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Renowned Plant Explorer--**DANIEL J. HINKLEY**
Founder of Heronswood Nursery
to Speak at
Berkshire Botanical Garden 2009 Annual Winter Lecture
Monument Mt. Regional High School, Great Barrington, MA
February 14, 2009, at 2 pm.

November 7, 2008-- Stockbridge, Massachusetts-- The Berkshire Botanical Garden will kick off its 75th anniversary year with world-renowned plant explorer, horticulturist, and author, Dan Hinkley, speaking at the 2009 annual winter lecture at Monument Mountain High School in Great Barrington, Ma. at 2 pm. A special reception and book sale will follow the lecture. Cost is \$30 for Garden members \$35 non-members.

Mr. Hinkley will present "Plants for your 21st Century Garden." In this intriguing lecture, Hinkley will talk about new plants that have been recently introduced, discovered or bred. "The abundant world of plants in which I have invested throughout my life, has paid handsome dividends," says Hinkley. "I have had the opportunity to be a continuous student in a subject that has no parameters, limitless mysteries and extraordinary allure."

Hinkley will offer the audience his thoughts about the many plants that do not pose a threat to bio-invasion and recommend plants that extend the gardening season, no matter the climate. "Using the right plants in our gardens in regard to proper cultural requirements should be the universal goal. A plant well grown, on its own, is justification enough for gardening."

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, Heronswood remains a place of distinction where thousands of plants Hinkley brought back from his expeditions were grown and studied.

Daniel Hinkley's has found interesting plants in China, Korea and Nepal to Chile and closer to home, in remote areas of North America. He has become the true definition of a 'Plant Explorer'. He writes for numerous horticultural publications, is in high demand as a speaker throughout North America and Europe and has written two books: **The Explorers Garden, Rare and Unusual Perennials, (1999, Timber Press)** and **Winter Ornamentals (1993, Sasquatch Press)**.

The lecture will be followed by a special on-site reception. Advance tickets are available by calling Berkshire Botanical Garden 413-298-3926. Tickets are also available at the door. Call about group rates. Snow Date: February 15th. For Membership and other information go to: www.berkshirebotanical.org.