



## INLAND EMPIRE CHRISTMAS TREE ASSOCIATION HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Over the past forty plus years Christmas tree growers in the Inland Empire have gathered together to share information, and stay up-to-date on leading trends and technology. These growers, while originally several separate organizations, joined together to form what is now known as the **Inland Empire Christmas Tree Association** (IECTA). The following shows the chronology leading us to today's IECTA.

- February 7, 1963 - **Idaho Christmas Tree Growers Association**, founded.
- Also in the early 60's – **Montana Christmas Tree Association**, founded.
- 1981 - Idaho Christmas Tree Grower's Association changed name to **Inland Empire Christmas Tree Association**.
- In 1992, the Inland Empire Christmas Tree Association hosted the National Christmas Tree Association's annual meeting in Spokane, WA.
- In 2004, the Montana Christmas Tree Association and the Inland Empire Christmas Tree Association combined, retaining the name, Inland Empire Christmas Tree Association.
- 2004 - 2007 - Marvin Kaschke of Polson, Montana held position of National Director.
- 2008 - 2012 - James Storms of Garfield, WA currently holds the position of National Director

### GEOGRAPHICAL AREA:

- Northeast Oregon
- Easter Washington
- Northern Idaho
- Montana

### MEMBERSHIP:

Year	Regular Members	Associate Members	Extension Members
1999	43	15	
2001	34	11	
2002	30	14	
2003	39	11	47
2004	46	10	
2005	43	11	
2006	45	11	13
2007	45	11	13
2008	46	12	13
2009	34	6	12
2010	41	5	14

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