



Membership Information for the Holden Garden Club

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. We have one meeting at Tower Hill, enjoy an annual luncheon and our Members' Garden Tour is held in June or July. The club sometimes provides craft workshops focused on seasonal decorations or flower arranging. We occasionally offer Saturday excursions which meet at Town Hall and carpool to noteworthy gardens or other horticultural sites.

In return, each member is asked to serve as a hostess chair or hostess for one meeting per year, to serve on a committee from time to time, and to provide 10 plants for the annual plant sale. Our membership fluctuates between 90 and 100 and we always welcome new members.

The May Plant Sale provides excellent plants at very reasonable prices and supports our goal to beautify Holden, one garden at a time. The successful fundraiser allows the club to provide outstanding speakers and high-quality workshops, to award a college scholarship, and to offer grants to Holden schools for horticultural projects. The Holden Garden Club purchases plants and maintains plantings at the Town Hall, Hancock Common, the Gale Free Library, and gardens at the historic Hendricks House and the Holden Senior Center.

The Club holds a membership in the following community organizations, which share our goals and work to conserve our natural environment.

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

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Please send above information along with a check for \$20 made payable to the Holden Garden Club to: Priscilla Chesna, 154 Mason Rd., Jefferson, MA 01522