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Shelley, Idaho Receives “Legacy of Leaves” Award

The Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association (INLA), in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Lands, has been administering the Arbor Day Grant Program for the last two years. The purpose of the grant is to support Idaho Cities with their Arbor Day celebrations. It also fosters a stronger relationship between cities and the green industry busi-

nesses that are a part of the community. This grant program is funded by generous support from the major Idaho utility companies; Avista Power, Idaho Power, and Rocky Mountain Power.



Pictured: Gary and LaRee Hammer, Shelley Tree Committee, and Gerry Bates, Southern Idaho Community Forestry Assistant

This year, the INLA decided to present an annual award to the city who made the most of the \$300 grant. The criteria for the award included the dollar amount leveraged with the grant funds, the uniqueness of the Arbor Day celebration, and the community support of volunteers for the holiday. It was decided that the name of this annual award would be the “Legacy of Leaves”, a title that recognizes the contribution that trees make to the communities in which they are planted.

This year’s winner of the “Legacy of Leaves” award is the city of Shelley in Eastern Idaho. Shelley received a \$300 grant from the INLA and spent nearly \$1,300 on their celebration. They enjoyed support from the Boy Scouts of America, the Shelley Tree Committee, and many local citizens. Trees were planted at the City Park in the driving rain (nearly snow), but no one seemed to mind the nasty weather.

Accepting the award at the Idaho Horticulture Expo in Boise were Gary and LaRee Hammer, members of the Shelley Tree Committee. The award was presented at the INLA business luncheon in the presence of the membership of the INLA members and Board of Directors.

Information regarding the 2010 Arbor Day grant program will be available from INLA soon, so please stay tuned!

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