

# Orono Community Improvement Plan

## THE APPLE BLOSSOM FLOWER SHOP

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Going into her 23rd year, Yvonne Maitland, owner of the Apple Blossom Flower Shop, has been more than a business owner to the residents of Orono.

"I am as home grown as you can get," smiles Mrs. Maitland. "The shop is familiar to everyone - especially the older people. When you have been a part of a community for this long, you get to really know the people."

Mrs. Maitland has built her business on trust. Knowing the community as well as she does - she just "knows" what people want. It's not uncommon to hear, "just call Yvonne, tell her what flowers you want and she'll know what to do."

This is a real comfort, especially when it comes to ordering flowers for a funeral. Orono is a close community and yes, everyone is considered family. One call to Yvonne and everything is taken care of - beautifully.

Aside from the flower shop and her creativity, Yvonne is making a name for herself designing and creating floral arrangements for weddings. And not just in Clarington, she is known throughout the GTA.



"I guess you can say we specialize, but above all we personalize - make every order special," she says.

You can walk in any day of the week and Yvonne is just flying around her shop. Fresh flowers everywhere, beautiful arrangements "just" created. No picture to go by, no pre-arranged plan.

The Apple Blossom Shop not only specializes in floral arrangements for every occasion, they also create fruit, food and gift baskets. "If I am creating a fruit basket I will run to IGA here in town. What ever I

need to add to the baskets, I can find in Orono."

If you want something to last forever, Yvonne can accommodate, creating everlasting arrangements made to order that are one of a kind and as individual as you are.

In addition to being a flower shop, the Apple Blossom Flower Shop is also bursting with unique gifts and with the holiday season creeping upon us you will soon see her window decked out with comfort and joy.

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