

Petals & Lapels opens with pomp and circumstance

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On Saturday, March 28, Petals & Lapels had its grand opening with a joyous ribbon-cutting. What was once Hal's Flowers, the building at 303 S. Church St. has been renovated and stands tall with a new shine and name.

Proprietor of Petals & Lapels, Josh Jenkins, was surrounded by family, friends and supporters as he opened the doors almost a year since they'd last closed.

The day was filled with utter joy as the building was filled to the rafters with people in support of Jenkins.

"I'm loving the day," noted Jenkins. "The day's been great, full of excitement. It's just so wonderful to be back in business and open!"

Just last year on April 2, April Fools Day arrived late with a cruel joke on Hal's with a random electrical fire in the cooler room where the flowers were stored.

Thanks to quick-acting from Cynthiana and Harrison County Fire Departments as well as the Cynthiana Police Department, the building was mostly salvaged. A lot of the response time was due to the happenstance of Assistant Chief of Police Robert Peak eating next-door at Leono's and his noticing the smoke



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P&L owner Josh Jenkins and staff are already off to a busy start after their grand opening.



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from the window.

"It was as quick as it could be," noted Jenkins on the response time to the fire.

Owner Jenkins noted that electrical wires above the

building were culprit to the fire. The age of the building is up for debate, according to Jenkins, but items found when digging through the place indicate that it's been

around since at-least 1951.

"It started out as a small train depot building," added Jenkins. "Super small train depot. We found that out when we re-did the floor pattern."

As of the re-opening, the place looks immaculate with a stunning floor and welcoming atmosphere. And the cooling room in the back where the flowers are stored is back in tip-top shape, just in time for Spring.

Since the fire, Jenkins noted that the community has rallied around him and the business, though it didn't surprise him.

"Oh yes, absolutely they've rallied around us, it's Cynthiana," joked Jenkins. "It's the best place for small businesses and just life in general and the community always comes together for everybody."

As the name suggests, Petals & Lapels offers a large variety of flowers and outfit rentals and the timing couldn't be better with prom season peaking right around the corner.

"It's prom season, we're in full tuxedo and suit mode," noted Jenkins. "We've got flowers galore. We'll be adding candy bouquets to our lineup soon and we're just excited to be back and help anybody that we can with events, weddings, dances, prom, whatever we can do."

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much as possible. We're very thankful that there's quite a bit of activity for kids interested in the arts."

Allison Earlywine from the High School helped with application and the process to make it work for students. It's an online application that requires some creativity. One of the fun questions is about which award show applicants would like to attend, like the Oscars or Tony awards.

Rohs Opera House owner and RTC board member, Roger Slade, noted, "Everybody was excited about it. Part of our mission is live productions, but also to help in education and the arts. We just wanted to help out. We're in a place now financially that we can do something like this. And with Becky being our first artistic director, it felt like a good way to honor her. It's another way to give back to the arts. Hopefully in the future we can do more or a bigger one."

And current RTC President, Casey Newcomb, reiterated the excitement.

"It's wonderful, I'll start there," stated Newcomb. "We always want to collaborate with the students more, because that's the future of the theater. And for a long time it wasn't a big part of our school

system. So it's good to give back to the kids, even just a little bit. We just wanted to give them an opportunity. And having it be the Becky Smith scholarship was a wonderful idea by Kendal. It's just really wonderful."

After several years of successful productions, the RTC has been able to build enough of a financial foundation that giving back is possible.

"We're in pretty good shape right now," stated Newcomb. "It'd be cool to even expand it in the future. There's a really good group of kids in theater right now. The youngest group we have right now at the elementary level is great, including the high school level. We had such a hole for a while that it's exciting to see theater at every level for kids now. For the longest time it just wasn't there."

In addition to helping the students, the board was happy to do their part in honoring former director Smith in any way that they could.

"The board was absolutely on board," elaborated Newcomb. "We wouldn't be where we're at without her, so it's the least we could do. She's done a heck of a lot. Becky was so so honored and just was completely taken aback that we did it. She was shocked and absolutely in awe over it, it was really sweet."

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