

A Nose For **FLOWERS**

Flower Hound owner Paige Tabor is building her business on tracking down unique flowers, plants, and home décor.

By Laura Lieff

■ lower Hound owner Paige Tabor's love of flowers and plants dates back to her childhood. She fondly remembers her mother having big plants and a blooming garden so, as an adult, she started slowly collecting plants of her own and taking an interest in different varieties. One plant turned into a houseful and she never looked back.

Paige Tabor, owner of Flower Hound

in downtown Eagle.

Originally from Bradenton, Florida, Tabor and her husband Matt moved to Eagle County in 2013. Three years ago, they moved to Gypsum and in May 2023 Flower Hound opened-just in time for Mother's Day. Tabor says that at the beginning of 2023 she wanted to set her intentions for something that has always brought her joy-creating. "I was searching for an outlet that would allow me to make things on a consistent basis," she explains. "I had always admired people who have booths at markets so I started dreaming about what I could make so that I could apply to be a vendor. Plants and flowers are a love of mine so I decided to hone in on that."

Tabor found that the more time she spent creating, the more she fell in love with floristry, and the more joy she began to feel. "I knew there was something here when customers asked where my shop was and when wedding and event inquiries started to come in," she adds. "I decided to do a full send into entrepreneurship and the hunt for Flower Hound's home began."

Located at 115 E 2nd Street in Eagle, Flower Hound features a walk-in greenhouse, a plant shower, distinctive home items, and, of course, a wide range of flowers and plants. "My shop is a botanical marketplace," says Tabor. "From plants to peonies and moisture meters to moss poles, we've got you covered. We also provide potting services, treatment of ailing plants, at-home care instructions, staging services for photoshoots, and in-home plant consultations. We are here for all of your plant needs."

For those wondering who the Flower Hound is-it's Tabor's beloved bloodhound Ruthie. "When trying on names for my budding business, nothing felt quite right," she recalls. "It wasn't until I noticed Ruthie sniffing a neighbor's roses and I shouted, 'Come on my little Flower Hound,' that everything clicked." Tabor loves words that are synonymous with



inside the shop.

Hounds-searching, tracking, finding-and says that she is constantly doing all of those things. "Whether its finding peonies during off-season for a bride because they have sentimental value, or locating a wish list plant for a client, the thrill of the hunt makes this job fun."

In addition to flowers and plants, the shop offers cards, water bottles, candles, blankets, and other unique items. Tabor says she chooses pieces that feel warm and cozy and plants that are easy to look after. "We want everyday items to be special and fun and we want vintage home décor to brag about to our friends." MTN

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