Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association

Mission
The purpose of the Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association is to promote the use of ornamental plants, products and services. The association supports all constituent groups of the horticulture industry and is a business resource for its members.

Goals
• Promote the role of the horticulture industry in improving people’s quality of life.
• Promote professionalism through education programs for members and the public and by encouraging enrollment in educational institutions.
• Monitor state and local laws relating to the horticulture industry.
• Participate actively in the legislative and regulatory processes.
• Promote the use of environmentally sound practices in the horticulture industry.
• Monitor and communicate to members developments in allied industries including agri-technology.
• Support donations of plant products and services to state and community programs.
• Participate in Maryland agriculture organizations.
What is the Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association?
Since 1934, MNLGA’s mission has been to promote the use of ornamental plants, products, and services. We support all constituent groups of the horticulture industry, including landscape, garden centers, interiorscape, grounds maintenance, nursery, greenhouse, arboriculture, botanical gardens and other allied businesses. MNLGA provides a unified voice, communicating to the public the vital role of the green industry in improving the quality of life.

Why should I become a member?
As a member of MNLGA, your company and you will enjoy the advantages of our many services and activities. Our office is professionally staffed full time during business hours and will function as an important extension of your business. We exist to serve your interests in government relations, education and training, promotions and public relations, professional certifications, networking, research, and much more.

What are the Benefits and Services?

Government Relations
Founding member of the Maryland Green Industry Council (MaGIC), Maryland’s Green Industry voice in legislative and regulatory issues. Through MaGIC, the MNLGA monitors, lobbies, and provides expert testimony regarding local, state, and federal legislative and regulatory matters affecting the green industry. Issues represented include nutrient management, water use and restrictions, business taxation, right to farm, invasive species, and migrant and seasonal employees.

Education and Training
Continuing education workshops, training seminars, and field days; Certified Professional Horticulturist (CPH) and specialty certification programs; career guides, student awareness and extension programs, scholarships and awards.

Member Communications
Thrice annually newsletter (Free State Nursery, Landscape & Greenhouse News), electronic flash bulletin (“Root of the Matter”), website, legislative updates, networking events.

Promotions and Publications
Robust website including online membership directory, online classifieds, industry resources, regional industry calendar; exhibits at public and industry events; promotion of Certified Professional Horticulturists (CPH).

MANTS
(Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show, Inc.)
Co-sponsor of annual industry show, with Virginia and West Virginia Associations.

Research
Supports local, regional, and national research initiatives to the benefit of Maryland’s ornamental horticulture industry.

Scholarship
Awards three annual scholarships. Three $5,000 awards are given to students, either undergraduate or graduate, who have attained a minimum level of junior status. In addition, one $1,000 award is given to a University of Maryland horticulture student, through the Link-Shanks scholarship program.

Visit www.mnlga.org for details, and to download a membership application or call 410-823-8684.