



# Greater Seattle Aquarium Society

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Dear Aquarium Industry Professional:

I would like to thank you for your support of our club and all generous donations to the GSAS Annual Auction. The Auction is our club's major fundraiser and supports a variety of activities; including special programs with nationally known speakers, breeder award & horticulture award programs, and a variety of other educational activities throughout the year.

Thanks to your generous donations and record club participation, the 2009 auction was a wild success. We had a grand total of 501 lots available for bid this year. Wholly 1/3 of the bidders are new to the club; from as far away as Canada and Portland, Oregon. Sponsor donations were featured at a special table at the front of the room with items on display and literature fanned out at the entrance. Our auctioneer team called out each donation by sponsor name (resulting in over 4 hours of bidding). Several larger items were featured in the member raffle following bidding to reward those that stayed throughout the program.

A list of all donors has been posted in our May newsletter (see enclosed) and posted online at <http://www.gsas.org/sponsors.html>. As Northwest Aquaria, the newsletter containing articles written by members, and information on GSAS programs is now fully digital I am including our May issue and would be happy to continue sending either email or paper copies as requested. More information about GSAS can also be accessed via our website at [www.gsas.org](http://www.gsas.org).

If you have any further questions or comments please contact either Phil, our excellent donation coordinator, or myself. We have received considerable support from your company and encourage our members to patronize your business. We hope you had a positive experience supporting our club and will be looking forward to another great Annual Auction in 2010.

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