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Welcome to the NOV 2011 Issue of the newsletter for the DeAnza Chapter of the ARS. I am seeking your input on what articles and topics you would like to see covered in the newsletter. Full color copy of the newsletter is available via email subscription or on our website

Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY,

NOVEMBER 16th, 7:30 to 9 PM

**Hillview Community Center
Room 12**

97 Hillview Av., Los Altos

MEETING TOPIC: Creating & Maintaining Azaleas as Bonsai

Specimens

SPEAKER: Gordon Deeg, Director of the Bonsai Garden @ Lake Merritt

Gordon will be giving a talk about how bonsai enthusiasts maintain and design azaleas (mostly ones called satsuki in Japan) as bonsai. He will cover most aspects of their care, including soil, watering, fertilizing, and design. The talk will include a time table of when to do the work, starting with fall clean-up. A mini display of several of Gordon's Satsuki bonsai will be included.

Gordon Deeg has been a bonsai enthusiast for over 40 years, starting in the mid 1960's after seeing a bonsai display at the California State Fair in Sacramento. He is a graduate of the El Dorado Bonsai Satsuki School, given by Tatemori Gondo, an award winning satsuki master from Japan, is a certified bonsai instructor given by the Golden State Bonsai Federation of California, and has studied bonsai culture in Japan. He maintains a personal collection of several hundred bonsai trees, including approximately 30 satsuk

Join other members for a special pre-meeting dinner @ 5:30 PM

@ Pompeii Restaurant, 100 State St, Los Altos, (across from CITI Bank Plaza)

Call or email Alma Fletcher to reserve your place by Tuesday, NOV 15th @ 5:30 PM

Bringers of goodies this month: Stephanie Munoz & Lynda Thomas

We will need refreshment volunteers for each monthly meeting, so we will pass around a

sign-up sheet @ this month's meeting, since not all the spaces got filled on the last pass around

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SHOW & TELL

Anything – and I do mean anything, in your garden that you'd like to bring and share?

MAINTENANCE

If you'd like to give your plants a little something extra, now is the time to give them treat of high phosphorus fertilizer (middle letter of the fertilizer trilogy) I remember Howard Oliver always saying that about now he started feeding his plants & us old timers remember his spectacular blooms

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2011 / 2012 Season

Nov 16 th	Azaleas as Bonzai
Dec 10 th	Holiday Party @ Karina's House in Los Altos
Jan 18 th	Tim Walsh
Feb 15 th	TBD
Mar 21 st	Steve Hootman
April 18 th	TBD
May 16 th	TBD
June	End of Season Meeting & Pot Luck

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV 16TH

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