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Por el enorme valor que las madres tienen en la unidad familiar hispana, y como en nuestras comunidades celebramos las tradiciones latinas y también las de Estados Unidos, algunas mamás celebran dos Días de la Madre por año. Las familias hispanas somos mayormente matriarcales de tradición, y es por eso que el Día de la Madre es una de nuestras fiestas más importantes. En un hogar latino, las madres ocupan un lugar de honor especial todos los días del año, pero el Día de la Madre es algo superior. Es la fiesta que más nos conecta emocionalmente.

Muchas madres de todo Estados Unidos celebrarán el Día de la Madre el domingo 14 de mayo de este año, y muchas mamás latinas formarán parte de estas festividades, pero también es posible que lo celebren el miércoles 10. Claro, porque en México, El Salvador y Guatemala, el Día de la Madre se celebra el 10 de mayo, y es una de las fiestas latinas más importantes. El Día de la Madre es la mayor ocasión de envío de tarjetas para latinos en Estados Unidos, ¡superando a Navidad y San Valentín! Esta fiesta es también la mayor ocasión de envío de dinero del año en las comunidades latinas. Muchos latinos que vienen a Estados Unidos aprovechan el Día de la Madre para enviar tarjetas de felicitación y transferencias de dinero a sus madres y familias.



We All Know That Mother's Day Is Very Special!

Many mothers around the U.S. will celebrate Mother's Day on May 14th this year, and many Latina moms will be part of these festivities, but they may also be celebrating a second time this month. Why? The fact is that in Mexico, El Salvador, and Guatemala, Mother's Day is celebrated on May 10th of every year. This is one of the most important Hispanic holidays. Mother's Day is the largest card-sending occasions for Latinos in the U.S., beating out Christmas and Valentine's Day. This holiday is also Hispanic's largest money-sending occasion of the year. Many Latinos who come to the US, will use Mother's Day as a time to send greetings cards and money transfers back to their mom and families back home.



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Con motivo del día de la Madre.

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A mayo se le denomina "el mes de mamá" y conforme nos acercamos a este mes, El internet, la televisión y muchos medios publicitarios nos están sugiriendo qué regalarle a mamá. "El auto para mamá, el vestido de mamá, las joyas que mamá se merece" y mucho más. La celebración del día de la madre es muy importante entre los latinos y definitivamente hace girar muy

rápido las ruedas de la economía este mes. Pero saliendo del tema comercial. ¿Qué es el día de la madre?

Se cuenta que la madre del día de la madre fue Anna Jarvis, quien motivada por algo que escuchó de su madre se motivó para conseguir un día de homenaje a las madres. Ann Reeves Jarvis enseñó a su hija esta oración: "Espero y rezo para que alguien, un día, reconozca un día en memoria de las madres, para celebrar el servicio incomparable que prestan a la humanidad en todas las áreas de la vida". Y vaya si no se sacrifican en innumerables áreas de la vida. La Señora Reeves además de cuidar a su familia hacía trabajos voluntarios durante la guerra civil cuidando soldados heridos y ayudando a mejorar los sistemas de salud.

Cuando la señora Reeves murió en 1905 Anna se esforzó por escribir a connotados políticos de su tiempo para instituir un día reservado para las madres. Su lucha duró varios años, pero finalmente en 1914 se oficializó que el segundo domingo de mayo los Estados Unidos de América celebrarían el día de la madre.

On The Occasion Of Mother's Day.

By Dr. Saul Carranza.
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It is said that the mother that Mother's Day refers to was Anna Jarvis, who, motivated by something she heard from her mother, was inspired to get a day to honor the mothers. Anna Reeves Jarvis taught her daughter this prayer: "I hope and pray that someone one day recognizes a Mother's Day to celebrate the unparalleled service they render to humanity in all areas of life." And, oh boy, did they make sacrifices in countless areas of life. Mrs. Reeves, in addition to taking care of her family, did volunteer work during the civil war, taking care of wounded soldiers and helping to improve health systems. When Mrs. Reeves died in 1905, Anna strove to write to leading politicians of her time to institute a day reserved for mothers. Her struggle lasted several years, but, finally, in 1914 it was made official that the United States of America would celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May.

The Bible expresses it this way: "Her children from her speak well of her, and her husband praises her and says: « There are many good women, but you are the best of all ». Grace and beauty are deceptive, but the woman who respects the Lord is worthy of praise. May she be given the recognition that she deserves from her; and she will congratulate him in public for all the good she has done." Prov 31:28-31.

Paying homage to the person who has given us life is something that I encourage children to do in the best way possible while they live. While she can notice it, while she can receive your love and use the gifts you present to her. Bringing flowers to a cemetery, lifting prayers or sweet sighs for a dead mother do not have the same value as a word, a caress or a gift, even if it is not expensive, when

Con expresiones como "mamita, mami, viejita, mi vieja, mi nana" los latinos nos referimos a la mujer que nos ha dado la vida. Y es que, en un mundo tan lleno de maldad y odio se cumple la sentencia bíblica: "Una mujer ejemplar ¿quién la encontrará? ¡Vale mucho más que las piedras preciosas! A la vista de un hijo agraciado no hay mujer más hermosa ni más digna que mamá. ¡Que bendición tener una madre amorosa! En cada cultura el rol de la madre se cumple de diversas maneras, pero en todas ellas es sinónimo de amor, cuidado, sacrificio y dulzura.

La Biblia lo expresa de esta manera: "Sus hijos hablan bien de ella, y su esposo la alaba y dice: «Hay muchas mujeres buenas, pero tú eres la mejor de todas». La gracia y la belleza son engañosas, pero la mujer que respeta al Señor es digna de alabanza. Que se le dé el reconocimiento que merece; y se le felicite en público por todo el bien que ha hecho." Prov.31:28-31.

Homenajear a quien ha dado la vida es algo que anima a los hijos a hacerlo de la mejor manera, pero en vida. Cuando ella puede darse cuenta, cuando puede recibir tu amor y usar los regalos que le presentes. Llevar flores a un cementerio, elevar plegarias o dulces suspiros por una madre muerta no tienen el mismo valor que una palabra, una caricia o un regalo aunque no sea caro, pero que ella pueda apreciar. Es en vida cuando el amor y el agradecimiento se reciben. Por ello, si tienes el privilegio de ver y acariciar a tu madrecita, hazlo con todas tus fuerzas. Si vive, pero no estás a su lado, hazle saber cuanto la amas. Y si, como yo, ya no la tienes contigo, eleva una oración a Dios agradeciendo por esa maravillosa mujer que te dio la vida. Dónde ella se encuentre asegúrate de decirle "Feliz día mamá. Dios te bendiga".

she can appreciate. It is in life when love and gratitude are received. Therefore, if you have the privilege of seeing and caressing your little mother, do it with all your might. If she lives, but you are not by her side, let her know how much you love her. And if, like me, you no longer have it with you, raise a prayer to God thanking for that wonderful woman who gave to your life.

Wherever she is be sure to say "Happy Mother's Day. God bless you".



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By Marcia Malzahn

One day a year to honor and celebrate moms around the world is not enough. As a mother myself, what I appreciate the most about my children is when they connect with me. Staying in touch with mom is one of the biggest blessings that children can do for them.

Unfortunately, many people have lost their mom or never met their mom. Also, celebrating Mother's Day with your mom

when your relationship is not in a good place can be difficult. In that case, there are still ways you can honor your mother. But if you are fortunate to still have your mother and have a good relationship with her, what are you doing to honor her on Mother's Day? More importantly, what are you doing to honor your mother every day? Below are some ideas that you can do to honor and celebrate your mother:

Spend quality time.

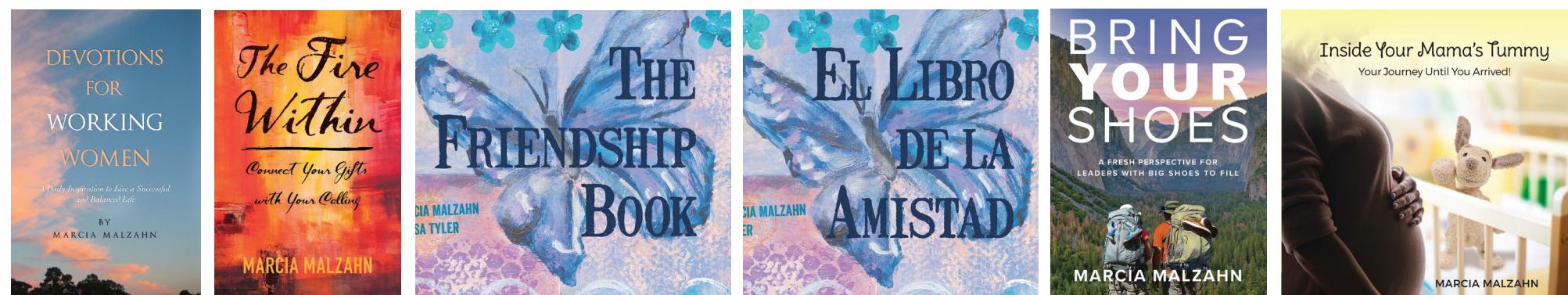
The most sought-after gift by all humans is your loved ones' time. The special quality time spent with a loved one goes way beyond any material gifts given to them. On this Mother's Day, spend time with your mom doing something she enjoys. Sometimes that means simply going out to coffee or visiting her at home.

Tell her you love her.

Often, we assume that our loved ones know we love them, and we don't express it in words. Never assume they know. The people we love need to know and we must tell them with words. There should be no doubt of our love for others – especially the woman who gave birth to you, your mom.

Give her a card.

Something as simple as a Mother's Day card or a handwritten note to your mom wishing her happy Mother's Day is appreciated. You remembered her



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Happy Mother's Day!

Marcia Malzahn

special day. Cards are expensive these days, so if you don't want to spend money on a card, handwrite one. She will treasure it the same as when you were a small child when you were learning to write.

Do an act of service.

As our parents get older, what they could do before and what they did for you is now harder to do. Cooking, cleaning the house, making the bed, doing laundry, driving you to places, taking you to the doctor, and many other activities, are now a challenge for them. Now it's your turn to return the favor and do all of those certain activities for your parents. It is common for women to outlive men so your mom may be now a widow, or was always a single mom, or has been divorced for many years. She needs your help!

Talk with your mom.

It is easy to spend time with someone and not really have a conversation. That is okay sometimes. But people also need time to converse and have heart to heart conversations. Unfortunately, many people don't have that type of relationship with their mothers. In those instances, you can make an effort to simply listen to her stories. That is honoring your mother. If your mom lives far away from you, a virtual visit always works and a surprise visit in person will go beyond any other gift she receives!

Take her on a special vacation.

If you can afford to take your mom on a vacation as a special gift to her, you may have a great opportunity to create wonderful memories. You may not have the time or the money for a vacation but you may be able to do a day trip to a free place and create memorable moments too.

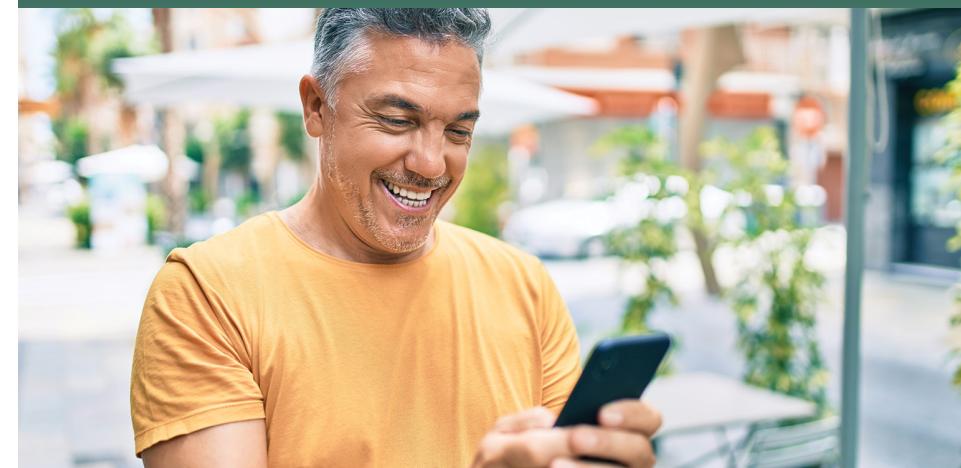
I hope these ideas inspire you to honor your mother in a special way on Mother's Day. If your mom has passed away, you can still honor her memory. I leave you with this Scripture: Exodus 20:12 (NLT) "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

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Bat Housing As One Antidote To The Catastrophic White-Nose Syndrome

*By Deborah Locke, DNR Information Officer
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Deborah Locke interviewed Parks and Trails Resource Management Supervisor Ed Quinn about the health of Minnesota bats. Below is their conversation.

DL: So Ed, tell us about the bat situation in Minnesota.

EQ: Well, it is a two-story tale. Minnesota is home to eight bat species. For bats that migrate southward from Minnesota in the winter – eastern red bats, hoary bats – their populations are ok. The ones that hibernate here – little brown bats and northern long eared bats – they have had a catastrophic population decline due to White-nose Syndrome. It is a fungus introduced to the eastern United States from Europe in the early 2000's. Now over 95 percent of the hibernating bats in Minnesota are gone.

DL: Ninety-five percent? How do you know that?

EQ: In some of the larger caves and mines where bats hibernate, we've done counts of hibernating populations for many years. White-nose Syndrome irritates bats, getting into their skin and membranes which causes them to wake, using up precious energy reserves. Sometimes they leave the hibernaculum to either search for food or to try to reduce the symptoms. In either case they succumb to the disease because they have used up their energy reserves – or they have left the hibernaculum – exposing themselves to freezing winter temperatures where they can't find insects.

DL: What solution did the DNR arrive at?

EQ: Our goal is to ensure that adult bats returning to the hibernaculum are in great shape and their pups are, too. Most species of bats only produce one pup each year. Our job is to install, move or replace bat roosting structures to optimize the survival and condition of migratory bats so they return to the hibernaculum in the best shape possible.

DL: Ed, wait a minute. Are you telling me that female bats only have one baby per year?

EQ: That's true for most bat species.

DL: So the reduced number of bats overall means what to every other part of wildlife?

EQ: Fewer little brown bats and northern long eared bats because of WNS means more food and habitat is available for species such as eastern red and hoary bats. That's good news for the migrating bats. Still, there are fewer bats overall, and that means an increase in the insect population which could impact farm crops and forests.

DL: It seems to follow then that the number of migratory bats is increasing.

EQ: That's possible as they potentially find more habitat and food available.

DL: Could the loss of year-round bats rectify itself as other bat migrating species move in?

EQ: Possibly, but it would still take a very long time because bats produce so few young. We are seeing a bottoming out of the populations of species like little brown bats. This past winter, though, we didn't see an increase in numbers of hibernating bats, and we did not see any bats with symptoms of WNS. That suggests those bats remaining are surviving with WNS which is what they've seen with bats in the eastern U.S. Either they are resistant or immune to WNS, and it's those bats that will rebuild the population.

Much of this situation is out of our control. What we can do is ensure that hibernating bats aren't disturbed by human activity and provide structures that are safe from predators and provide an optimal environment for bats in the summer to roost and to raise their young.

DL: Tell us about the structures

EQ: Most look like a large birdhouse. There's no entry hole; the bats enter from underneath. We call some structures bat condos because they are the size of a doghouse and can hold hundreds of bats.



DL: How many has the DNR put up?

EQ: There are about 135 roosting structures across the state park system with this current project, which gets funding assistance from the Natural Resources Trust Fund. We are monitoring the boxes to learn more about which characteristics – such as temperature – are most important for bats. We'll then be moving or replacing boxes that aren't being utilized to improve their chances of being used by roosting bats.

DL: How long before the non-migratory bat species here return to pre-WNS numbers?

EQ: It's hard to say but it will be a very long time. In Europe scientists think populations there are smaller than before WNS impacted their bats. The same result could happen in the US.

We are at the very beginning of population rebuilding. We hope to see an increased count next year. They are starting to see some small increases in bat numbers in Wisconsin.

DL: Where can I find more information?

EQ: You could go to the Bat Conservation International website. ([See https://www.batcon.org/](https://www.batcon.org/)) or the MNDNR web page Bats of Minnesota ([See https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/mammals/bats.html](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/mammals/bats.html))

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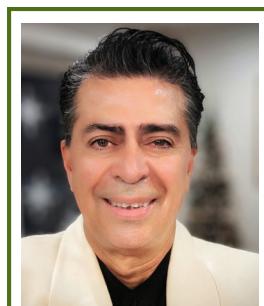
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