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Press Release

MANTS CELEBRATES 35 YEARS

Baltimore, Maryland - October 27, 2004: The Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show (MANTS), the *Masterpiece of Trade Shows*, is celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2005. MANTS 2005 will be held January 5 - 7 at the Baltimore Convention Center.

MANTS is a trade show corporation sponsored by the Maryland Nursery and Landscape Association, the West Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association, and the Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association. The show attracts close to 12,000 attendees and features over 960+ exhibitors and 1,500 booths on three miles of carpeted aisles.

HISTORY: MANTS was incorporated in Maryland early in 1970 by the state Nursery and Landscape Associations of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. The first trade show was held in Williamsburg, Virginia, in January, 1971. The second was held in 1972 in Hunt Valley, Maryland. During the ensuing years, shows were held in Hunt Valley and at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. The January 1980 show was held in Norfolk, Virginia. Due to the growth of the show, all shows since then have been held at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

More than 30 years since its inception, MANTS has come to be respected as the premier horticultural trade show on the east coast. What began with just 64 exhibitors has grown to a 3-day event that represents the needs of the entire spectrum of the horticultural industry where doing business is what the show is all about.

To pre-register or to learn more about MANTS, please log on to www.MANTS.com.

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