

# Treehouse celebrates 40 years in Cave Junction

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Treehouse Florist will be celebrating their 40th birthday as a business Dec. 2 and 3 and the event will include refreshments, an open house and an album full of old pictures that will visually narrate the history of the establishment. The business was started by Joy Hopkins and her late husband Doug but Joy has recently retired from ownership, in April, and has passed on the

privilege to her daughter Anita Anderson.

When asked why, of all the businesses available to start, they chose a flower shop the answer was simple. They had experience with home gardening and that, "It was for sale and my husband was a building contractor. I think he was ready for a change." The husband and wife team decided to split up the duties with Joy taking care of the flower shop and Doug handling the nursery.

Anderson, now full owner of the shop, stated that they are a

full service florist so they cater to events like weddings, funerals and everything in between. They also feature a full gift line plus balloons, cards and party supplies. "We want our customers to be cared for and happy. The small town vibe is how we want the business to continue," Anderson stated, when asked about the future of the business. "We want to stay here. I was born and raised here and want to stay and continue."

The business has been in different locations throughout the years and Anderson suspects that

it's one of the oldest surviving stores in town though she could not say for sure. "We kind of outgrew the original building so we moved the flower shop downtown." Joy remarked, when asked to comment on their decision to relocate back when she was running the business.

Anderson employs a part time worker who is not related to her family but that her mom, despite having retired from the business, and sister comes out to help during holidays when they get really busy. "I love what I do," Anderson said

about owning her own shop, "My dad always said if you love what you do you'll never work a day in your life." Without a doubt these are words to live by and that outlook should keep them in business for years to come.

On a final note, Anderson's only complaint about running her own business is the persistent problem of keeping up with various levels of bureaucratic red tape that all businesses have to endure.



Fair Board member Mark Gatlin (left), Fair Manager Peggy Anderson and Fair Board member Mary Groves.

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