian. An exhilarating symphony of almond milk, ambrette seeds, iris, freesia, vanilla and musk creates an enveloping feeling of a warm, cashmere-soft embrace. *Kilian Rolling in Love Eau de Parfum*, \$240 for 50 ml; bykilian.com

A Tea for Two. I cannot think of a more perfect gourmand unisex fragrance than *Five o'Clock au Gingembre* by Serge Lutens. It opens up with a subtle smokiness of bergamot and tea; transforms into mouthwatering hints of ginger and cinnamon; and ends up with gentle accords of pepper, patchouli, honey, cacao. It's sophisticated and elegant, yet sensual at the same time. *Serge Lutens Five o'Clock Au Gingembre Eau de Parfum*, \$230 for 100 ml; sergelutens.com

