

Get To Know Your Local Businesses

5 Questions for Ralph Demartino, owner of Ralph's Farms & Nursery in Farmingdale

How long have you been in business?

This store has been around since 1948. It was started by my grandfather, and now I own the store with my brother.

What is your clientele like?

We see a lot of the same faces. Some of our customers had parents that would come here so we get different generations of the same family.

What time of the year are you the busiest?

Right now. During the springtime everyone wants to plant. Easter, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day are big holidays for us.

What are your most popular products?

Our plants. We are known for the quality of our plants. We sell a lot of flowers, trees and shrubs. Propane is also popular during this time because people want to barbeque.

Are you open year-round?

Yes. We sell pumpkins in the fall for Halloween. We aren't as busy in the winter, but we sell Christmas trees and firewood.

— *Reporting by Marlo Jappen*

