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Romance, redefined

Who says Valentine's Day has to be all about couples? There are plenty of fun things to do on February 14 that celebrate love in whatever form works for you

Valentine's Day is a weird holiday. For me, a prickly-on-the-outside person who secretly loves nothing more than being in love, any display of affection that seems performative, forced or rooted in anything other than absolute genuineness causes me to roll my eyes.

Aside from not loving heart-shaped everything and "romantic" prix-fixe menus, though, I also think Valentine's Day misses the mark by focusing solely on romantic love. Not having a romantic partner on the arbitrary designation of any old February 14th shouldn't be a reason to write off the day altogether.

Instead, I vote we celebrate Valentine's Day as an opportunity to celebrate whatever love we have in our lives, be it coupled, familial, between friends, or, arguably the most important kind, love of ourselves.

Here are some things to do on Valentine's Day that are guaranteed to be fun and celebratory, minus the cheese and definitely with no partner required.

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The Smoking Gun / Gaslamp Quarter

Also bucking the trend of holding events just geared toward couples is The Smoking Gun, which is holding a singles night on Valentine's Day from 9 to 11 p.m. Themed games and activities accompany a special cocktail menu with drinks made with Uncle Ed's Damn Good Vodka. This one seems ideal for anyone going stag or, owing to the fact that this is one of the most fun bars in the Gaslamp with a more local crowd, a group of buddies.
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