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New to downtown Grant as of the latter part of September is “Poppe’s Posies,” a flower shop and gift store under the ownership of Michele Poppe.

The sound of contagious laughter is often heard from Poppe and longtime friends and co-workers Alicia Patrick and Robbin Cornelius. Collectively, the trio has over 33 years of experience in floral design. They worked together at Grant Floral before deciding to open a separate shop at 150 Central.

“We just have so much fun together, we really are like family,” said Poppe.

It took about six weeks after deciding to open a new floral outlet before actually being ready—building owners Rex and Anita Burge had new carpet laid and the offices that previously housed HomeTown Agency and Burge Auction were transformed with bright paint, new counter, antiques, along with odds and ends furniture for displaying gift items. New windows and brightly painted door posts create an inviting storefront.

The logo was designed by Tony Pofahl, 2001 Grant High School graduate, and painted onto the sign and sales counter by local residents Kathy and John Woodmancy.

“The name was fairly easy to come up with and we all liked it,” said Poppe.

Her husband of 21 years, Alan, assembled a new flower cooler with the help of several friends, and several cupboards were donated by Burge from his former RPM Automotive shop.

“We just want it to feel warm and welcoming,” she said.

Poppe’s Posies carries a wide selection of gifts. The women went to Denver to market in August, and in September they attended market in Dallas, stocking the store with unique items.

Poppe said their goal is to be a full service flower shop, and she looks forward to providing beautiful arrangements for special occasions.

“We promise to take good care of you,” she said.

Along with running the new floral and gift shop, Poppe is the busy mother of a senior, Brooke, a freshman, Blake, and second grader Alexander.

Poppe’s Posies is planning a Grand Opening on Monday, Oct. 26.