



*The "Growin' Wild" NPA Neighborhood Group proudly presents*

# *"Plant Gathering in Asia"*



*An Educational Evening with Steve Hootman*

*Executive Director and Curator, Rhododendron Species Botanical  
Garden*

**Steve Hootman** holds a degree in Public Horticulture from Purdue University. He serves as the principal scientific staff member and is responsible for the management and integrity of the RSBG's world-class collection of *Rhododendron* species and companion plants. He has played a determining role in making this garden one of the premier gardens of its kind in the world. Mr. Hootman has participated in or led over a dozen expeditions into the remote regions of Asia looking for rare and new taxa of rhododendrons and other plants and is considered to be one of the world authorities on the genus. He just recently returned from a three week trek in the high mountains of Indonesia. He has had numerous articles and photographs published in journals and books and lectures widely on various botanical and horticultural subjects.

We are so fortunate to have this chance to learn about these fascinating discoveries from Mr. Hootman.

An added bonus- He will have plants for sale after the meeting!

*Don't miss this one! Please plan to join us!*

**Thursday, February 9, 6:30-8:30 PM Harbor Place Cottessmore, 1016 29th Street NW, Gig Harbor.**

**Admission is \$5 at the door**

**Beverages and light refreshments will be provided. *Seating is limited to 60 attendees.***

RSVP to [janjensen47@yahoo.com](mailto:janjensen47@yahoo.com) or 253-581-8460 by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>!