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MONTANA NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION CERTIFIES THREE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

BIGFORK, MT, November 8, 2010 — Horticulture professionals Janis Elliott from Cashman Nursery and Landscaping, Jodi Redfield from Blanchford Landscape Contractors, and Cheryl Reid from Delaney's Landscape Center have passed the multifaceted Montana Nursery & Landscape Association Certified Plant Professional (CPP) examination and have received their CPP certification.

The exam tests participants' knowledge and recognition of plants and includes two parts — an actual plant identification exam and a written exam that tests participants' knowledge of general horticultural practices. While most of the plant material used in the exam is relatively common to our state, the test includes an extensive variety of plants, as well as some materials less common to our region. Since the CPP Certification Program was introduced in our state by the Montana Nursery & Landscape Association nearly ten years ago, it has gained a reputation among nursery professionals for being a very tough exam. Achievement of the coveted "CPP" initials after one's name carries a great deal of prestige. The most recent exam was given in Helena on January 6th in Missoula as part of MNLA's annual Montana Green Expo.

Jodi Redfield grew up on a working cattle ranch in Paradise Valley near Pray, Montana. As a senior in high school she worked at



a nursery to pass the summer before moving away for college. "I soon realized that a business major wasn't for me so I returned to Bozeman to pursue Landscape Design," noted Jodi. "That brought on passion for the green industry, and I have loved learning as much as possible through school and the working world." After she graduates from Montana State University in May of 2011, Jodi plans to stay in the Bozeman area.



Cheryl Reid grew up on a nursery in Hickory, North Carolina and went on to get a bachelor's degree in landscape design from North Carolina State University. She spent two years as a landscape designer in North Carolina before moving to Polson, Montana in 2008 to join Delaney's Landscape Center. As the landscape designer for Delaney's, Reid has spent the past two years navigating the horticultural challenges unique to this area with

help from the rest of the experienced staff at Delaney's while designing everything from small shrub beds to full residential landscapes. "I am looking forward to many more rewarding years at Delaney's and in the industry," said Reid.

The Montana Nursery & Landscape Association is a trade association of approximately 300 members from the United States and Canada. Its goal is to provide education, information, and opportunities for professional development to its members.

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