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**Welcome** to the **APRIL 2012** 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 <u>Next Meeting: APRIL 18th, 7:30 to 9 PM</u> Hillview Community Center

Room 12 97 Hillview Av., Los Altos

# **MEETING TOPIC:** Care & Feeding of Your Rhodies & Azaleas

## SPEAKER: Christy Hartsell, Vireya Aficionado &

#### Nan Ray, Rhododendron Propagator @ Strybing Arboretum

We are so fortunate to have such outstanding experts as members of our chapter. Buying a lusted after plant is only the first step for adding that plant to your garden. There's the transplanting, either into a pot or in the ground, feeding, pruning, keeping the plant healthy, hovering over it & worrying it won't bloom, and finally being ecstatic when the first buds start to open. These are the joys and tribulations of gardening. Christy will discuss how to transplant and care for vireyas. Nan will give us steps & tips for the transplanting and caring of rhodies & azaleas. A "can't miss" meeting!

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, APRIL 17th @ 5:30 PM (almawfletcher@gmail.com)

Bringers of goodies this month: We need volunteers – please email me if you can bring treats

This month's plants for sale will be VIREYAS from Pacific Island Nursery

#### SHOW & TELL

This is the big bloom month – so I'm sure you have blooming trusses you can bring and share. Since we don't do a "show", let's have a mini-show this coming meeting with trusses from members' gardens

### MAINTENANCE

Enjoy the glory of your garden, and don't forget to deadhead after the blooms fade

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2011 / 2012 Season\_\_\_\_

- April18th Christy Hartsell & Nan Ray Care & Feeding of you Plants, Sale Prep
- April 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL PLANT SALE
- May 16th Mediterranean Plants w/Sandy Scott
- June 9th End of Season Meeting & Pot Luck (Erika's House)

We will also discuss plans for the Spring Sale on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We need volunteers to pitch in to make our sale a success. This is our only fund raiser and allows us to pay for meeting space, great guest speakers, & periodic treats for members

### Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

April 28<sup>th</sup> 2012: Los Altos Garden Club Plant EXCHANGE (10 am to 1 pm) Hillview Comm Ctr May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012: Annual Strybing Plant Sale (10 am to 1 pm) GGP May 5 & 6<sup>th</sup> 2012: Noyo Chapter Annual Show & Sale, Ft. Bragg May 4-7<sup>th</sup> 2012: ARS Annual Convention (www.azaleas.org/convention12.html)

# see you at the meeting on WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 18TH Erika Enos – newsletter editor