

**PLANT EXPLORER DAN HINKLEY WILL
SPEAK AT THE 51ST ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLANT
PROPAGATORS SOCIETY.**

Bellingham, WA--The Western Region of the International Plant propagators Society will feature world-renowned plant explorer, horticulturist, and author, Dan Hinkley, speaking at the 2010 annual meeting at the Lakeway Inn and Conference Center, in Bellingham, WA on Friday, September 10th at 8:00 pm. A silent auction and book sale will proceed the lecture. Cost is included with conference registration, and \$75.00 those wishing to attend just the silent auction, dinner and lecture. .

Hinkley will present a lecture titled "Plant Collecting in Chile." Dan Hinkley is well known throughout the horticulture industry for his ability to identify plants that perform admirably in climates across North America. Not only does he travel the world seeking unusual and exotic plants, but he trials them as a hands-on gardener to evaluate their performance in the garden



For 20 years, Dan Hinkley has gathered seeds from specimens he thinks may be garden-worthy and tried them at home before releasing them to the trade for wider testing. He is credited with introducing - or reintroducing - thousands of previously unknown or long-forgotten species. He first studied horticulture in his home state of Michigan before moving west to Washington, where he earned his masters degree. In 1989 he opened Heronswood Nursery in partnership with Robert Jones. Though the garden was sold in 2006 before closing it listed 3000 plant species, Heronswood remains a place of distinction where thousands of plants Hinkley brought back from his expeditions were grown and studied. .Hinkley has since created a new garden in the Pacific North West called Windcliff on a south-facing bluff overlooking Puget Sound