



NEWS UPDATE

Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association

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Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association Presents Two Scholastic Awards at 2010 Idaho Horticulture Expo

The Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association presented scholastic awards to two students at the annual Idaho Horticulture Expo held in Boise, ID.

These outstanding students were chosen for their scholastic record, student need and their ability and sincerity in pursuing employment in the nursery industry in Idaho. Each student received a check for \$750.00.

Award winners are:

Erin Marie Coyle, who is attending the University of Idaho with a major field of study in Crop and Landscape Systems: Horticulture, and a minor in Crop Science and Soils. She is from McCall, ID.

Tim Stevenson, who is attending BYU-Idaho in Rexburg, ID with a major in Horticulture – Landscape Design/Build and a minor in Spanish. He is from Medical Lake, WA.

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Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association Elects 2010 Board of Directors

The Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association members elected their 2010 Board of Directors at the annual meeting during the Idaho Horticulture Expo in Boise, ID.

The following officers were installed:

President **Bob Reggear**, Reggear Tree Farm, Orofino
President-Elect **Matt Wolff**, Baxter Wholesale Nursery, Emmett
1st Vice President **Aaron McCracken**, Sunnyside Gardens, Idaho Falls

Southwest Chapter Directors:

Debbie Hepworth, Franz Witte Landscape, Boise
Joe Gruber, The Lawn Company, Boise

Southeast Idaho Directors:

Tami Plank, Moss Greenhouses, Jerome
Jon Wilkes, Branching Out, Bellevue

North Chapter Directors:

Galahad Blyth, NativesWest Nursery and EcoServices LLC, Kooskia
Kevin Merrifield, Clifty View Nursery, Bonners Ferry

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Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association (INLA) Congratulates Five New “Certified Landscape Technicians”

The Certified Landscape Technician program is a national certification program through the Professional Landcare Network (Planet) with INLA as the administrator. The Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association, Idaho Irrigation & Equipment Association and the College of Western Idaho are partners in bringing the exam to Idaho. INLA, IIEA and CWI are committed to enhancing the level of professionalism in the Green Industry.

The written CLT test was held during the Idaho Horticulture Expo. Candidates are timed and graded on their performance. The CLT program is designed to elevate the professional standards, enhance individual performance and designate those who demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the responsibilities of the job.

INLA recognizes these individuals as trained professionals with skills, knowledge and expertise in the landscape industry. During the Idaho Horticulture Expo, the following candidates earned certification:

Scott Fish, CLT – Turf Maintenance, STF Lawn Care, Mountain Home, ID

Steve Winegar, CLT – Softscape Installation, Merrill Quality Landscapes, Rexburg, ID

Cole Abo, CLT – Irrigation, Summer Lawns, Boise, ID

Dimas Ferriera, CLT – Irrigation, Expertise Landscape Services, Boise, ID

David Fuller, CLT – Softscape Installation, The Cutting Edge Lawn Company, Garden City, ID

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Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association Congratulates Gold Medal of Horticulture Recipients at 2010 Idaho Horticulture Expo

The Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association presents the Gold Medal of Horticulture to deserving individuals who in their lifetime have generously and selflessly contributed to Idaho's horticulture industry.

Gold Medal of Horticulture Winners this year:

Gary Moen, College of Western Idaho, Boise, ID. Gary served as INLA President in 1984 and has served on the Certification Committee from its conception to the present. He has also been instrumental in the development of all of the certification programs in Idaho. He traveled to Colorado to get assistance in establishing the Idaho CLT Certification Program. Gary is a Horticulture Instructor at the College of Western Idaho in Boise, Idaho.

Gerry Bates, Community Forestry Assistant, Idaho Falls, ID. Gerry was President of the INLA in 1982 while co-owning Down To Earth Garden Center in Idaho Falls with his wife, Ann. While he was President, the INLA held their first trade show in conjunction with their annual conference. He continues to be active in the association by fostering partnerships with the Idaho Dept. of Lands and their Urban and Community Forestry Program.