OPENING NIGHT
PARTY & AUCTION

Hanami 花見-Savoring Spring

A Benefit for the Washington Park Arboretum
February 21, 2017

Honorary Chairs: Elizabeth and Allen Moses
Event Co-Chairs: Della Balick and Jim Reid
Auctioneer: Graham Crow

Venue generously provided by:
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Arboretum Foundation
This Evening’s Schedule

5:00PM  Champagne Reception
5:30PM  Garden Viewing Opens
5:40PM  Silent Auction Closes
6:30PM  Garden Viewing Closes (Re-Opens at 8:30PM)
6:35PM  Grand Silent Auction Opens (entryway to Skybridge Lobby)
7:00PM  Dinner and Program Begins

7:30PM  **LIVE AUCTION**
  Live Auction Items 1-6
  **Frenzy #1**
  Live Auction Items 7-10
  **Make a Difference – Dan Hinkley**
  Live Auction Items 11-13
  **Frenzy #2**
  Live Auction Items 14-17

8:30PM  Garden Viewing Re-opens, Checkout Begins
  (please go to South Atrium to Checkout.)
9:30PM  Garden Closes, Checkout Ends

Thank you to our Table Hosts!

Diane Adachi, Susan Ayrault, Steve Alley & Amy Scott, Della & Bruce Balick, Lynn Garvey, Carol & John Hoerster, Fred Hoyt, Sherrey & Doug Luetjen, Paige Miller, Elizabeth & Allen Moses, Jason Morse, Lee & John Neff, Jeanne Peterson, Jim Reid & Richard Smith, Maryanne Tagney, Dave & Chris Smith Towne, Iris & Ted Wagner, Trina Wherry, John Wott, Delia & Milton Zeutschel
Arboretum Treasures

A casual walk in the Arboretum reveals many of its treasures: the riot of color in spring on Azalea Way, the ring of towering sequoias on Arboretum Drive, the sweet smell of daphne and witch hazel in the Witt Winter Garden, the hillside sweep of New Zealand grasses, the magnificent collections of oaks and mountain ashes, magnolias and maples. But, there are treasures that are just as important that your casual stroll will not reveal--the dedication of a volunteer or the gem of a garden nestled behind a fence. It is these hidden treasures that we are celebrating this evening.

That gem of a garden nestled behind a fence is the Seattle Japanese Garden. We are proud that the Arboretum Foundation raised the money to add the Garden to the Arboretum in 1960 and that we found the master designers from the Tokyo Metropolitan Parks District who created this masterpiece. We are thrilled once again to be the support organization for the Japanese Garden, working closely with Seattle Parks and Recreation to offer Japanese cultural festivals and programs to the public.

No place in Seattle has more dedicated volunteers than the Arboretum—and no volunteer has been more dedicated than former board president Elizabeth Moses, who joined us over sixty years ago. She served as garden guide and became legendary for her knowledge of the plants of the Arboretum. She is equally well-known for her knowledge of the Japanese Garden where she has been their longest-serving guide. Elizabeth and her husband Allen Moses have staffed plant sales, served on committees, and built display gardens. Elizabeth and Allen have been equally dedicated to the Japanese Garden and to the wider Arboretum. No one could better symbolize the deep connection between the two. We are thrilled that they are our honorary co-chairs this evening.
LIVE AUCTION ITEMS 1 - 6

Item #1 A Day with the Hippos at the Zoo
A unique zoo experience for 10 people. The zoo’s hippo keeper will give an enrichment talk about the hippos to you and your guests, and give you a special opportunity to feed them! Includes zoo entrance fee and passes for all of you to ride the zoo carousel.

*Generously donated by the Woodland Park Zoo Society*  
*Value $600*

Item #2 Tour of Ciscoe Morris’ Private Garden
A evening of casual conversation with a local horticultural legend in his garden? *Oh la la!* Ciscoe will host you and nine of your friends on a tour of his private Northeast Seattle garden. The tour starts with a glass of wine, and then you and your friends will walk through his garden while he answers all your gardening questions. More wine and light appetizers will be served after the tour so you can sit and chat with Ciscoe!

Tour must be redeemed in 2017 in June, July or August, date to be agreed on with Ciscoe.

*Generously donated by Mary and Ciscoe Morris*  
*Value $2,000*

Item #3 Kachess Log Cabin
Explore the Cascades with a week in a lovely log cabin at Snoqualmie Pass on scenic Lake Kachess on a mutually agreeable date in June or September, 2017. The cabin sleeps ten people in two bedrooms, with two full bathrooms and a full kitchen. Enjoy swimming, hiking, playing games and relaxing in the hammocks. Motorboats and fishing allowed on lake, fishing license required.

*Generously donated by Bob and Carolyn Kitchell*  
*Value $1,400*
**Item # 4 A Week in a Maui Home**

Welcome to your home in Paradise! Wake up to sweet orange blossom breezes and tropical bird calls. This recently updated, Old-Hawaii style home has three bedrooms and two baths in a private estate of four cottages surrounded by a mature, tropical landscape of palm trees, seasonal mangoes, bananas, oranges, ginger, and birds of paradise. Play tennis to your hearts content on the private court, or escape the sun in the shade of a mango tree. Wonderful for a family or 2-3 couples.

The home has a well-equipped kitchen, living room, dining area, lanai with BBQ, full laundry and a delightful, additional outdoor shower. Wonderful for a family or 2-3 couples. Max occupancy: 6 people.

It is steps away from the "Jewel of Kihei" - Keawakapu Beach, famous for clean, sugar-fine sands, crystal-clear water, excellent snorkeling, perfect sunsets and long walks on the beach. World class golf is 5 minutes away on three golf courses in the Wailea resort area. One week (7nights), at mutually agreeable dates, EXCLUDING 11/21/17 -11/29/17 and 12/19/17 - 1/3/18. Expires 2/15/18. Please call to discuss available dates as soon as possible since popular dates are reserved far in advance.

Max occupancy: 6 people.

*Generously donated by the Kitchell Family*  
*Value $4,000*

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**Item # 5 Two Round-Trip Alaska Airline Tickets**

These two vouchers are valid for one year on Alaska Airlines flights numbered 1-999; 2000-2999 and 3450-3499. Choose a destination with your partner and fly away! Excludes travel to Cuba and Code Share Partners.

*Generously donated by Alaska Airlines*  
*Value $2,500*
Item #6 Treehouse

Magical Private Treehouse Escape

Escape for two nights to a magical private treehouse near a tidal strait on Port Orchard Bay. A rare opportunity to savor this stunning refuge, held aloft by two Western red cedars, floating 30 feet about the ground. This adult-only stay includes an optional fully-equipped beach cabin for a base-camp. A complimentary copy of builder Peter Nelson’s Treehouses included with your stay.

Maximum of four adults, to be scheduled at mutually-agreeable dates within one year. Standard liability release form signed upon arrival.

Generously donated by Paul & Heidi Danilchik

Value: Priceless! Minimum bid $1,000

FRENZY ITEM #1

FRENZY: Icicle Creek Luncheon and Wildflower Hike

Enjoy a full day’s outing at the Wyatt’s mountain house perched on the side of a cliff, exploring pristine trails that wind along Icicle Creek and up the canyon. A wildflower hike, led by native plant expert Randall Hitchin, includes options for elevation gain and stunning views of the canyon and its jagged peaks or a leisurely ramble to photograph plant and wildlife. Work up an appetite for a multi-course luncheon, served at different vantage point. Surrounding views are incredible!

Date for this Hike is June 11, 2107

Generously donated by Jenny and Scott Wyatt

Value: $150 per person, 10 spots available

Live Auction Items 7-10

Item #7 Bellisimo! One Week Stay at Casa Vecchia in Anghiari, Tuscany

Spend a week in an attractively restored farmhouse on the edge of Tuscany, conveniently located for numerous day-trips. The house is perched on a prominent hill overlooking a beautiful valley with layers of morning mist that burn off as the day progresses. Conveniently located for easy day trips to Florence, Siena, the Chianti area, Cortona, Arezzo, Assisi and many other wonderful places of interest. Includes 6 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, a swimming pool and WIFI.

Generously donated by Doug and Noriko Palmer

Value $2,500
Item #8 Seahawks Tickets

Calling all 12s—here is your chance to attend a home game! Two 100-level Seahawks tickets for a mutually agreeable date.

Generously donated by Craig Trueblood  
Value $500

Item #9 One Week RCI Resort Stay Anywhere in the World!

Enjoy a one week stay at an RCI timeshare resort anywhere in the world! Locations include condos at Disney World, boats in England, a villa in Italy, a condo in Mexico and more. Choose a ski resort, the beach, or even Lake Chelan, in your own backyard. Dates and location are mutually agreeable and based upon availability. Airfare, car, or other expenses not included. Expires 12/1/2017

Generously donated by Suzan and Russell Watanabe  
Value: up to $8,000

Item #10 Executive Chef Mauro Golmarvi Dinner

Bring the passion of renowned Assagio Ristorante owner and Executive Chef Mauro Golmarvi into your own kitchen! Delight your guests with a menu that you will develop in close collaboration with Chef Mauro. What’s your fancy — seafood, pasta, lamb, or…? Chef Mauro will help you create your shopping list in advance, and then he will bring his culinary passion to your own kitchen to help you work some culinary magic for an exciting dining event for up to 10 guests! Location limited to greater Seattle/Eastside area. Bidder is responsible for cost of groceries and provision of all dinnerware, stemware, etc.

Date to be mutually agreed upon; must be used by December 12, 2017

Generously donated by Executive Chef Mauro Golmarvi  
Value $4,000
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE ARBORETUM

Whether you are here tonight because you love gardens or because you are connected to someone who does, we are sure that you share Seattle’s love for this incredible place. This portion of the evening is your chance to make a difference by providing the support needed to maintain this treasured park. All funds will be used to support and sustain the Arboretum now and for future generations.

GUEST SPEAKER: DANIEL J. HINKLEY

Dan Hinkley’s lifelong interest in plants led him to receive his B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture from Michigan State University and his M.S. in Urban Horticulture from the University of Washington. In 1987 he and his husband, Robert Jones, established Heronswood Nursery. Devoted to introducing rare plants to the gardeners of North America, this endeavor led him into the wilds of China, South and Central America, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Nepal and Vietnam. 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. He now serves as Director of the renewed Heronswood Garden. He and Robert live at Windcliff, the extraordinary garden they created together in Indianola.

How Make a Difference Works

Auctioneer Graham Crow will begin by asking you to raise your bid cards to Make a Difference at the $10,000 level. He will announce funding levels at $5,000, $2,500, $1,000, $500, $250, and $100. Your participation, at any level, will truly make a difference in sustaining the Arboretum.

Our Mission

The mission of the Arboretum Foundation is to create and strengthen an engaged community of donors, volunteers, and advocates who will promote, protect and enhance the Washington Park Arboretum for current and future generations.
Item #11   **Windcliff & Heronswood Tour**

The founders of the influential collections of Heronswood Nursery invite you to indulge in a rare opportunity. From its storied history to its vast collection of rare and unusual plants, a tour of the reborn Heronswood Garden by its founders is a top item on any gardener's bucket list. After a private guided tour of this fascinating garden, six guests will travel a short distance to enjoy lunch and a tour of Dan Hinkley and Robert Jones’ private 5.5 acre Windcliff Garden, high atop a bluff in Indianola with sweeping views of the Seattle skyline and Mt. Rainier.

Guests will view stunning ornamentals as well as the robust vegetable gardens Dan and Robert have cultivated. The winning bidder may choose to bring their guests to Windcliff on a mutually agreeable date for a unique and intimate outing with this internationally respected plantsman and fellow Arboretum supporter.

*Generously donated by Dan Hinkley and Robert Jones*  
Value $2,000

Item #12   **A Starry Night in Mazama**

Interested in astronomy? Want to spend a couple days in the Methow Valley? You can do both! Enjoy dinner al fresco and an astronomy lesson by Bruce Balick, professor emeritus of the Department of Astronomy at the University of Washington. Includes two nights at the Mazama Country Inn (accommodates 2-4 people, one room) Available only on agreed upon dates. Dates to choose from are: Jul 15, 2017 or Aug 26, 2017.

*Generously donated by Iris and Ted Wagner, Della and Balick, and The Mazama Country Inn*  
Value $1,400
Item #13: Pick Your Paradise: Zulu Nyala Game Lodge and Sojourn Ventures

Which of the following would you like to experience in the next two years?

- Exploring the beauty and serenity of Bali with a one-week stay in your own private villa located by the Indian Ocean?

- Watching elephants, rhinos, leopards, giraffes, hippos, zebras, cheetahs and buffalos during an incredible six day/six night South African photo safari with four star accommodations?

- Living “Under the Tuscan Sun” with a seven-day stay in a 1-bedroom home just a short walk to some of the finest restaurants in the charming Tuscan hillside town of Cortona?

Tough choice, isn’t it? But tonight’s winning bidder will be able to select which part of paradise they want to enjoy. All trips are for two people. All trips are good for two years from today.

All meals are included in the Africa Safari option. Airfare is NOT included in any of the trips, no sales or transfers are permitted. Winning bidders have two (2) years from date of purchase to use the package.

Once a destination has been selected and winner’s materials sent, no changes can be made. All Pick Your Paradise sales are final, non-refundable, and with no extensions or transfers.

Generously donated by: Zulu Nyala Game Lodge and Sojourn Ventures  Value $5,950
FRENZY ITEM #2

An Insider’s Tour of the Arboretum plus Wine & Cheese Reception

Experience the Washington Park Arboretum like you never have before! Enjoy a private cart tour, led by Arboretum Foundation Executive Director Paige Miller and University of Washington Botanic Garden Interim Director Fred Hoyt. This is an exclusive opportunity to learn about the history and horticulture of the Arboretum from the people who work every day to maintain it.

This tour also features a sneak peek at our new Centennial Garden at the Azalea Way Pond. After the tour, you’ll have the opportunity to hear about our newest garden from landscape architect Jason Morse, Arboretum Foundation Board Member and one of the Centennial Garden designers. Tour scheduled for September 19th, 2017. There are 12 spots available!

Generously donated by the Arboretum Foundation and the University of Washington Botanic Garden

Value: $100 per person

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS 14—18

Item #14  Mt. Rainier Cabin “Cliffside”

Enjoy a 3 night stay at the cabin called "Cliffside", next door to the Paradise entrance to Mt. Rainier. Use your stay for up to 6 people on a mutually agreeable date, midweek during June, July, September, or October, 2017. This inviting cabin can be enjoyed as a base to explore Rainier's trails and meadows. It is a unique, easy to find! The cabin has three bedrooms and 1.5 bath with a full kitchen. Best for children over age 10 as the cabin really is on a "Cliffside".

Generously donated by Elizabeth Moses & Susan Ayrault

Value $800
Item #15  Garden Tour at the Iconic Norcliffe Estate in the Highlands
Private guided tour of the Norcliffe Gardens and Japanese Teahouse with refreshments for twelve. Date of tour to be mutually agreed upon prior to October 31st, 2017.

*Generously donated by Chris and Betsy Pepper Larson*  
*Value $1,500*

Item #16  Artistic Handmade Bamboo Fence
Ever wanted a unique, handmade bamboo fence for your garden? You came to the right auction! The fence is 36 linear feet, in two 18” runs set at right angles for six panels at 6 feet each.

*Generously donated by Mark Meenan*  
*Value $1,000*

Item #17  Seattle Mariners Groundskeeper for a Day
Be an Honorary Grounds Crew Member for a day with the Seattle Mariners! As honorary groundskeeper, you will assist in setting up batting practice, help with pre-game preparation, help drag the infield between 3rd and 6th innings, and take the bases in after the game. This honor also comes with two (2) tickets for guests to the Mariners game (Guest Groundskeeper does not need a ticket).

Actual participant must be physically able to perform duties stated above and be 16 years of age or older. Only one person may participate. The designated month for this winner to be a groundskeeper is May 2017 (cannot be used any other month). The Head Groundskeeper and the winner will agree upon the actual game date.

*Generously donated by the Seattle Mariners*  
*Value $500*

Item #18  Ikebana
What better way to end your evening celebrating Hanami than to take home four beautiful Japanese-style flower arrangements? Crafted by Nobuko Relnick and ready to whisk away.

*Generously donated by Nobuko Relnick*  
*Each Ikebana is Valued at $150*
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Graham Crow, our auctioneer

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A special thanks to all our volunteers!
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