

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!

### For information please contact:

Kathy McFarland or Cyndy Janik, Co-Presidents or Carol Manning, Membership Chair

#### info@holdengardenclub.org

*Dues are \$25 per year.* Checks may be made payable to <u>Holden Garden Club</u> and sent to:

Holden Garden Club Treasurer 90 Twinbrook Drive Holden, MA 01540

# <u>HOLDEN</u> <u>GARDEN CLUB</u>

"Let yourselves 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 June) at the Holden Senior Center, located at 1130 Main Street, Holden, MA 01520. Members also enjoy the 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, which are focused on seasonal decorations or flower arranging. There are Saturday excursions which begin at Holden Town Hall, from where we carpool to noteworthy gardens or other horticultural sites.

#### **GARDEN CLUB SCHOOL GRANT**

In service to our community, the Holden Garden Club is pleased to invite applications from Holden elementary & middle schools for grants in amounts up to but not exceeding \$1,000.00. These awards are given for the purpose of advancing knowledge of the natural sciences, horticultural or environmental sciences in grades one through eight.

> For information, please contact: Grants Committee Chair info@holdengardenclub.org

# **Community Events**

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

**The Holden Winter Festival** is held in December of each year. At this event, the Holden Garden Club displays festive holiday decorations and serves mulled cider and cookies at the Hendricks' House. The May Perennial Plant Sale is our only fundraiser & allows the Club to provide outstanding speakers, offer high-quality workshops, & 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.
- The 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

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, please visit the HGC
website: <u>holdengardenclub.org</u>.
The club also has a link on the website
of The Garden Club Federation of
Massachusetts: <u>www.gcfm.org</u>.