



Why is the Holden Garden Club a wonderful club to join?

- You can share your “green thumb” with others!
- You can be creative!
- You can share in fellowship with others who have the same interests!
- You can hear experts speak on a variety of topics!
- You can learn horticultural tips at every meeting!
- You can give back to your community!
- You can make new friends!
- You can have fun!

The Holden Garden Club is for beginning gardeners as well as “seasoned” ones!

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Dues are \$20 per year.

Checks may be made out to
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HOLDEN GARDEN CLUB

“Let yourself and your gardens bloom!”



***The Holden
Garden Club has
a goal to beautify
Holden, one
garden at a time!***



Club Profile

The Holden Garden Club was founded in 1933 for the purpose of fostering an interest in gardening, horticulture, and conservation. The club is a member of *The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts*, which expands the educational opportunities and the resources available to our members.

Of the ten meetings a year, over half are held in the evening (usually the first Thursday of each month, September through May) at the Holden Senior Center, located at 1130 Main Street, Holden, MA 01520. At least one meeting is held at Tower Hill Botanical Garden, Boylston, MA. Members also enjoy an annual luncheon meeting at a local restaurant and a Members' Garden Tour held in June or July. The club offers several craft workshops each year, focused on seasonal decorations or flower arranging. There are Saturday excursions which begin at Holden Town Hall to carpool to noteworthy gardens or other horticultural sites.

GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Holden Garden Club annually awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a student of the Wachusett region who displays an interest in horticulture, landscaping, environmental science, renewable resources, and/or green energy. The student must be enrolled or plan to enroll in an institution of higher learning.

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Community Events

In 2013 the Holden Garden Club celebrated its 80th anniversary. In conjunction with the Gale Free Library's 125th birthday celebration, "Books and Blooms," held on June 21, 2013, club members created floral arrangements based upon literary themes.

*In August, the Holden Garden Club maintains a booth at **Holden Days** to recruit new members, offer horticultural advice, and distribute free plants.*

The Holden Winter Festival was held on December 7, 2013. The Holden Garden Club displayed festive holiday decorations and served mulled cider and cookies at the Hendricks House.

The May Plant Sale is our only fundraiser and allows the club to provide outstanding speakers, offer high-quality workshops, and maintain our town planting projects.

The Holden Garden Club supports the following community organizations which share our goals and work to conserve our natural environment:

- Friends of the Red Barn, Inc.
- Tower Hill Botanical Garden
- Wachusett Greenways
- Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center/Wachusett Earthday
- White Oak Land Conservation Society

The Holden Garden Club purchases plants and maintains plantings at:

- Gale Free Public Library
- Hancock Common
- Hendricks House
- Holden Town Hall

For more information about our activities, the HGC website is holdengardenclub.org. The club also has a link on the website of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts: www.gcfm.org.