

Meet the Merchant- vol. 6 September '11



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2. How long you have been in business and do you live in the area?

I have been in the floral industry my whole adult life. Even though my educational background is in languages, the pressure of coming from a family owned business was overwhelming to ignore. Also, I was always picking flowers in everyone's garden and arranging since I was a young child. I have had this flower shop in Milwaukee since 1995.

Yes, I do live in the area; I am a big advocate of patronizing the places where you live so I shop, conduct business and live in the neighborhood.

3. Why did you choose to open your business on Brady Street?

I chose to open my business on Brady street because I felt there was no other area in Milwaukee that had such great numbers of pedestrian traffic. Also, the quaint notion of a neighborhood is charming and it didn't hurt that the neighborhood was historically Italian, like myself, and I have access to gelato everywhere!

4. What would you like to share with our Brady Street admirers?

I love to travel. I've travelled to Africa twice and even lived in Grenada, Spain, and Switzerland for a few years. All the travelling has shaped who I am today. It was an amazing time in my life. I also love to bake Italian cookies and red velvet cupcakes.

Mari is pleased to offer this special for the month of September if you mention "Meet the Merchant:" Cash and Carry Roses, \$25 a dozen