



MARYLAND HOUSE & GARDEN PILGRIMAGE FACT SHEET

Who is the Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage (MHGP) and what is its purpose?

MHGP is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of historic and architecturally significant properties in the State of Maryland. The Pilgrimage has remained constant with this purpose, since its formation in 1930.

What is the purpose of the annual pilgrimage tours and how many years has the tour been in existence?

The annual spring tours are a central component of MHGP's efforts to cultivate awareness of Maryland's rich architectural and cultural heritage, from historic to contemporary settings. Each year, proceeds from the tour support designated preservation projects in each host community.

This year marks the 73rd anniversary of the tour. The MGGP is the only statewide house and garden tour organization and the oldest tour in the state of Maryland.

How much money has the MHGP raised and who are its beneficiaries?

The MHGP has raised and distributed well over one million dollars in its 73-year history. Its many beneficiaries include: Hampton Mansion in Baltimore County, Sotterley in St. Mary's County, Riversdale in Prince George's County, the Charles Carroll House in Annapolis and Mount Clare Museum in Baltimore City. For a complete list of beneficiaries, please visit the MHGP website at www.mhgp.org.

How many "pilgrims" attend the tour each year?

Each year, the MHGP sells between 3,000-4,000 tickets to the pilgrimage. In total, it is estimated that well over 100,000 have attended the tour since its inception.

Who organizes/coordinates the annual pilgrimage tour?

The MHGP is staffed by an executive director, Margaret Powell, and is currently comprised of 21 volunteer committee members from around the state. The organizing committees in each county are primarily comprised of local garden club and historical society members.

How can tour-goers get tickets or more information?

For more information, tour details and tickets, please visit www.mhgp.org or call 410-821-6933, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, or send email to mhgp@aol.com.