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BIGFORK, MT, March 1, 2010 — Horticulture professional Brandt Thompson from Glacier Nursery, Inc. in Kalispell, Montana has passed the complex Montana Nursery & Landscape Association Certified Plant Professional (CPP) examination and has received his 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.



Brandt Thompson

Brandt Thompson was born and raised on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington. He has been involved with some aspect of horticulture since age fourteen when he began working for a rhododendron

grower. Brandt earned a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture from Brigham Young University, Idaho where he also met and married his wife, Kristin. After graduation Brant began work as a site supervisor for a landscape company in Boulder, Colorado. Having determined years earlier that he wanted to live in the Flathead Valley, Brandt and Kristin with their son Nicholas moved to Whitefish in 2009 where they feel right at home. Brant works in customer service at Glacier Nursery. "I look forward to a lifetime of working, learning and growing in the horticulture industry," notes Brandt.

The Montana Nursery & Landscape Association is a trade association of approximately 330 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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