



# VALENTINE'S DAY LIFE HACKS FOR THE LONELY HEARTS CLUB

## ARE YOU DREADING VALENTINE'S DAY?

Do you think it's just for happy couples? Has it gone too commercial? Well- you're wrong! This year in Oxford, you can get more (and we mean MUCH more) out of life on Valentine's Day. Read on for Valentine's Day Life Hacks for the Lonely Hearts Club. Remember: you don't need your laptop, cellphone or tablet for any of these stops.



## HACK #1: Snag a Bouquet

**FLORAL BUDS & DESIGN**  
**507 DUNDAS ST. WOODSTOCK, ON.**

Floral Buds in Woodstock is the perfect spot to grab a beautiful, fresh-cut bouquet, arrangement, trendy succulents and even fresh lavender skincare products. Owner Erik Wesseling is an expert florist who has run the business for 17 years in Woodstock. He's also traveled the world entering various arranging competitions to great success. The difference from him and your average grocery store bouquet? Well besides the TLC he puts in at the shop, he said it's the layering of textures that makes his work really stand out.



**THE HACK: SEND YOURSELF SOME FLOWERS! JUST PRETEND THEY'RE FROM YOUR SECRET ADMIRER. DON'T FORGET TO HAVE THEM DELIVERED IN FRONT OF YOUR FRIENDS!**



## STEP #2: Eat Loads of Chocolate



**CHOCOLATEA OR HABITUAL CHOCOLATE**  
**38 King St. E. Ingersoll OR 389 Dundas St. Woodstock**

Here's a tip: a chocolate shoppe will not deny you of that sweet goodness just because don't have a date! Whether you're spending V-Day with your sweetie, a friend, family or getting in some quality me-time, chocolate is a must. In Ingersoll, shop the creative flavours of chocolatier Cindy Walk of Chocolatea (pictured left). For purists, Habitual Chocolate in Woodstock offers the opportunity to watch chocolate go from bean to bar all in one stop. Shop delicious bars, chocolate covered fruits and more all while wafting in the delicious sent of chocolate being made in house.

**THE HACK: IF YOU'RE NOT INTO THE IDEA OF BUYING CHOCOLATE FOR YOURSELF- FEAR NOT. JUST SAY IT'S FOR YOUR SWEETIE. WE WON'T JUDGE.**

## HACK #3: TAKE YOURSELF TO DINNER

**LOUIE'S PIZZA & PASTA**  
**440 Bell St. Ingersoll**

For hefty portions and delicious flavour combos, you can't go wrong taking yourself to Louie's Pizza & Pasta. Known for their Big Ass Panzerottis (plan to tackle this one with friends) they're a road house with flare. A must-stop Oxford destination, Louie's has a number of awesome cheesy menu items like their smoked Gunn's Hill mac n' cheese, pizza of the month (spaghetti pizza, anyone?) and their deep friend Gunn's Hill cheese curds, you really can't go wrong.

**THE HACK: ASK FOR A TABLE FOR TWO AND PRETEND YOUR DATE IS IN THE WASHROOM. THAT'S RIGHT, MORE FOOD FOR YOU.**



**THE ELM HURST INN'S MANSION RESTAURANT**  
**415 Harris, St. Ingersoll**

Treat yourself to a decadent dinner at the beautiful Elm Hurst Inn. Think nicely plated meals, local cheese boards, soups with beautiful flavour profiles and more. Located inside a historic mansion and home of Ingersoll's famous cheese maker James Harris, take a stroll around the grounds after your meal or book yourself into the spa.

