



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 April) at the Holden Senior Center. An annual luncheon meeting is held in June at a local restaurant 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 excursions, which meet at the Town Hall and carpool to noteworthy gardens or other horticultural sites. As a member of New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, members can be given two free passes upon request.

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 stands at more than 85 members. New applicants are always welcome.

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, high-quality workshops, and grants to Holden schools for horticultural projects. The Holden Garden Club purchases plants and maintains plantings and gardens at the Town Hall, the Hancock Common, the Gale Free Library, 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.* *Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts*
- New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*
- Wachusett Greenways*
- Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center/Wachusett Earthday*
- 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: Membership Chair c/o 13 Beechwood Dr., Rutland, MA 01543