

# CNGA Membership Benefits & Services



Welcome to the Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association!

As a CNGA member, you now have access to the benefits, programs and services highlighted below. I encourage you to look these over and if you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.  
– Meg Amendola, Membership and Marketing Manager, 303 758 6672, mamendola@coloradonga.org

As an added value for Industry, Auxiliary and Out Of State members, all employees of these member companies/organizations are eligible to receive member discount pricing for all applicable events such as ProGreen EXPO and certification classes.

Educator/Retired, Student and Individual members are not eligible for business services discount programs or bulk purchase of plant guides. Members in these categories are eligible for discount pricing for all applicable events, but the discounts apply only to the individual and not to any other business associates, staff, or employees.

## Education

*Increase your knowledge and expertise.*

### Publications

- **E-Leaf** – weekly newsletter featuring upcoming events, job postings, new resources and business tools
- **Safety Sense** – an additional newsletter useful for safety training
- **Plant Guides** – valuable information on plants suitable for Colorado, good for staff and customers
- **Labor Resource Guide** – nearly two dozen creative ideas to help you find the employees you need

### Events

- **Horticulture Leadership Retreat** – a valuable exchange of knowledge with your peers
- **ProGreen EXPO** – discounted member registration fees for the region's largest horticultural conference
- **Workshops** – half day education that focuses on operational training for staff
- **Plant Walks** – free site visits to regional venues of horticultural significance
- **Plant Ahead** – a high school outreach program that creates awareness for horticulture careers

### Industry Reports and Resources

- **CNGA Website ([www.coloradonga.org](http://www.coloradonga.org))** - the Members Only section is rich with exclusive resources
- **Legislative** – regular updates on state and federal legislation that can impact your business

## Fellowship

*Build valuable business connections.*

- **Member Hosted BBQs** – good food and drink with site tours and demonstrations
- **Women in Horticulture Luncheon** – social time with great gifts and engaging speakers
- **CHREF Golf Tournament** – support research and scholarships while golfing with fellow members
- **Industry Celebration at ProGreen EXPO** – mingle with the industry's best professionals
- **Young Hort Professionals** (age 40 and under) – gatherings that can help guide your career path

**More Benefits ⇨**

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## Certification

*Formalize your professional credibility.*

- **Colorado Certified Nursery Professional** – classes and exams offered several times per year
- **New Mexico Certified Nursery Professional** - tailored to the New Mexico environment
- **Certified Greenhouse Grower** – training and exam offered once a year at ProGreen EXPO
- **CCNP and CGG certification training classes available online** – convenient way to prepare for exam

Contact Debi Borden-Miller at CNGA for complete Certification details ([admin@coloradonga.org](mailto:admin@coloradonga.org)).

## Visibility

*Expand your exposure to CNGA members and the industry.*

- **Free Directory Listing** – includes a brief profile of your company in CNGA online and print directories
- **Free Classified Ads** – find your best employees with CNGA job postings
- **Advertising and Sponsorship** – affordable rates for newsletters, online magazine, web site, events
- **Social Media** – share your news with CNGA Facebook and Instagram followers

## Customer Programs

*Exclusive CNGA tools that can drive more sales.*

- **Grown In Colorado** – a free branding program for growers and retailers that gives you a selling advantage

Contact Glenda Mostek for more information about this program ([gmostek@coloradonga.org](mailto:gmostek@coloradonga.org)).

## Advocacy

*CNGA helps to protect your business interests and promote the industry.*

- **GreenCO** – an alliance of CNGA and six green industry associations that acts on legislative priorities
- **American Hort** – a national organization that lobbies at the federal level, you'll receive regular updates
- **Calls to Action** – when needed, you are encouraged to contact your legislators with CNGA-provided tools

## Discount Programs

*Lower your operating costs.*

- **Heartland Credit Card Processing & Payroll Services** – enjoy lower fees for credit card transactions and save on overhead expenses with convenient payroll services.