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**Welcome** to the APRIL 2015 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

### April Meeting: PRIVATE SF RHODODENDRON GARDEN & STRYBING FIELD TRIP

### SATURDAY APRIL 25th

## FIELD TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO,

Members will meet @ Nan Ray's home (845 Magnolia, Menlo Park) Saturday Morning **@8:45 AM SHARP**. We will **carpool** to visit the private garden of a Cal Chapter member; John Koelsch. John's mature garden has a large number of established plants to see and his wife has an impressive collection of antiques for us to view. After touring the Koelsch gardens, we will enjoy a communal lunch **\*details below**.

After lunch we will tour the rhododendron collection at Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park. Our Field Trip should finish by 2 pm so that we may head back home before the week end traffic hits the City.

Admission to Strybing will be paid for by the Chapter. The lunch will be "no host" i.e. you pay you own.

**\*Lunch Options:** (1) Local lunch spot

(2) Communal pizza in the Park

◆◆◆**To facilitate arrangements for the field trip you MUST RSVP by Wed 4//22**◆◆◆

🌿**650-493-6677** or [dble11@yahoo.com](mailto:dble11@yahoo.com) **Include lunch preference in RSVP**🌿

## SHOW & TELL

Tell us what's bloomed early, or late, or not at all

## MAINTENANCE

**It's in between time:** The early bloomers are almost finished, these you dead head, the later bloomers you feed w/ high phosphorous plant food - the middle letter in the NPK formula. You should water all plants while you can. This would be a good year to prune your plants significantly: smaller plants need less water. The best time for pruning is right after blooming finishes.

## 2014/2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Apr 25th Chapter Field Trip to Strybing & John Koelsch's SF Garden
- May 16th A Talk about BEES in our Gardens
- June 14th Annual End of Season Meeting & Pot Luck Picnic @  
Belinda Brent's Portola Valley Garden

### Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

- May 1-2: Annual Spring Plant Sale @ Strybing Arboretum in SF 10am - 1pm
- May 2-3: Ft Bragg Show & Sale
- May 6-10: ARS Annual Convention, Sidney, British Columbia, Canada

*Erika Enos, Newsletter Editor*