

A Collector's Garden: When Gardening Becomes an Obsession
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Opening Slide: *Fatsia polycarpa*

I. Brief History of Plant Collecting and Exploration

1. Ancient Egypt
2. Discoveries in the New World: Cacao, Tomatoes and Potatoes
3. The Victorian Era
 - a) Wealth and Status Symbol of plants
 - b) Height of Overseas Plant exploration.
 - c) Tulipmania - "broken Tulip"
 - d) Pteridomania - Fern-Fever

II. The Types of Collectors

1. Hunters and Explorers
 - a. Mike Kovach & *Phragmipedium kovachii*
 - b. E.H. "Chinese" Wilson
 1. *Lilium regale*
 - c. Modern Day Plant Exploration: Dan Hinkley
 1. *Schefflera delavayi* and cut-leaf variant.
2. Missionaries
 - a. Panayoti Kelaidis - Denver Botanic Gardens
 - b. Kelly Dodson and Sue Milliken
 1. Mail order and FR Botanical Conservancy
3. Specialities
 - a. Taxonomic collections
 1. *Helleborus x hybridus*: Ernie and Marietta O'Byrnes
 - i) Eugene, OR
 - ii) Winter Jewels Series
 2. Iris : Thomas Johnson
 - i) Mid American Gardens / Sebright Gardens
 3. *Lilium* : Judith Freeman
 - i) Vancouver, WA
 - iii) Former owner of "The Lily Garden".

4. Sarracenias : Jerry Addington - Courting Frogs

- i) Standwood, WA
- ii) Wholesale

5. Ferns : Judith Jones / Richie Steffen

- i) Gold Bar, WA
- ii. Woodwardia unigemmata, Polystichum setiferum
divisilobum 'Plumoso-multilobum, Pyrrosia lingua
forms, Pyrrosia sheareiri

b. Morphological Collections: Roger Gossler

- i) Springfield, OR
- ii) Rare Woody Plant species

c. Habitat

- 1. Sean Hogan - Cistus Design / Nursery

4. Aesthete

- a. NW Garden Nursery (Ernie and Marietta O'Byrnes)
 - 1. Book: A Tapestry Garden (Timber Press)
- b. Marcia Donahue - Berkeley California
 - 1. Aechmea 'Aztec Gold' / Aechmea x Billbergia
- c. Bonsai with Tony Fajarillo @bonsaiko on Instagram

III. Bringing in Plants from Overseas

- 1. USDA website for more information: acir.aphis.usda.gov
- 2. CITES (Convention of the International Trade of Endangered Species)
- 3. Preparing plants for overseas transport: No soil, no pulp on seeds, proper documentation.

IV. Showing Plants

- 1. Dahlia society show
- 2. Chelsea Flower Show
 - a. Awards, Press Day, Weird colored hair and attire)

V. The Houseplant Craze

- 1. Social Media influencers
- 2. Houseplants as a Gateway to Gardening.

VI. Nurturing the next generation

- 1. Meeting youth where they're at and expand on their curiosities.
- 2. "Grow" by Riz Reyes and illustrated by Sara Boccacini Meadows.

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