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**Welcome** to the **SEPTEMBER 2010** 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**

**SEPT 22, 2010 7:30-9 PM**

**Hillview Community Center, Room 12  
97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos**

**MEETING TOPIC:** *Deciduous Azaleas of the Southeastern US*

**SPEAKER:** *Mike Stewart of Dover Nursery in Sandy, OR*

Former ARS President and owner of Dover Nursery in Sandy, Ore., Mike grows over 40,000 rhododendrons and deciduous azaleas which he ships all over Canada and the US. He has 1100 varieties of rhododendrons on an 80 acre facility, 30 acres in the field plus 2 acres under glass. The nursery has been in business 40 years with Mike there about 35. Wholesale only.

Mike will talk about his 10 day excursion exploring the Great Smokey Mountains of the southeastern United States. His focus will be on American Deciduous Azaleas of the Appalachian Range, including all native azaleas of the US (American Azalea Species). He will bring some plants for us to auction.

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, Sept 21st @ 5:30 PM  
([almawfletcher@gmail.com](mailto:almawfletcher@gmail.com) or 650-851-1334)

**DUES ARE COMING DUE -MAIL BACK YOUR CHECKS AS SOON AS YOU GET THE ENVELOPES IN THE MAIL**

We need volunteer refreshment providers – if you're coming to the meeting & would like to bring something sweet besides yourself, Let Tom Wynn know at [wynn.t@comcast.net](mailto:wynn.t@comcast.net))

Our Program Chairperson, Nan Ray has set up a very interesting speaker series for us this season. You should mark your calendars now so as not to miss any of these informative talks.

**NOTE: No cuttings meeting this year**

## MEETING & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE FOR 2010 / 2011 SEASON

- Sept 22nd Mike Stewart of Dover Nursery on Deciduous Azaleas of the Southeastern US
- Oct 20th Don Seltzer of Cal Chapter on his travels to China in pursuit of rhododendrons  
There will be a potluck this evening
- Nov 17th E White of Bovees Nursery in Portland OR
- Dec TBD Holiday Party @ Karina's home in Los Altos
- Jan 25th Kathy Van Veen of Van Veen Nursery in Portland, OR  
NOTE: This is on a TUESDAY night & we will have a potluck
- Feb 16th Don Wallace of Singingtree Nursery
- Mar 16th TBD
- April 20th TBD  
Plant Sale – TBD
- May 18th TBD
- June 18th Annual End of Season Meeting & Pot Luck @ Bee Brown's Home in Portola Valley

### Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars:

**STRYBING SALES:** (10am – 1pm) Botanical Garden @ Golden Gate Park SF

Oct 9th – Trees, ferns & rhododendrons

Nov 13th – End of Season Sale

**Los Altos Garden Club Plant Exchange:** Sept 25th (9:30 am to noon) Hillview Community Center Grounds

**FALL WESTERN REGIONAL ARSCONFERENCE:** 10/08/2010 to 10/10/2010, Florence Oregon

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It is with sadness that I share with you the passing of Tim Coburn. Tim, mainly a "camellia man", was a regular at our meetings and "chauffeured" Cam Ainsworth to meetings and events. He will be missed.  
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**SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER, 22ND**

*Erika Enos – newsletter editor*