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Since 1985, many people in or around Dexter, Missouri, have been familiar with Gregory's Creations located on the corner of Stoddard Street in downtown Dexter.

After twenty-eight years of being in the floral artistry business, owner Greg Banken has decided to sell the shop and move on to explore new adventures.

"I'll be moving to Kansas City but continuing the same thing. I'll be doing floral artistry there as well. It's been a good twenty-eight years here, but I've decided to move on."

Greg Banken has worked for other flower shops in the area prior to his own, but Greg started Gregory's Creations in 1985 from scratch. He started with absolutely no merchandise, just experience, and since then has filled his shop with various items and has vastly built up an impressive clientele.

"I just want to live in the city. I think it's time for a change," said Greg on leaving Dexter.

The shop that many in the area have come familiar with will stay in business as someone has already purchased it. Terry and Tim Holder of Dexter will be the new faces in the shop, and both seem eager to continue help the business thrive. Greg said, "They will take over after the first of the year. "

When Greg was asked if he thought it would be tough for him moving to Kansas City and starting again he replied very quickly with, “No. I don’t think it will be tough because I’m so ready for the change.”

Greg commented that this upcoming weekend he will be doing his fifth second-generation wedding. Meaning he did their parents wedding and will now be doing theirs. “I have quite a bit of root here, so I’ll definitely miss that. I have customers that have been my customers since my first week of being in business.”

Many people faithfully stop in the shop for various reasons. Whether it is getting a wedding gift, having a gift or flowers sent to a funeral, ordering tuxes, boutonnieres or corsages, or even just to say hello. These faithful customers have nothing to worry about. The business will stay the same just with new faces taking over.

Greg closed by saying, “It’ll be good. It’s going to be bitter sweet though. I did build this from nothing, but I’ll do it again. “

Many people have asked Greg why he would start over after building this successful business and he replied every time with, “Because I can.”

Greg Banken has made it obvious that he loves what he does and he is very excited to be taking on this new adventure.

We wish Greg the best of luck as he practices his floral artistry talent in Kansas City, and also wish the Holders the best of luck in taking over and may they all have many more years of success!

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