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Welcome to the FEB. 2019 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: FEBRUARY 20th, 7:30 to 9 PM

NEW MEETING LOCATION:

Los Altos Masonic Hall, 146 Main St, Los Altos

We will access our meeting room (on lower level of building) via the back entrance, where we store plants for our annual sales, We will have directional signs out. You can park just once & walk from Pompeii Restaurant to our new venue.

MEETING TOPIC: 2018 International Conference in Germany

SPEAKER: Tim & June Walsh

Tim & June will give us a travelogue of the Germany Rhododendron convention in May of 2018. They also visited Northern Wales before going to Bremen, Germany. Tim will show areas and highlights of both.

Both Tim & June are very active in the Eureka Chapter and national ARS on many levels. Tim also has been instrumental in developing the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden at Humboldt Botanical Garden. June is a Gold Medal winner of the ARS

If you'd like to join fellow members and our guest speakers at the pre-meeting dinner @ Pompeii Restaurant, 100 State St, Los Altos, please contact Pat Ley (ley.pat@gmail.com or 650-941-1674) by Tues @ 5:30, to reserve your spot at the rhodie table.

SHOW & TELL

Cheriel Gordon has graciously offered to host a field trip to her Saratoga garden on Wednesday April 17th from 2 pm to 4 pm. Cheriel is an avid gardener & her garden is well worth visiting. This visit will be in lieu of our monthly Wed Night meeting.

Our Annual Plant Sale will take place on APRIL 27th from 9-1

MAINTENANCE

Don Wallace says there are 2 times a year when your rhodies & azaleas should be fed & this week is one of them. 1 cup of balanced fertilizer (or one with a larger Phosphorus (middle) number for bigger blooms) for 3 ft plants and 2 cups for 5-6 ft plants. He also suggests placing some mulch on top of the fertilizer for more long term feeding & to help prevent weed germination

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2018 / 2019 Season

Feb 20 th	Tim & June Walsh recounting 2018 International Convention in Germany
Mar 20 th	TBD
Apr 17 th	Field Trip to Gordon Garden in Saratoga
April 27 th	DE Anza Annual Plant Sale
May ?	TBD
June 22	End of Season meeting & potluck @ Pat Ley's LAH home

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

MAR 2rd -- Strybing Monthly Plant Sale – 10:00 to 1pm

March 20th/24th—San Francisco Flower Show @ the Cow Palace

April 13th --Cal Chapter Show & Sale

April 27th --DeAnza Chapter Annual Plant Sale (9-1)

May 15-19th --ARS International Convention in Philadelphia (Malvern)PA

Do you know of any gardening related events members would like to know about, please share

See you Wed the 20th – Remember NEW LOCATION

Erika Enos – newsletter editor