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Welcome to the OCT **2014** 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
OCT 15th 7:30 to 9:00 pm
Hillview Community Center
ROOM 12
97 Hillview Av., Los Altos

MEETING: SPECIES FOUNDATION CHINA EXPEDITION

Last year, our speaker Jason Martinez, went on the journey of a life time and he will share his experiences with us at the meeting. He joined Steve Hootman on an expedition to study Magnolias during the peak of their bloom, in the Yulania area of China. He also had the opportunity to study rhododendrons and other plant species. We will share in his adventure without going through airport security and only for the price of renewing our ARS membership.

Jason currently is working at Strybing, maintaining the Rhododendron and Ancient Plant Gardens, plus developing the Mediterranean Basin Garden. On collecting trips to Costa Rica , as well as China, Jason has been able to bring back rare species to study & propagate.

Join other members for a pre-meeting dinner @ 5:30
@ Pompeii Restaurant, 100 State St., Los Altos (across from CITI Bank Plaza)
Contact Alma Fletcher to reserve your place @ the Rhodie Table by Tues Oct 14
(almawfletcher@gmail.com or 650-851-1334)

Don't forget to bring in your yearly dues & save a stamp!

MAINTENANCE

It's still hot, so don't forget to water, preferably in the mornings. Howard Oliver always misted his plants in the afternoon during hot weather, however a misting of the foliage in the afternoon might not be a good idea since the sun is setting sooner and mold & fungus growth may become more prevalent on wet leaves and stems. Thrips are in full force at this time of year. Christy Hartsell highly recommends Bayer Rose & Flower Care. Because it's granular, it's easy to apply around the base of plants so at least you are not spraying pesticide into the air (and your lungs).

Anything wonderful blooming in your gardens? All I have is a *duranta erecta* shrub (small deep purple flowers with white picotee) and purple Mexican sage, the tuberous begonias and nerines are just about finished. Next month the sasanquas start and after that, the early blooming rhodies, — and the garden is exciting again.

2014/2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Oct 15th Jason Martinez.His Trip to China w/Steve Hootman
- Nov ? Combined Meeting w/Camellia Society - Tom Nuccio, speaker
- Dec (tbd) Annual Holiday Party
- Jan 21st Arnie Gomez.Japanese Maples
- Feb 18th Parker Smith.Designing a Garden w/Rhododendrons
- Mar 18th Tim WalshMaddenii for Your Garden
- Apr 12th DeAnza Chapter Plant Sale
- May (tbd) Field Trip
- June 14th Annual End of Season Meeting & Pot Luck Picnic

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

**Oct 11th: Monthly Sale @ Strybing Botanical Garden, 9th & Lincoln GGP, SF
Trees, Ferns & Rhododendrons**

Erika Enos, Newsletter Editor