

Gregarious Goose offers handmade items

S. Broad St. retailer has crafting area for classes

STAFF REPORTS

Alice Stallcup and her husband Rudolf Gruenke, who goes by Rudy, celebrated the grand opening of the Gregarious Goose Thursday with a ribbon-cutting, sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce.

About 40 people gathered in the 315 S. Broad St. shop to celebrate the store, which offers handmade, high-quality artisan items created by small family businesses. There is a space in the back that allows for Stallcup to hold crafting classes.

Stallcup spent 18 years working for the Cincinnati Police Department, the first six as a patrol officer, the last 12 as a forensic video analyst for the homicide division.

When she retired several years ago, she and her husband, who's also retired from the Cincinnati PD, moved to Edenton and started thinking about the next chapter of their lives.

After the storefront became available at 315 S. Broad St., Stallcup opened The Gregarious Goose. While the idea of the store was a long-time dream, when it came to finding a name, she turned to her family for help.

"I never had a store name," Stallcup said. "I needed to come up with a store name that represented the community. And time and time again, the white goose kept coming up."

She decided the store couldn't just be "The Goose," so she tried to pick some adjectives that described her personality. Her family picked "gregarious" out of the words she selected. A relative also created the goose that's featured in her logo.

Handmade children's clothes, jewelry, soaps, facial creams and pillows are just a few of the items available for sale in The Gregarious Goose.

Bird houses a local



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Alice Stallcup (center, with bow) and her husband, Rudolf "Rudy" Gruenke (with scissors) cut the ribbon during the grand opening of their store, the Gregarious Goose, Thursday in downtown Edenton. Supporters from the community, as well as elected officials and members of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce attended the celebration.



Community members attend the ribbon-cutting and grand opening at the Gregarious Goose.

couple make out of Cypress wood is a popular item. While they are made to function outside, Stallcup said "they are so beautiful you can hang them in your home."

Stallcup said Rudy also

can make customized wood engravings for customers.

During the grand opening, both town councilor Steve Biggs and Chowan County Board of Commissioners Chair Patti Kersey welcomed Stallcup and her

store to the retail community.

Stallcup said she followed an "eclectic quirky design style" when creating the store's layout. Antique wood chicken coops with lights hang from the ceiling. Rudy



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Above: Pennants feature the houses of Hogwarts in the Harry Potter series. Left: A bottle-topper for sale features a map of Chowan County and Edenton.

built the shelving, incorporating wood and pipe for what Stallcup describes as a "very industrial feel with a vintage farmhouse vibe."

In addition to the store's retail area, Stallcup set up tables and chairs she plans to use for crafting classes. A list of the classes is available on The Gregarious Goose's Facebook page.

In one of the store's display windows, Stallcup has placed a small table and chairs for kids who ac-

company their parents. She provides crayons and paper for them to use coloring their own pictures while their parents shop.

"The kids love it so much they don't want to leave," Stallcup said.

For information, visit The Gregarious Goose's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/The-Gregarious-Goose-1082836891918789/>, or Instagram, @thegregariousgoose.

Regulator rolls out upgrades for 2020

All boat models to feature T-Top, Garmin packages

SUBMITTED REPORT

Regulator Marine announced its 2020 model year upgrades July 11, with big boat standards now leading advancements to every boat in the fleet. Taking a cue from the celebrated Regulator 41, every model in the Regulator line will now feature a standard T-Top with Wraparound Windshield, as well as standard factory-installed Garmin® electronics packages suited to each boat's personality. Additional storage, eco-friendly upholstery, and new recessed switch panels at the helm are also part of standard enhancements, with more offshore models now offering Seakeeper® and FLIR™ as part of new options.

"When we plan the new model year, we really look at what our customers want from their boating experience, and, specifically, what they want from Regulator," said Joan Maxwell, president and co-founder of Regulator Marine. "The majority of feedback we receive centers on the quality of our build, and the understanding of what it means for our expert team to plan and

build your entire boat to our exact specifications. The new standards speak to that feedback, and we are excited to get our new line out on the water this summer!"

Cutting-edge engineering processes and more innovative technology are central to the 2020 Model Year, with Regulator's commitment to customer comfort, ease and reliability at every turn. The new integrated windshield is certain to be a standout as it protects boaters at the helm with three-sided glass enclosure and switch-operated vent, plus enhanced metalwork for increased strength and durability. Also at the helm, factory-installed electronics deliver more consistent performance and ensure that Regulator owners can make the most of Garmin's best-in-class electronics, which include brighter displays, Auto Guidance for point-to-point navigation, wider viewing area and an expanded three-year warranty. New recessed switch panels with LED switches do double duty, with less switches that do more, and the new navigation and dock lighting provide more light at the bow to enhance visibility and safety.

The new model year introductions come on the

heels of a 55,000-square-foot factory expansion and the successful introduction of the Regulator XO Series, designed to bring Regulator's award-winning fit, finish and ride to lakes, bays, bayous and shallower waters. The first boats in the 2020 fleet will roll out in mid-July at "The Deep Dive Model Year Unveiling" on the village docks in Edenton, inviting dealers and customers to explore what makes Regulator one of the best center consoles on the market today.

For information on the 2020 Model Year, fans can contact their local dealer and follow @regulator-marine for up-to-the-minute news on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Born and built to last in Edenton, since 1988, Regulator boats are tested against the challenging conditions of the Outer Banks, and delivered to locations throughout the U.S. and abroad.

As manufacturers of premiere offshore sport-fishing boats ranging from the Regulator 23 to the Regulator 41, as well as the new Regulator 26XO crossover center console, Regulator designs and engineers boats for the most discriminating anglers in the world with a "no-compromise" philosophy for a Legendary Ride.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Albemarle Boats to debut 31-foot dual console in fall

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Albemarle Boats announced that construction is underway on a new 31-foot Dual Console model. The Albemarle 31 DC will debut in the fall of 2019 as the company enters its 42nd year in business. This will be the Albemarle's second Dual Console model, as the company introduced the 27 DC last October at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

According to Albemarle General Manager Burch Perry, "We are tremendously excited about the new 31 DC, as we have again answered the call of our customer base. Our boat owners have been telling us that they need more versatility and

family-friendly features. They need one boat capable of chasing fish offshore in the morning and accommodating a variety of family activities in the afternoon. The 31 DC will build on many of the features and innovations that have made our 27 DC a hit, but she will boast a lot more size and content, allowing owners to go further and do more."

A 24-degree deadrise, hand-laid solid fiberglass hull, one-piece construction, and superior weather protection will ensure a ride worthy of the Albemarle name and allow boating even when the weather is less than ideal. She will feature reliable and efficient Yamaha outboard power with a choice of 300

or 350 horsepower. The bow, helm and cockpit seating will offer plenty of comfortable space for family and friends. Her cockpit is uncluttered and well laid out for multiple purposes. The standard boat has everything you need for a day offshore, and with the addition of the optional cockpit galley, she is very capable of onboard dinner cruises as well. The 31 also features our "A" Berth, an innovative full beam berth, making her the first dual console in the class truly capable of comfortable overnighting.

"The all-new 31 Dual Console will be the most capable boat in the size segment," stated Keith Privott, Albemarle director of sales

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