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# THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DE ANZA CHAPTER, AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

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**Welcome** to the **APRIL**. **2013** 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: APRIL. 17th, 7:30 to 9 PM
Hillview Community Center
Room 12
97 Hillview Av., Los Altos

MEETING TOPIC: Dwarf Conifers: Bonsai, and Uses in the Landscape

SPEAKER: Ted Kipping, Certified Arborist, & avid plant and wildlife Enthusiast

Ted's program will focus on the amazing "miniaturized" trees crafted and maintained by those declared as "National Living Treasures" in Japan. The program will also look at ways to use miniature and so called "dwarf conifers" in garden landscape situations.

Ted studied Natural History at Columbia University and worked at Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park before starting his own tree maintenance business. Ted is also an accomplished wildlife and nature photographer.

If you'd like to join fellow members at the pre-meeting dinner @ Pompeii Restaurant in Los Altos Call or email Alma Fletcher by Tues @ 5 pm to reserve a spot @ the rhodie table

Dinner @ 5:30 - Pompeii Restaurant, 100 State St, Los Altos

Bringer of goodies this month: Erika

Several of our members or their loved ones have had health issues recently. Our membership would like to wish those with health challenges "A complete and speedy recovery"

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#### **SHOW & TELL**

The majority of rhodies are blooming, and late-season buds are swelling. This is the time of year we all wait for. Share what plants are blooming in your garden, rhodies, azaleas & others.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

April is why we grow rhododendrons and azaleas. It seems every day a new truss has opened up into glorious bloom and omg moments become commonplace. But don't forget to deadhead spent blooms so the plant's energy goes into producing next year's blooms, not seed heads.

## Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2012 / 2013 Season

April 17th Dwarf Conifers – Ted Kipping, & Plant Sale Preparation

April 27th Annual Plant Sale

May 18th Field Trip: Western Hills Gardens & Sonoma Hort Nursery

June 15th End of Season Meeting / Pot Luck / Plant Exchange

Nan Ray's Home, Menlo Park

# <u>Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars</u>

April 20<sup>th</sup> — Cal Chapter Show & Sale

April 27<sup>th</sup> — De Anza Chapter Annual Plant Sale

May 1 - 5 - ARS Annual Convention, SeaTac Washington

\*\*\*As part of the annual ARS Convention, there will be a photo contest. If you would like to enter, please contact: Jeanne Kinney (<u>kinneyj548@comcast.net</u> or 360-427-5690) for more information\*\*\*

# SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 17TH

Erika Enos - newsletter editor

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