

THINGS TO DO

# 9 WAYS to return the love ON MOTHER'S DAY

A massage, a special lunch or afternoon tea, jazz and jewelry are among suggestions for honoring Mom.

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Coming up May 12, Mother's Day is an opportune time to celebrate mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, mothers-to-be and mom figures who have and continue to support achievements and adventures of family and friends.

Moms are the pillars of strength, the secret-keepers, occasional babysitters and so much more. On Mother's Day, turn the tables and thank her with tickets to local events, activities to enjoy and gifts especially for her. This Mother's Day, make her life a little more joyful by choosing one or more of these suggestions:

### Events

■ **Countryside lunch.** Take your favorite Mom to Chattahoochee Hills for a relaxing Mother's Day four-course



On May 11 and 12, moms can relax and indulge with the Mother's Day package at Utopia Foot & Shoulder Massage, a boutique day spa. COURTESY OF THE CORK BROTHERS

prix fixe lunch at the **Farmhouse at Serenbe**. The farm-to-table menu will feature organic, seasonal options such as crab cakes; strawberry gazpacho; a third course with buttermilk fried chicken, herb-crusted rack of lamb or pan seared grouper, each served with truffle mac and

cheese, green beans and corn succotash; and choice of dessert. \$85 per person. Noon-4:30 p.m. May 12.

10950 Hutcheson Ferry Road, Chattahoochee Hills. 770-463-2622, [serenbefar.com](http://serenbefar.com)

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■ **A bit of bliss.** Relaxation calls for a visit to **Utopia Foot & Shoulder Massage** for a special Mother's Day package featuring a foot, back and shoulder massage plus a scalp massage and chocolate foot scrub. To help her continue to enjoy me time, consider gifting a three-visit membership package with massage service times ranging from 30 to 90 minutes per visit. Mother's Day special available May 11-12, \$85. Membership package, \$90-\$192. 465 Boulevard SE, Atlanta. 404.228.4183, [utopiaatlanta.com](http://utopiaatlanta.com)