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### MONTANA NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

BIGFORK, MT, March 3, 2010 — The board of directors of the Montana Nursery and Landscape Association proudly announces their newest board members, Shane Rogers and Holly Wadsworth. The election for Shane's position as 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president took place by ballot prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. Holly Wadsworth was appointed to the position of Board Secretary shortly following the meeting.



Shane Rogers is the Farm Manager for Glacier Nursery, Inc. in Kalispell, Montana. Shane has worked at Glacier Nursery since high school, starting in 1988. He has progressed steadily from summer seasonal work to his current position. "Starting from the bottom up in a business gives you the experience and knowledge needed to perform any task", notes Shane. "It also gives you the perspective of those doing the work for you. I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to grow with a business over the past 20 years."

Shane supervises the crews and possesses a remarkable talent for motivating his teams to achieve higher goals each year. He oversees production from cuttings to harvest. His knowledge of the farm and ability to accomplish a great variety of tasks allows others to do their jobs efficiently. "When I was first introduced to the MNLA, I was amazed at the camaraderie that existed throughout the MNLA. I appreciate the opportunity of joining the board and doing my part in continuing its' good works."



Holly Wadsworth shares ownership of Biggy's Landscape Service, LLC with partner Adam Bigelow since 2005. Following in the footsteps of her avid gardener grandmother, Holly has been involved in horticulture since a very young age weeding, planting, harvesting, and caring for all types of plants. She earned a BS in Environmental Science/Ecology from Unity College in Maine and has been living in the Flathead Valley since 2001. "I believe I will bring value to the MNLA board of directors because I have fresh ideas regarding member involvement with the association, as well as a knack for communication with others" says Holly. "I believe the most important issues facing the MNLA at this point are making a presence in the green movement, reaching out to educate landscapers, gardeners and nurserymen, and generally making the MNLA a more important tool for use by individuals and businesses in our state."

MNLA board members serve for five years, coming onto the board in the role of 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president. They move up the ladder to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, then assume the role of president in their fourth year. Finally, they serve one year as past president. Currently serving in the role of president is Josh Friendson of Blanchford Landscape Contractors, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president is Jake Wagner of Wagner Nursery & Landscaping, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president is Steve Lehenbauer of Sylvan Nursery, and past president is David Anderson of New Leaf Landscaping. Dan Devore of 2M Company serves as Member-at-Large, and Jennifer Weiss of Gardening Under the Big Sky continues her service as the Education Committee Chair. Information about the board of directors and other volunteer opportunities is available at [www.plantingmontana.com](http://www.plantingmontana.com).

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