

David Edgley-

He will speak on Novelty Phalaenopsis and Phalaenopsis culture in two lectures. Here is his bio:

David's love affair with orchids began as a teenager on a Navy base in the Philippines where, in the back yard, he discovered some Phalaenopsis species growing on a tree. Fast forward to about 1977, living in the Seattle area, David joined the Northwest Orchid Society, and discovered and joined the American Orchid Society. After the kids were grown and gone, he joined the AOS judging program, becoming an accredited judge in 2012. One of his favorite activities is attending and judging orchid events all over the US and Canada, meeting fellow orchid enthusiasts. After several years serving as the chair of the Pacific Northwest Judging Center, David transferred to the new Western Canada Judging Centre where he serves on the education committee.

Over the years, David has been active in both the Northwest Orchid Society and the Mount Baker Orchid Society, serving in nearly every elected office including president on multiple occasions. In the American Orchid Society, David serves on the IT Committee and is currently vice-chair of the Judging Committee. As a trustee, he plans to serve the goals of the AOS and help it better serve the orchid-growing community.

Phalaenopsis is David's favorite genus so it's no surprise to learn he is a long-time member of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) where he serves as treasurer and a member of the executive committee. He has also dabbled in breeding and has an interest in Phalaenopsis of all sizes and colors. His quest is to grow and bloom them ever better in his rather small, crowded greenhouse.

Education, training, and mentoring judges are also among David's passions. He regularly gives presentations to local orchid societies and shares his experiences for successful growing.

Professionally, David has spent nearly 30 years as a Field Engineer, Systems Engineer, Sales Engineer, and Enterprise Architect for several high-tech companies with a specialty in at scale data protection, storage, and archive.

Carol Klonowski has been growing orchids since the 1980s when a friend in Berkeley, California gave her a cattleya orchid and it bloomed out with three big, dark lavender flowers and an intoxicating fragrance. She built an entire greenhouse in her backyard to accommodate the precious plant, which only led her to buy more orchids. Then another friend gave her a gift membership to the Orchid Society of California, and it's been a serious hobby ever since.

Carol has served as director, vice president, and president of the Orchid Society of California for most of the past two decades and is currently a fully accredited judge with the American Orchid Society in the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center.