Organization: American Conifer Society (ACS)

Mission: The purposes of the American Conifer Society are the development, conservation, and propagation of conifers, with an emphasis on those that are dwarf or unusual, standardization of nomenclature, and education of the public.

Membership Cost: $38

Student Membership Cost: $38

Membership Benefits Include:

- Members receive four issues of the Conifer Quarterly, an excellent publication which includes information on growing, finding, and caring for conifers. Also included are announcements of meetings and workshops, collector profiles, outstanding photographs and relevant advertisements.
- One National Meeting per year rotates through the regions and allows attendees to access interesting gardens and arboreta.
- An annual seed exchange makes available to members selections which are not available through conventional sources, including seed collected from witches' brooms.

Conference: Summer

Scholarship: $2500

Website: http://www.conifersociety.org/

Facebook: facebook.com/pages/American-Conifer-Society
Organization: American Horticultural Society (AHS)

Mission: To open the eyes of all Americans to the vital connection between people and plants, to inspire all Americans to become responsible caretakers of the Earth, to celebrate America's diversity through the art and science of horticulture; and to lead this effort by sharing the Society's unique national resources with all Americans.

Membership Cost: $35.00

Student Membership Cost: $35.00

Membership Benefits Include:

- *The American Gardener*, the Society's award-winning magazine, delivered six times a year
- Free admission and other discounts at nearly 300 public gardens across the country through the Reciprocal Admissions Program
- Discounts on AHS educational programs such as the National Children and Youth Garden Symposium and AHS publications such as *Homegrown Harvest* (now out in paperback) and the staple for every gardener, *A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants*

Conference: Summer “National Youth Garden Symposium”

Website: www.ahs.org

Facebook: facebook.com/americanhorticulturalsociey
Organization: American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA)

Mission: to promote and advance the profession of Horticultural Therapy as a therapeutic intervention and rehabilitative medium

Membership Cost: $145
Student Membership Cost: $55

Membership Benefits Include:

- *Journal of Therapeutic Horticulture*, published twice a year
- *AHTA News Magazine*, published quarterly
- *AHTA Email Updates*, timely bulletins on events in the HT community, job openings, and AHTA news
- Full access to www.ahta.org including: HT Marketing Toolkit, HT Research Bibliography, back issues of AHTA publications, HT Tools & Resources, and more
- Discounted registration for the AHTA Annual Conference

Conference: Fall

Scholarship: Ann Lane Mavromatis Scholarship $500

Website: www.ahta.org/

Facebook: facebook.com/pages/American-Horticultural-Therapy-Association
**Organization:** American Phytopathological Society (APS)

**Vision:** APS will be a diverse global community of scientists that: provides credible and beneficial information related to plant health; advocates and participates in the exchange of knowledge with the public, policy makers, and the larger scientific community; and promotes and provides opportunities for scientific communication, career preparation, and professional development for its members.

**Membership Cost:** $78

**Student Membership Cost:** $31

**Membership Benefits Include:**

- A direct connection to a community of 5,000 plant pathologists worldwide
- Job placement services
- Significant student discounts on the annual meeting, focused meetings, and conferences
- Updates on members and the society through free bi-weekly e-mail News Capsules, and the monthly member newsletter, Phytopathology News

**Conference:** Summer

**Scholarship:** Frank L. Howard Undergraduate Fellowship

**Website:** www.apsnet.org

**Facebook:** facebook.com/pages/American-Phytopathological-Society

Compiled by Amanda Plante
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Organization: American Public Gardens Association (APGA)

Mission: Advancing Public Gardens as a force for positive change in their communities through national leadership, advocacy and innovation.

Membership Cost: $125.00

Student Membership Cost: $65.00

Membership Benefits Include:

- A yearly subscription to Public Garden magazine, the bi-monthly APGA E- Newsletter, and the ONLINE APGA Membership Directory.
- Advanced notice and membership discount on professional development programs that are discipline-focused to attract specific areas of public horticulture.
- Special rates for the APGA Conference where you can attend and participate in seminars and workshops to gain an edge in the public garden market.
- Networking opportunities to connect with over 1,000 garden professionals from over 500 institutions from around the world.
- APGA has discipline-focused Professional Sections, where you will have access to industry experts, dedicated Web pages and on-line discussion forums.

Conference: Spring / Summer

Website: www.publicgardens.org

Facebook: facebook.com/publicgardens
Organization: American Society for Horticultural Sciences (ASHS)

Mission: To support science for specialty crops: global solutions for nutritious food sources and healthy, beautiful environments.

Membership Cost: $155

Student Membership Cost:
- Undergraduate Students: Free
- Graduate Students: $40

Membership Benefits Include:

- All members receive the ASHS Newsletter, is a monthly publication that updates members on Society programs and activities, job opportunities, worldwide horticultural events, and new publications.

- As an ASHS member you have access to the Members-Only section of the ASHS website.

- Members can also choose up to three ASHS journals at substantially discounted subscription rates.

Conference: Summer

Scholarship: ASHS Scholars Award $1500

Website: www.ashs.org

Facebook: facebook.com/pages/American-Society-for-Horticultural-Science

Compiled by Amanda Plante
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**Organization:** American Society of Agronomy (ASA)

**Mission:** Enhancing conservation and promoting the wise use of natural resources for the production of food, feed, and fiber crops, while maintaining or improving the environment.

**Membership Cost:**
- ASA Only: $100
- Two Societies: $120
- Three Societies: $130

**Student Membership Cost:**
- Undergraduate Student: $15
- Graduate Student: $35

**Membership Benefits Include:**
- Monthly *CSA News* magazine
- Discounts on subscriptions to our highly regarded and well-cited journals
- Access to the online Member Directory and networking opportunities
- Free online posting of resumes and access to Career Placement Services
- Discounts on International Annual Meetings and meetings registrations

**Conference:** Fall

**Scholarship:** Multiple Scholarships Available

**Website:** [www.agronomy.org](http://www.agronomy.org)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/ASA.agronomy](http://facebook.com/ASA.agronomy)
Organization: American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Mission: To lead, to educate, and to participate in the careful stewardship, wise planning, and artful design of our cultural and natural environments.

Membership Cost:
- Full: $322
- Associate: $198

Student Membership Cost: $50

Membership Benefits Include:
- Subscription to Landscape Architecture Magazine.
- One Professional Practice Network (PPN): To further network within your specialty, ASLA offers members a choice of 18 Professional Practice Networks (PPNs). PPNs unite colleagues who share common practice emphases, and provide members an advanced knowledge base and resources to call upon as needed. Members can join additional PPNs at a nominal charge.
- Business Quarterly: The quarterly benchmarks are published online and shared with industry professionals and allied organizations.

Conference: Fall

Scholarship: Multiple scholarships available

Website: www.asla.org

Facebook:
facebook.com/AmericanSocietyofLandscapeArchitects

Compiled by Amanda Plante
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Organization: American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB)

Mission: To promote the growth and development of plant biology, to encourage and publish research in plant biology, and to promote the interests and growth of plant scientists in general.

Membership Cost: $130

Student Membership Cost: $45

Membership Benefits Include:

- Access to highest quality scientific content dedicated to plant biology research through publications and meetings
- Access to networking opportunities at the meetings, through the directory, and online
- Access to information on members' scientific interests that can be searched and utilized for collaboration
- Access to a job board that features jobs available and links to general career information thru the Career Center.

Conference: Summer

Scholarship: Multiple grants available

Website: my.aspb.org

Facebook: facebook.com/myASPB
Organization: Botanical Garden Conservation International (BGCI)

Mission: To ensure the world-wide conservation of threatened plants, the continued existence of which are intrinsically linked to global issues including poverty, human well-being and climate change.

Membership Cost: Varies

Student Membership Cost: $20

Membership Benefits Include:

- BGCI members receive many benefits. Our regular journals are sent to members and we offer discounts on BGCI congresses and occasional publications.

- But much more important, although less directly tangible, are the benefits of being part of the world's largest plant conservation network. Chance meetings, contacts we offer, encouragement, advice and support - all this adds up to a valuable and unique service for anyone working in the conservation of living plants.

Conference: None

Scholarship: Darwin Scholarship Program

Website: www.bgci.org/

Facebook: facebook.com/pages/Botanic-Gardens-Conservation-International
Organization: Botanical Society of America (BSA)

Mission: To promote botany, the field of basic science dealing with the study and inquiry into the form, function, development, diversity, reproduction, evolution, and uses of plants and their interactions within the biosphere.

Membership Cost: $50

Student Membership Cost: $30

Membership Benefits Include:

- Make connections, foster relationships, chart your career path and share information & research with botanists/plant scientists and educators around the world
- Obtain online access to all BSA publications including the American Journal of Botany and Plant Science Bulletin and nearly 100 years of scientific research
- Access to Botanical Society of America awards and grants that support members at every stage of their career (student, early career, professional accomplishments)
- Professional Development Opportunities (serve on a committee, run for office, write and review manuscripts, educational outreach and mentorship with middle and high schools)

Conference: Summer

Scholarship: Travel Grants

Website: www.botany.org/

Facebook: facebook.com/pages/Botanical-Society-of-America

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Organization: Crop Science Society of America (CSSA)

Mission: Members are dedicated to the promotion of public welfare though the advancement of research, extension, and teaching of the crop sciences, along with improvement, culture, management, and utilization of field crops.

Membership Cost:

ASA Only: $100
Two Societies: $120
Three Societies: $130

Student Membership Cost:

Undergraduate Student: $15
Graduate Student: $35

Membership Benefits Include:

- Monthly CSA News magazine
- Discounts on subscriptions to our highly regarded and well-cited journals
- Access to the online Member Directory and networking opportunities
- Free online posting of resumes and access to Career Placement Services
- Discounts on International Annual Meetings and meetings registrations

Conference: Fall

Scholarship: Multiple Scholarships

Website: www.crops.org

Facebook: facebook.com/CSSA.crops

Compiled by Amanda Plante
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Organization: Entomological Society of America (ESA)
Mission: Promotes opportunities for entomologists and enables them to share their science globally.
Membership Cost: $138
Student Membership Cost: $34
Membership Benefits Include:

- Online access to an expansive library of entomological research including journals archived back to the early 1900's.
- Post your cv or resume on ESA's Careers page for potential employers to find you! (exclusive to ESA members).
- Access to ESA's employment listings in the members-only eNews newsletter and on our website.
- The opportunity to build your network with scientists and researchers from around the world and to stay up-to-date on cutting edge research!

Conference: Fall
Scholarship: Multiple scholarships available
Website: www.entsoc.org
Facebook: facebook.com/entsoc
Organization: Garden Writers Association (GWA)

Mission: To provide leadership and opportunities for education, recognition, career development, and a forum for diverse interactions for professionals in the field of garden communication.

Membership Cost: $85

Student Membership Cost: $35

Membership Benefits Include:

- Network with other professionals in the community through the annual symposium, regional meetings and the electronic discussion forums.
- Expand professional development through educational seminars and workshops, model contracts, the publishers contact directory and free legal advice on writers issues.
- Expand business opportunities through the GWA referral directory and job referral services.
- Receive latest industry information via the Quill & Trowel newsletter, the GWA website and mailings directly from the garden products manufacturers.

Conference: Fall

Scholarship: Multiple Scholarships Available

Website: www.gardenwriters.org

Facebook: facebook.com/pages/Garden-Writers-Association
Organization: Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)

Mission: Dedicated to serving members, advancing their profession and enhancing the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf.

Membership Cost: Varies by profession

Student Membership Cost: $30 - $65

Membership Benefits Include:

- State-of-the-art Job Board that allows you to search the best jobs and candidates by category, region and facility type.
- One-on-one career counseling services to provide you with comprehensive resume assistance and interview preparation.
- Extensive data on salary and benefit trends that give you the support you need to advocate for yourself and your staff.
- Free access to many professional golf events

Conference: Winter

Scholarship: Multiple Scholarships Available

Website: www.gcsaa.org

Facebook: facebook.com/pages/Golf-Course-Superintendents-Association-of-America

Compiled by Amanda Plante
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Organization: Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (GRHC)

Mission: To increase the awareness of the economic, social and environmental benefits of green roofs and green walls, and other forms of living architecture through education, advocacy, professional development and celebrations of excellence.

Membership Cost: $160

Student Membership Cost: $16

Membership Benefits Include:

- A print and digital subscription to the *Living Architecture Monitor* magazine.
- $100 discount on a full delegate registration to GRHC’s annual Conference.
- Access to the Living Architecture Toolbox, a members-only online resource centre with the GreenSave Calculator (a green roof cost/benefit tool), info on funding sources, and more!
- Monthly e-mail updates on emerging developments in the green roof and wall industry.
- Opportunity to actively participate on GRHC’s various standing committees and help shape the future of the industry.

Conference: Fall

Website: www.greenroofs.org

Facebook: facebook.com/GreenRoofsForHealthyCities
Organization: Herb Society of America (HAS)

Mission: The Herb Society of America is dedicated to promoting the knowledge use and delight of herbs through educational programs, research and sharing the knowledge of its members with the community.

Membership Cost: $55

Student Membership Cost: $35

Membership Benefits Include:

- Networking opportunities in an organization of herb enthusiasts including authors, lecturers, researchers, business people, and avid gardeners
- Subscription to The Herbarist journal
- Complimentary or reduced admission fees to public gardens and arboreta associated with the American Horticultural Society’s Reciprocal Admissions Program (RAP)
- Symposia and tour discounts, including the annual national Conference featuring tours, workshops, and lectures.

Conference: Spring

Scholarship: Multiple Scholarships Available

Website: www.herbsociety.org

Facebook: facebook.com/pages/The-Herb-Society-of-America
Organization: International Plant Propagators Society (IPPS)

Mission: To advance the art and science of growing plants, and to disseminate knowledge throughout the global community from and to those engaged in plant production.

Membership Cost: $155

Student Membership Cost: Free

Membership Benefits Include:

- Access to the “Member’s Only” area of the IPPS international website: www.ipps.org and the Western Region Website www.ippswr.org
- Electronic delivery of our Newsletter - Western Region Cuttings
- Member registration rate at the Annual Meeting and area meetings
- Ten free article downloads from the Combined Proceedings of our worldwide annual conferences: a $150 value!
- Free subscription to FloraCulture International monthly print magazine

Conference: Fall

Website: www.ipps.org, www.ippswr.org

Facebook: facebook.com/IPPSER
Organization: International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)
Mission: Through research, technology, and education, the International Society of Arboriculture promotes the professional practice of arboriculture and fosters a greater worldwide awareness of the benefits of trees.
Membership Cost: $130
Student Membership Cost: $0 - $30
Membership Benefits Include:

- Receive delivery of our bimonthly publication, Arborist News, which provides the latest in arboriculture news and education
- Online access to Arboriculture & Urban Forestry ISA’s peer-reviewed journal
- Post job listings and résumés in the ISA Job Bank
- Meet like-minded and local professionals when you join one of our local chapter or professional affiliates
- Member discount on ISA meetings, workshops and conferences
- Discounts on certification when you pair your ISA membership with your local chapter

Conference: Summer
Scholarship: Internship Fellowship
Website: www.isa-arbor.com
Facebook: facebook.com/InternationalSocietyofArboriculture
Organization: Perennial Plant Association (PPA)

Mission: The Perennial Plant Association connects professionals, provides education, and promotes perennial plants.

Membership Cost: $95

Student Membership Cost: $20

Membership Benefits Include:

- Symposium and Trade Show: Well-known perennial specialists speak on aspects of perennials, ranging from production to design. Tours of notable nurseries, retailers, and gardens are held in conjunction with the program. Workshops and seminars provide information about production, retail, design, business management, and related areas.
- Job Board: The PPA invites members to post employment opportunities. Those seeking positions may post their credentials as they seek employment.
- The PPA Journal, Perennial Plants, is published quarterly. It contains informative articles about research, propagation, new plant introductions, retailing, marketing, business issues, announcements and membership information. You can also advertise your business in the journal.

Conference: Summer

Scholarship: $1000 and free attendance of the PPA Symposium

Website: www.perennialplant.org

Facebook: facebook.com/PerennialPlantAssociation

Compiled by Amanda Plante
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Organization: Professional Landcare Network (PLANET)

Mission: To advance and communicate the interests of PLANET's members in the conduct of effective and environmentally responsible landscape services.

Membership Cost: Varies by profession

Student Membership Cost: $30

Membership Benefits Include:

- Education & Networking: PLANET hosts a comprehensive schedule of educational and networking events all year long — ranging from large, multi-day educational conferences, like our Green Industry Conference, to smaller symposia, to hour-long webinars.
- Industry News & Information: One of the most important functions of PLANET is to disseminate quality information to our members. We accomplish this through a variety of magazines, e-newsletters, web sites, our PLANET bookstore, and our safety programs.
- Professional Development & Mentoring: PLANET members tell us that the professional development opportunities, mentoring programs and certifications are among the best benefits of being a part of our association.

Conference: Fall

Student Career Days: Spring

Scholarship: Multiple scholarships available

Website: www.landcarenetwork.org

Facebook: facebook.com/ProfessionalLandcareNetwork
Organization: Soil Science Society of America (SSSA)

Mission: 1) To enhance the sustainability of soils, the environment, and society by integrating diverse scientific disciplines and principles in soil science for the wise stewardship of soil and natural resources, and 2) To advance the discovery, practice, and profession of soil science through excellence in the acquisition and application of knowledge to address challenges facing society, in the training and professional development of soil scientists, and in the education of, and communication to a diverse citizenry.

Membership Cost:
   ASA Only: $100
   Two Societies: $120
   Three Societies: $130

Student Membership Cost:
   Undergraduate Student: $15
   Graduate Student: $35

Membership Benefits Include:
   - Electronic access to Soil Horizons (formerly Soil Survey Horizons), published bimonthly.
   - Free online posting of resumes and access to Career Placement Services.
   - Discounts on International Annual Meetings and regional meetings registrations.

Conference: Fall

Scholarship: Multiple scholarships available

Website: www.soils.org

Facebook: facebook.com/SSSA.soils
Organization: Southern Nursery Association (SNA)

Mission: To serve SNA members by providing an industry-leading forum for commerce, innovation and professionalism.

Membership Cost: $125

Student Membership Cost: $50

Membership Benefits Include:

- Access to a network of industry professionals across the southeast.
- News and information from across the southeast keeping you informed.
- 20 years of horticultural research at your fingertips.
- Special Member Discounts on advertising, publications and more.
- Coming Soon: Special opportunities to spotlight your business and your products.
- Coming Soon: List or search for jobs on this regional job database.

Conference: Summer

Scholarship: Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Fund

Website: www.sna.org

Facebook: facebook.com/pages/Southern-Nursery-Association

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**Organization:** Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (SSAWG)

**Mission:** To empower and inspire farmers, individuals, and communities in the South to create an agricultural system that is ecologically sound, economically viable, socially just, and humane. Because sustainable solutions depend on the involvement of the entire community, Southern SAWG is committed to including all persons in the South without bias.

**Membership Cost:** Free

**Student Membership Cost:** Free

**Membership Benefits Include:**
- Network with like-minded professionals.
- Access to online resources.

**Conference:** Winter

**Website:** www.ssawg.org
**Organization:** Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA)

**Mission:** To be the recognized leader in strengthening the sports turf industry and enhancing members’ competence and acknowledgement of their professionalism.

**Membership Cost:** Varies by profession

**Student Membership Cost:** $25

**Membership Benefits Include:**

- **SportsTurf Magazine:** Our official publication. Dedicated to giving you articles and information to make your job a little easier.
- **STMA Career Center:** Our online Career Center offers current openings in the Turf industry.
- **STMA Membership Directory:** With your STMA National membership you will have full access to the Member Locator - STMA's online membership directory, and you can receive a printed copy of the directory, if you wish.

**Conference:** Winter

**Scholarship:** Multiple scholarships available

**Website:** [www.stma.org](http://www.stma.org)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/FieldExperts](http://facebook.com/FieldExperts)
Organization: Sustainable Agriculture Education Association (SAEA)

Mission: Promotes and supports the development, application, research, and exchange of best teaching and learning practices in sustainable agriculture education and curricula through communication, training, development, and collaborative activities for teachers and learners.

Membership Cost: $50

Student Membership Cost: $25

Membership Benefits Include:

- Network with like-minded professionals.
- Access to online resources.

Conference: Summer / Fall

Scholarship: Conference scholarships available

Website: www.sustainableaged.org

Facebook: facebook.com/groups/Sustainaged
**Organization:** Tennessee Nursery and Landscape Association (TNLA)

**Mission:** To increase production and marketing of Tennessee grown nursery stock.

**Membership Cost:** Varies by profession

**Student Membership Cost:** $15

**Membership Benefits Include:**

- Networking & Fellowship
- Educational Seminars
- Trade Shows
- Research Projects
- Legislative Lobbying
- Advertising for Your Business
- Scholarships and Professional Certification
- Involvement with Regional, National, and International Associations.

**Conference:** Winter

**Scholarship:** TNLA Memorial Scholarship

**Website:** www.tnla.org
Organization: Tennessee Turfgrass Association
Mission: The Tennessee Turfgrass Association serves its members in the industry through education, promotion and representation. The association supports ongoing programs in research, education and extension in the area of turfgrass management that will benefit all individuals who manage turfgrasses or derive pleasure from the results of such management.
Membership Cost: $50
Student Membership Cost: $10
Membership Benefits Include:
- Network with like-minded professionals.
- Access to job opportunity postings.
- Access to online resources.
Conference: Winter
Scholarship: Multiple scholarships available
Website: www.ttaonline.org
Organization: Weed Science Society of America (WSSA)

Mission: Promotes research, education, and extension outreach activities related to weeds, provides science-based information to the public and policy makers; and fosters awareness of weeds and their impacts on managed and natural ecosystems.

Membership Cost: $170

Student Membership Cost: $50

Membership Benefits Include:

As a member you will receive printed copies and on-line access to our journals, Weed Science, Weed Technology, and Invasive Plant Science Management; the WSSA newsletter, and access to our on-line membership directory. Members are entitled to reduced rates for the annual meeting, may attend all Society meetings, vote on all matters pertaining to the Society, and hold office in the Society.

Conference: Winter

Website: www.stma.org