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The "Art" of giving for Valentines Day

There's still time for those seeking original ideas and personal one of a kind gifts for Valentines Day. You can't get more personal than giving something you made with your own hands. At Planet Paint, a paint it yourself pottery studio, you can make a personalized Valentine gift by painting a special message on any one of the 200 items offered. Last year many customers painted messages for their sweeties on plates and had dinner served on them at their favorite restaurants. The most popular ideas : paint a vase and deliver w/ flowers, paint a frame and add your picture, paint a heart plate and serve dessert on it. "Eighty percent of our customers make gifts for other people," says Misty Monet, owner of Planet Paint. "One of the most fun parts of my job is hearing the stories of how everyone loved their hand painted gift when they opened it. It really shows that you care because you took time out of your busy schedule to create something for a specific person in mind." The painting fee is \$7 per person to paint, plus the price of the piece.

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The studio fee covers all your supplies including paints, stencils, stamps, idea books, the final clear glaze, and the firing. Pieces are ready in just a few days. Planet Paint has specials almost every day for the paint fee like two for ones, after school specials, and family discounts.

Looking for a new and unusual Valentine date? Planet Paint will open for a special Valentine evening (normally closed on Mondays) from 5-9 pm. Customers are invited to bring their own beverage while Planet Paint provides a cheese and cracker bar. The “two for one” painting fee, sappy love songs, and candle lit painting party makes for the most fun and romantic date yet. Planet Paint encourages customers to pick up dinner at the Sunset Café and bring it in to the studio. At Planet Paint, couples that paint together, stay together.

Born and raised in Italy, 38-year old owner Misty Monet received her education in the US where she discovered the paint your own studio phenomena while doing an internship with a local art gallery. She did a year of research at the local college before applying for community grants to open her studio. Misty has been honored with the Small Business of the Year Award last month and asked to speak at the CCSA convention this August.

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