

# Love it or love it not, Petal Pushers blooms

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Creativity blossoms in the new series *Petal Pushers*, airing Mondays at 10:30 p.m. on HGTV Canada. The series premiered at the end of December and was a perfect antidote to all the white and grey of this snowy winter.

It's a fresh example of the reality-lifestyle programming that has sprung up on TV over the past few years similar to *The Style Dept.* and last year's *Dirty Business*. It offers a glimpse into the work that goes into creating high-end floral design at Toronto's Posies Flower Shop.

And there is a bouquet of colourful characters on hand. The team is led by owner and lead designer Karina, but also on hand are the fabulous "Soleil," rock-solid Cathy, reliable Monique, critical Amber and greenhorn floral student Chris.

Granted, this isn't *Hell's Kitchen*. It isn't

even *Hell's Florist*. Still, it's a bloomin' good option if you're looking for an inside peek at a lesser-known business.

Each episode follows members of the design team as they tackle several projects, which can run the gamut from one fanciful arrangement for a client's party to multiple pieces for a large special event.

While the show pushes that it offers how-to's, those tips take a back seat to the reality aspect of the show, so keep your eyes peeled for tidbits on everything from what kinds of flowers to use to how to keep them fresh.

Still, it's pretty entertaining viewing, thanks to the employees. Like most of the other lifestyle-type reality programs, its team deals with stress that stems from tight deadlines and budgets. And, as with every job, things can get thorny.



*Petal Pushers*