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**Landmark flower shop holds grand re-opening;**  
*Trenton Floral springs to life in downtown Trenton*



Here is the moment when the ribbon was cut at Trenton Floral, With Designs By Marty, on Saturday morning (Jan. 5). Seen here are George Langford, Marty Rogers Langford, Elizabeth Rogers-Langford, Stephanie Douglas of the Gilchrist County Chamber of Commerce, Sarah Martin, Karan Hilliard, Meredith Andrews, Kyle Brammer, Gene Sails, Sheryl Brown, Bob Ross, Brad Smith, Denise Hudson and Stephanie Beasley. They are just part of the crowd of well-wishers who came to celebrate the grand re-opening.

**Story, Photos and Video**

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**TRENTON** – A flurry of activity in the late morning on Saturday (Jan. 5) bodes well for downtown Trenton as a well-established business enjoys a breath of new life being breathed into it.

<https://youtu.be/of5uNDUVl5A>

In this video, the ribbon is cut.

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In this photo, Marty Rogers Langford looks down to another person holding a big pair of ceremonial scissors -- Elizabeth Rogers-Langford -- as George Langford and many others prepare for the moment when the ribbon is cut.



(from left) George Langford, Elizabeth Rogers-Langford, and Marty Rogers Langford provide a pre-ceremony photo opportunity near the front window of Trenton Floral – With Designs By Marty – on Saturday (Feb. 5).

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**Paige Brookins, owner of The Gathering Table Restaurant in Chiefland, arrives with plenty of hors d'oeuvres. Here she is seen with Marty Rogers Langford (left) and George Langford.**



**Bob Ross stands next to the cedar shelves he built for his nephew Marty Rogers Langford. Ross is also known for his amazing woodworking skills with cypress.**

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Trenton Floral, With Designs By Marty, held a grand re-opening ribbon-cutting ceremony to herald the revitalization of the flower shop that first became one of the cornerstones of the Trenton business district in 1972.

The shop is located at 110 N. Main St. (U.S. Highway 129), which on the east side of the street just a tad north of Wade Avenue (State Road 26).

Now, almost half a century after first coming to be, George Langford and Marty Rogers Langford have refurbished Trenton Floral so that it offers Designs By Marty to serve at weddings, events and wherever floral designs are requested.

Elizabeth Rogers-Langford, 6, is a partner in the venture as well – helping with ribbon-cutting duties, and whatever other chores are needed by a child to assure success at the shop.

With family and other ties all across the area, the Trenton Floral team started out with a great ceremonial first day.

Even before the doors opened, Bob Ross, a relatively well-known Levy County wood craftsman, built cedar shelves for his nephew - Marty.

And as the day began, Paige Brookins brought plenty of hors d'oeuvres from her restaurant in Chiefland – The Gathering Table. Cookies, cheese, grapes, crackers and breakfast biscuits that had meat and cheese, were among those goodies.

Stephanie Douglas of the Gilchrist County Chamber of Commerce brought the ribbon and scissors for cutting, and as serendipity would have it, with this Chamber having so many ribbon-cutting events, this one emptied the spool – at just the right distance.

A good time was had by all. George Langford mentioned that Trenton Floral has plans to help the community enjoy flowers and other plants year-round, including potential learning opportunities for young people.