

Holden Garden Club Plant Sale and Raffle Coming Up This Saturday, May 17!

Holden - The Holden Garden Club's Annual Perennial Plant Sale is to be held from **8 am to 1 pm on Saturday, May 17, Damon House** on the corner of Main Street and Highland Ave. **Note**: Only cash and checks can be accepted. There are two ATM's nearby.

The HGC raises money for school grants, to maintain civic plantings, and to provide great speakers for meetings. Dues are just \$ 25 per year and new members are always welcome!

This year, the club will be doing something very special. We are holding three separate raffles at 9 am, 10, and 11 to raise money for **Blue and Gold Star Memorials** to be placed in front of our historic Holden Town Hall.

The Blue Star Memorial is for those who have served or are serving in the US Armed Forces. The Gold Star Memorial honors those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The Holden Garden Club will also be involved in designing the landscaping to enhance the Memorials at Town Hall, which are planned to be placed in the Fall, 2026, the **250th Anniversary of our great country.**

Each raffle will offer the participants 10 chances to win a lovely shrub or perennial. Raffle tickets will be sold each hour, **9, 10, and 11** and all money raised will go towards installing the Memorials. This is a big project!

Winners must take possession of their plants after each raffle, but are welcome to stay and purchase more tickets for the next raffle. The generous sponsors who donated towards these purposeful raffles are Burnham Mulch, Busy Bee Nursery, Jed's Hardware and Garden Center, and Sterling Greenery.

Burnham Mulch has donated both mulch and soil for the HGC plant sale for many years. Jed's hosted the "Covid times" raffle in its parking lot so that the club could continue to raise money for school grants. Jed's will sponsor the 9 o'clock raffle (traditionally the busiest time of the plant sale) due to their long-time support in donating both shrubs and perennials to our plant sale and in making us so welcome in their store.

Busy Bee sponsors the 10 o'clock raffle, as they have been donating shrubs and perennials to the plant sale on a regular basis, and Sterling Greenery will sponsor the 11 o'clock raffle also with donations of shrubs and perennials. At each raffle, there are 10 chances to win an outstanding shrub or perennial.

The Perennial Plant Sale will, as usual, have a large variety of perennials, annuals, houseplants, and shrubs available for purchase. The ever-popular variety packs of tomatoes, herbs, and peppers will also be available. Our members work hard to put our variety packs together, make attractive signage, labels, and best of all, the members spend many hours to make this plant sale the success that it is. Come join the fun! Purchase raffle tickets and buy plants!