



RHODODENDRON
SPECIES BOTANICAL GARDEN

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SYMPOSIUM

JUNE 9 & 10, 2023 • FEDERAL WAY, WA

Rhododendron Species Symposium



Journey through the world of species *Rhododendron*. Hear from Keynote Speaker Daniel Hinkley, as well as Steve Hootman, and other plant experts. Explore the world of conservation, rare and endangered plant species, garden management, biodiversity, climate change and taxonomy.

Symposium guests from all over the globe will exchange ideas with experts and enthusiasts alike.

All events take place at the

Courtyard by Marriott
31910 Gateway Center Blvd S.
Federal Way, WA 98003
253-529-0200

-or-

Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden
2525 S. 336th St.
Federal Way, WA 98003
253-838-4646

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Schedule

Friday, June 9

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| 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Registration Open at Courtyard by Marriott |
| 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Rhododendron Species Foundation Annual Meeting, Silent Auction Opens and Celtic Gardens talk with Steve Hootman |
| 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm | Break - Beverage and Snacks |
| 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm | New Rhododendron Species Introductions with Steve Hootman |



New Rhododendron Species Introductions in the Second Golden Age of Plant Hunting with Steve Hootman

Steve will show and discuss a selection of some of the most interesting and horticulturally promising, of the over 150 new species of *Rhododendron*, that have been introduced into cultivation since 1980.

This 40 year modern era has been called the Second Golden Age of Plant Hunting.

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| 6:00 pm | Dinner on your own |
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Schedule

Saturday, June 10

7:00 am - 8:30 am

Breakfast on your own

9:00 am - 9:50 am CHOOSE ONE OPTION

1. Field Laboratory Horticulture Class with Atsuko Gibson
2. New Plantings Garden Tour with Will Clausen
3. Companion Trees for Woodland Gardens Tour with Steve Hootman
4. Rutherford Conservatory Tour with Dennis Bottemiller

10:00 am - 10:50 am CHOOSE ONE OPTION

1. Field Laboratory Horticulture Class with Atsuko Gibson
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Field Laboratory Horticulture Class: Introduction to the Propagation Program at the RSBG Nursery with Atsuko Gibson

Take the behind-the scene tour at the RSBG nursery! Discover how we grow species *Rhododendrons* from seed, cuttings, and graftings.

Atsuko will also discuss how the climate change has affected us, and the measures we have taken in the last few years.

Each class limited to 20 participants.

11:30 - 12:30 pm

Registration Open at Courtyard by Marriott

12:30 - 1:30 pm

Lunch

2:00 - 3:00 pm

2019 Exhibition to China with Steve Hootman

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Break - Beverages and Snacks

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Species Symposium
Panelists: Steve Hootman, Atsuko Gibson,
and Dennis Bottemiller

Schedule

Saturday, June 10

6:00 pm

Cash Bar Open, and Silent Auction Winners Announced

7:00 pm

Dinner Served

After Dinner

Keynote Address with Daniel Hinkley

35 Years in the Field; Botanical Highlights that Changed my Garden with Daniel Hinkley



Dan will discuss some of what he considers to be his best collections over three and one half decades of botanically inspired travel in both and northern and southern hemispheres.

Whether a quiet herbaceous perennial or a towering tree, his appreciation for these plants goes beyond simple aesthetics, imbued with the memories of places and people associated with first seeing these in their natural haunts.

10:00 pm

Symposium Adjourns

Sunday, June 11

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Plant Inspector Available for Phytosanitary Certificates at RSBG. \$40.

thank you

Keynote Speaker

About Daniel Hinkley



Teacher, writer, lecturer, consultant, nurseryman, naturalist, gardener.

Above all, he is committed to solid and sustainable horticultural practices, above average garden plants, landscapes of distinction and raising the collective awareness of the diversity of plant life on Earth as well as the magic and mysteries of our natural world.

Education

B.S. Michigan State University, Horticulture, Education 1976

M.S. University of WA, Urban Horticulture, 1983

Awards

Veitch Memorial Medal (V.M.M.), Royal Horticultural Society of Great Britain, 2007, "for outstanding contribution to advancing the science and practice of horticulture".

George Robert White Medal of Honor, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 2007, "for one who has done the most to advance interest in horticulture in the broadest sense".

Liberty Hyde Bailey Award, American Horticultural Society, 2006

Medal of Honor, Garden Club of America, 2004

Marcel Le Piniac Award, North American Rock Garden Society, 2004

Scott Arboretum Gold Medal, lifetime achievement award, Swarthmore College, 2002

Garden Communicator of the Year, American Nursery and Landscape Association, 2001

White Gold Medal, Cleveland Horticultural Society, 2000

American Horticulture Society Book of the Year Award for The ExplorersGarden, 1999

Symposium Registration

Participate in a weekend of exploration into the world of species *Rhododendron*! Hear from local and international experts on a wide range of topics.

For registration assistance, please email natalie@rhodygarden.org or call 253-345-2515.

For information about RSBG membership, [please visit our website](#).

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\$155

Non-Member Rate

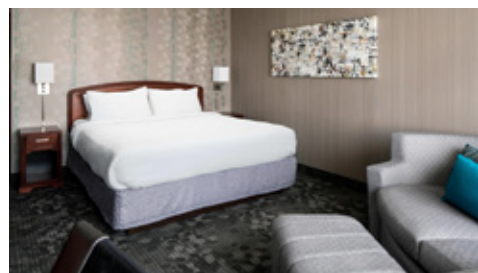
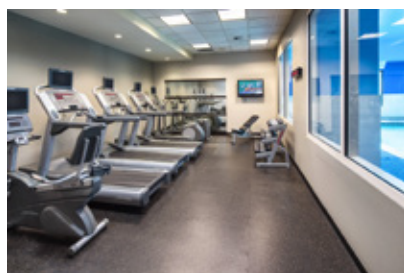
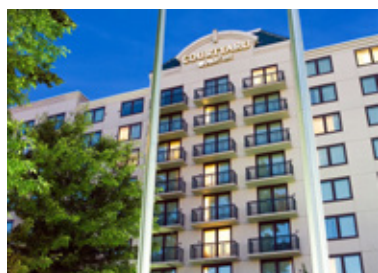
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Register by June 4, 2023 to secure your spot!

Courtyard by Marriott



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