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Welcome to the FEB **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

Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY
FEB 18th 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Hillview Community Center
ROOM 12 97 Hillview Av., Los
Altos

PLEASE NOTE: MEETINGS NOW START @ 7:00

- Not 7:30

MEETING: PARKER SMITH
RHODODENDRONS FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Parker will discuss and illustrate older hybrids, created for Northern California, which have proven their worth, plus add some personal notes about their creators. Photos will be from Parker's comprehensive tome "Rhododendrons of California", copies of which will be on sale at the meeting. Parker has been designing landscapes in Northern California for over 40 yrs as well as hybridizing rhodies. He & his wife currently live in Santa Rosa where he tends a thriving garden of container grown rhododendrons.

JOIN OTHER MEMBERS & OUR SPEAKER FOR A PRE-MEETING DINNER @ 5:30

@ Pompeii Restaurant, 100 State St., Los Altos (across from CITI Bank Plaza)

Contact Nan Ray (650-322-5688 or nanray34@gmail.com)

to reserve your place @ the Rhodie Table by Tues Feb 17th

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SHOW & TELL

This year it seems the plants are out of sync, with many varieties blooming early. Do you have anything blooming "not when it's supposed to" that you'd like to bring in and share with our members? What about other plants from your garden? We always enjoy seeing what's blooming in your garden.

MAINTENANCE

January was the driest month on record! Thank goodness we've had some rain in Feb. It has come just in time to smash our opening buds and insure that our white varieties will have brown edges.

You might want to try Christy's regimen of giving your plants some foliar spray of acid loving plant food once a month and also sprinkle some epsom salts (about a small handful) along the drip line of your plantings and water in, for stronger buds and brighter colors. Now is also a good time to transplant any rhodie that is in a pot, since rhodies are dormant when blooming. And keep praying & doing those rain dances.

2014/2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Feb 18th Parker Smith. Designing a Garden w/Rhododendrons
- Mar 18th Tim Walsh Maddenii for Your Garden
- Apr 12th DeAnza Chapter Plant Sale (TBD)
- April 18th Cal Chapter Show & Sale
- May 16th Field Trip*
- June 14th Annual End of Season Meeting & Pot Luck Picnic

* TWO CHOICES: We will vote @ the Feb meeting

Plan A East Bay: UC Berkeley Botanical Garden and also Annie's Annuals

Plan B South Bay: UC Santa Cruz Botanical Garden and also Sierra Azul Nursery

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

- Feb 14 & 15: Camellia Society Show & Sale (12 to 4) 1400 Roosevelt, Redwood City
- Mar 7th: Strybing Arboretum Monthly Sale (10-1)
- Mar 18-22: San Francisco Flower Show, San Mateo Convention Center, San Mateo
- May 6-10: ARS Annual Convention, Sidney, British Columbia, Canada

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