



## Showcase Projects

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Communities in Bloom came into being through the interest of two gentlemen instrumental in the welfare of the Town of Carberry. Ed Drabek was the Mayor and Ivan Olmstead was a Councillor. Their first project was the Welcome to Carberry sign at the north entrance to town. Then on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002 an information meeting was held in the basement of the former municipal office with handouts to read, including an evaluation grid and a committee was formed.

Chairman: Ivan Olmstead      Secretary: Mona Nelson

Treasurer: Muriel McPhail      News Reporter: Marilyn Myers

In 2007 we needed a project of a different proportion and a picnic shelter with the roof of a replica of the former CPR station was suggested. Mona Nelson and Linda Yablonski took plans to the Town Council who approved the idea. As a result, the shelter was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony and presented to the Town as a gift from Carberry CiB at the Heritage Festival on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

As you see, the Picture Shelter is completed. With the help of our members, Parks, Recreation and Sanitation staff and the addition of perennials donated by John Watterson, plus flowers planted by Pine Haven Farms it has made a beautiful setting for picnics, entertainment and farmers markets. Also of note, many of the 2018 Collegiate graduates used the shelter as a background for their photos, as well as some of this year's bridal parties.

In 2017 Carberry CiB was awarded \$500 from Equinox for their floral display. Members used that money, plus enough extra to purchase two Castle planters which had been placed at Ramsey's Garage. Thanks to Clara and family, they provide a beautiful floral display to welcome people from Carberry from Highway 5. This is a tradition the Ramsey's have been doing for at least half a century and we felt needed to recognize their handiwork.

Carberry and North Cyprus/Langford Museum Building Committee have raised funds for repairs to the porch of the "Gingerbread House". Likewise, the Agricultural Society are raising funds to repair the "Round House" at the Fairgrounds. These are Heritage Buildings and the CiB members agreed to donate \$100 to each, with more funds as available.

Another of our Heritage treasures is our local Cemetery. Two of our CiB members are volunteers at this site and spend hours planting, weeding and watering... the results are a lovely site dedicated to the memory of those who gave us our heritage.

We cannot say "Thank You" often enough to all of our citizens, our members, plus the tremendous support from the Town of Carberry through their Public Works Department and the Parks, Recreation and Sanitation staff.