

THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.
MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

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Membership is open to anyone with an interest and enthusiasm for herbs and the work of The Society. Members may join at large or as members of a unit. Units of The Society are autonomous and may have separate membership requirements.

Benefits of membership include access to:

INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

1. The *Educational Conference and/or Annual Meeting of Members* are held in different locations throughout North America. Educational programs are presented by leading authorities and members are afforded the opportunity to network with one another and to tour private and public gardens and other sites of interest.
2. The *District Gatherings* are held throughout North America. These gatherings offer educational and networking opportunities on a regional level.
3. The *Membership Directory*, updated every six months, is available online to all members. Members without internet access may request a printed copy from headquarters. The Membership Directory includes the Members Guide to Herbal Interests. This resource may be used to locate fellow members with similar interests.
4. The *Library*, located at National Headquarters, offers over 3,000 volumes of writings about herbs and related topics. Members may borrow books, slide lectures and videos for the cost of shipping and handling. The Society's collection of rare herbals may be viewed by appointment. Members may borrow out of print books if the library holds three or more copies and if the book is not considered rare. A staff librarian is available to assist people in searching for information.
5. The *Website* includes a wide range of educational information on herbs and The Society. The site features a member only section where members can access information such as herbal profiles, archives of The Society from the thirties to 2000s, and much more.

PUBLICATIONS

1. The *Herbarist* is a professional journal, which has been published annually by The Society since 1935. This journal presents the latest findings, writing, and information about herbs and related topics.
2. The *National newsletter* is a quarterly publication containing news of The Society, botany and horticultural articles, library news, photographs, and a calendar of events.

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3. The *District newsletters* are published three times per year for each member in their respective district.

DISCOUNTS

1. Registration discounts are given for district gatherings, the Educational Conference and/or Annual Meeting of Members. Business members receive special vendor rates at national and regional events.
2. Complimentary or reduced admission fees to gardens and arboreta associated with The American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program (RAP). Gift shop purchase discounts may also be available at participating gardens and arboreta.
3. Discounts from educational, herbal and horticultural businesses, and select magazines.
4. A 10% discount on purchases from The Society's Garden Gallery.
5. An additional discount on Garden Gallery purchases on each incremental five-year membership anniversary.