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Welcome to the FEB. 2017 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: FEB. 15th, 7:30

to 9 PM

Hillview Community Center

Room 12

97 Hillview Av., Los Alto

MEETING TOPIC: Making a Nursery Display Garden

SPEAKER: Don Wallace of Singing Tree Nursery

One of our favorite speakers is coming this month: Don Wallace. Not only is Don knowledgeable about all things rhododendron (and heathers & dwarf conifers), he is a fabulous photographer, and he brings plants from his wonderful nursery for us to buy! This month Don will share his experiences in creating a nursery display garden. Before you say – “I don’t own a nursery” consider the talk as instruction in aesthetic plant displays.

Whether it’s your garden or a nursery display, proper grouping of plants, with similar cultures and a sense aesthetic design are what turn a bunch of plants into a garden. Come be inspired and learn from a pro. Don is a frequent contributor to the ARS Journal

**If you’d like to join fellow members at the pre-meeting dinner
@ Pompeii Restaurant, 100 State St in Los Altos**

Call or email Pat Ley (ley.pat@gmail.com) by Tues @ 5:30 pm to reserve a spot @ the rhodie table

Bringers of goodies this month: **Alma & Christy**

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SHOW & TELL

**Check out the Camellia Society Show & Sale Feb 11th & 12th
Community Activities Bldg, 1400 Roosevelt Av, Redwood City**

MAINTENANCE

Don Wallace of Singing Tree Gardens, this month's speaker suggests feeding your plants at the end of Jan or beginning of Feb (he does it around Valentine's Day) with a high phosphorus fertilizer (high middle number in the NPK formula) for bigger, more colorful flowers.

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2016 / 2017 Season

- Feb 15^h Don Wallace of Singing Tree Gardens (& he's bringing plants from his nursery)
- Mar15th Jason Martinez shares the adventures of his latest China expedition
- April 19th Sale prep for the Sale on the 22nd & How to pot up Vireyas w/Christy
- April 22nd Annual Rhododendron Plant Sale in Los Altos
- May ? Field Trip to members' gardens
- June ? End of Season Meeting / Pot Luck

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

- Feb 11 & 12th- Annual Camellia Show & Sale, Redwood City
- March 12th - Day Light Savings Time begins: an extra hour for gardening
- April 5th /9th - Annual SF Flower & Garden Show – San Mateo Event Center
- April 27/30- ARS Annual Convention, Eureka, Ca
- Oct 27th/30th- International New Zealand Rhododendron Conference

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY EVENING,

FEB. 15th

Erika Enos – newsletter editor