



# William B. Mellott

BCMA · RCA · TRAQ · TPAQ

ISA Board Certified Master Arborist · ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist

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## CERTIFICATIONS, LICENSES & QUALIFICATIONS

- **ISA Board Certified Master Arborist**  
BCMA · MW-4246B
- **Registered Consulting Arborist**  
ASCA · RCA #837
- **ISA Certified Arborist**  
Since 2001
- **Tree Risk Assessment Qualified**  
ISA · TRAQ
- **Tree & Plant Appraisal Qualified**  
ASCA · TPAQ
- **Advanced Hazard Tree Training**  
USFS · 2024
- **Commercial Pesticide Applicator License**  
WSDA · WA, ornamental
- **Commercial Pesticide Applicator License**  
State of Idaho, ornamental

## CREDENTIALS



## Professional Summary

William B. Mellott is an **ISA Board Certified Master Arborist** (BCMA, MW-4246B) and **ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist** (RCA #837) with more than 30 years of professional experience in arboriculture, urban forestry, and plant health care across Washington, Idaho, and the Dakotas. As owner of Plant Health Care Services, LLC, he provides independent tree evaluations, appraisals, risk assessments, and consulting reports for a wide range of clients, including attorneys and legal teams, property owners and developers, municipalities and public agencies, universities, and insurance and claims professionals.

His qualifications span the field's two most demanding professional tracks: the **Board Certified Master Arborist** credential is the highest level of certification offered by the International Society of Arboriculture and is held by only a small percentage of certified arborists, while the **Registered Consulting Arborist** designation is the senior credential of the American Society of Consulting Arborists.

*Fewer than 2% of all ISA Certified Arborists also hold the Board Certified Master Arborist (BCMA) certification. William is one of them, and fewer still carry the full combination he does, BCMA, Registered Consulting Arborist, TRAQ, and TPAQ, together with dual state applicator licensing and three decades of field, instruction, and consulting experience.*

## Certifications, Licenses & Qualifications

CURRENT

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| <b>ISA Board Certified Master Arborist (BCMA)</b> , MW-4246B                                    | Current         |
| <b>ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist (RCA)</b> , #837                                         | 2024 to present |
| <b>ISA Certified Arborist</b>                                                                   | 2001 to present |
| <b>ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ)</b>                                                | 2015 to present |
| <b>ASCA Tree &amp; Plant Appraisal Qualified (TPAQ)</b> , recertified                           | 2024 to present |
| <b>USFS Advanced Hazard Tree Training Certification</b>                                         | 2024            |
| <b>WSDA Commercial Pesticide Applicator License</b> , ornamental weeds, insects & disease (WA)  | 2004 to present |
| <b>Idaho Commercial Pesticide Applicator License</b> , ornamental weeds, insects & disease (ID) | 2004 to present |

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## Litigation Support & Expert Witness Experience

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William has extensive experience in expert witness work and depositions. As an ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist (#837), he provides objective, defensible evaluation and reporting in support of attorneys, insurers, property managers, HOAs, and public agencies. Engagements draw on his ISA Board Certified Master Arborist training, TRAQ risk methodology, and TPAQ appraisal qualification to produce findings that withstand professional and legal scrutiny.

- **Tree risk & hazard assessment**, qualified evaluation of tree condition, structure, and likelihood of failure using the ISA TRAQ methodology and USFS advanced hazard tree training.
- **Tree & plant appraisal / valuation**, monetary appraisal of trees and landscape plants for loss, damage, and casualty matters (ASCA TPAQ qualified).
- **Forensic evaluation**, investigation of tree failure, decline, construction impact, and care standard questions, with documentation and photographic record.
- **Written consulting reports**, clear, well supported reports and expert opinion; numerous consulting reports, documents, and articles prepared since 1997.
- **Construction impact & tree preservation review**, assessment of development effects on existing trees and mitigation planning.

*Fee schedule and references are available upon request.*

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## Scope of Consulting Services

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As a Registered Consulting Arborist, William provides objective, comprehensive evaluation and reporting for property owners, municipalities, attorneys, insurance professionals, landscape architects, developers, engineers, contractors, and fellow arborists.

- Tree risk assessments & surveys (TRAQ)
- Tree, landscape & nursery appraisals (TPAQ)
- Expert witness & litigation support
- Forensic investigations
- Diagnosis of tree & landscape problems
- Insect & disease identification & management
- Plant health care (PHC) & IPM programs
- Trunk injection / micro-infusion treatment
- Tree & plant inventories, GIS mapping
- Tree protection for construction projects
- Contract preparation & supervision
- Tree planting programs
- Tree management for arboreta, golf courses & nurseries
- Municipal ordinance development
- Training & education

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## Standards & Methodology

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- Tree & plant appraisal per current CTLA Guide for Plant Appraisal
- ANSI A300 standards & ISA Best Management Practices
- ISA TRAQ tree risk assessment methodology
- Tree inventory & GIS, ArcView, TreeWorks, GPS

## Notable Projects, Awards, Accomplishments & Affiliations

### NOTABLE PROJECTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Directed a large **Washington DNR tree planting project** in Othello, WA (2024).
- Created the **Urban Forestry Program at Whitworth University**, digitized all campus trees and built an ArcView GIS / TreeWorks inventory system with maintained work history.
- Established **Tree Campus USA** at Whitworth University, the 2nd such designation in the State of Washington.
- Designed and created the **Whitworth University Arboretum**.
- Authored an extensive **Urban Forestry and grounds policy manual** for Whitworth University.
- Contracted by the **South Dakota State Forester** for the **statewide Urban Forestry inventory program**, conducting surveys, contracting, data collection, and outreach to communities interested in urban forestry.

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

- International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)
- American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA)
- Pacific Northwest Chapter, ISA
- Spokane City Arborist liaison, Medical Lake Park Board
- SDArA Certification / Executive Board (2001 to 2004)
- ISA & SDArA Exam Proctor (2001 to 2004)

## Symposia, Workshops, Professional & Continuing Education

### CONTINUING & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

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| <b>International Society of Arboriculture</b> , 3,000+ hours continuing education credits | 2025 |
| <b>USFS Advanced Hazard Tree Training</b> certification                                   | 2024 |
| <b>ASCA Consulting Academy</b> , Graduate                                                 | 2021 |
| <b>Master Gardener Training Program</b> , Graduate                                        | 2020 |
| <b>Oregon State University</b> , Graduate Program, Environmental Science                  | 2015 |
| <b>Whitworth University</b> , Plant Biology, 30 credit hours                              | 2009 |
| <b>Spokane Community College</b> , coursework                                             | 2004 |

### SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS & INSTRUCTION

- Adjunct instructor in **Urban Forestry**, Spokane Community College (2020 to present).
- Conducted tree hazard assessment and tree appraisal workshops; delivered campus lectures and lab instruction at Whitworth University.

## Publications & Written Work

- **“Tree Things You Need to Know”**, book, forthcoming 2026.
- Featured writer, **South Dakota Arborist Journal** (2001 to 2004).
- Featured writer, **Palouse Journal News**, Rockford, WA (2004 to 2005).
- Numerous consulting reports, technical documents, and articles (1997 to present).

Education

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|---------------------------------------------------------|------|
| M.A., Theology, Whitworth University, Spokane, WA       | 2015 |
| A.A.S., Urban Forestry, MSU Bottineau, Bottineau, ND    | 2003 |
| Ground Worker Certificate, MSU Bottineau, Bottineau, ND | 2003 |
| B.S., Humanities, Grace University, Omaha, NE           | 1990 |

Employment History

**Owner & Consulting Arborist** , Plant Health Care Services, PHCS, LLC Jan 2016 to Present  
*Medical Lake, Washington*

- Independent tree evaluations, appraisals, tree risk assessments, and consulting reports for HOAs, universities, and local & state government agencies.
- Tree and shrub care, pruning, integrated pest management, diagnosis and treatment (WA / ID).
- Directed a large Washington DNR tree planting project in Othello (2024).
- Adjunct Instructor, Urban Forestry, Spokane Community College (2020 to present).

**Grounds / District Arborist** , Cheney School District Sept 2016 to 2018 (concurrent)  
*Cheney, Washington*

- Interim Grounds Supervisor; WSDA public applicator for turf and trees; performed maintenance of district trees.
- Sprinkler / irrigation repair; propagation and care of trees, shrubs, and plants; supervised summer employees.

**Campus Arborist** , Whitworth University Dec 2004 to Sept 2016  
*Spokane, Washington*

- Created the Urban Forestry Program, digitized all campus trees; built an ArcView GIS / TreeWorks inventory with work history.
- Construction oversight and mitigation; created the campus Arboretum; established Tree Campus USA (2nd in Washington); authored an extensive Urban Forestry and grounds policy manual.
- Supervised summer student crews, volunteers, and a Gospel Mission work rehabilitation program; led workshops and assisted classroom / lab instruction.
- Prepared plant schematics and landscape drawings; managed nursery, greenhouse, flowerbeds, and hanging baskets.
- Performed tree hazard assessments and tree appraisal reports; led campus tours and lectures.

**Consulting Arborist** , Tree Specialists, Inc. 2004  
*Spokane, Washington*

- Provided technical assistance to customers and prepared consulting reports.
- Developed and implemented Plant Health Care (PHC) and IPM programs.

**Owner** , Mobridge Tree Company 1997 to 2004  
*Mobridge, South Dakota*

- Created, developed, and marketed all areas of a tree and turf care business.
- South Dakota Certified Applicator (SD Dept. of Agriculture); consulting urban forestry / arborist services.
- Contracted by the South Dakota State Forester for the statewide Urban Forestry inventory program, conducting surveys, contracting, data collection, and outreach to interested communities.
- On call and on retainer for the City of Mobridge, responding to tree problems as needed.
- Led an Arbor Day Foundation tree planting project at Mobridge High School.

Insurance, licensing, and business standing documentation available upon request.