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Welcome to the JAN. 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: JAN. 16th, 7:30 to 9 PM

**Hillview Community Center
Room 02
97 Hillview Av., Los Altos**

NOTE: THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS IN ROOM 02 - NOT ROOM 12

MEETING TOPIC: JAPANESE MAPLES: CARE & PRUNING

SPEAKER: Bruce Andrews (Landscape specializing in Japanese maple care)

Bruce Andrews is back for a third session on Japanese Maple care and pruning. His hands-on, in real time, lecture and demonstration pruning actual maples has been very informative in the past, and I'm sure this month's presentation will continue the tradition. Bruce has outstanding credentials working in landscape, building, and maintenance throughout the South Bay. He studied in the Landscape Architecture and Design Programs at the University of California at Berkeley, and is a licensed contractor. After 25 years of landscape management, working extensively on various estates in Woodside & Atherton, Andrews launched his own company, Grateful Gardens, in 1998. Although Bruce is very familiar with California native plants, microclimates, and water conservation, his expertise is pruning Japanese Maples. Bruce's contact: @ bea.andrews@gmail.com or 650/224-7441.

**This month's meeting is also Pizza Night!
Come @ 6 pm for a shared dinner of Pizza & Salad with friends**

Bringers of goodies this month: We need volunteers. It's the turn of those who don't bring treats, to step up to the plate (and bring one). Please email me to say who will bring treats

A HUGE THANK YOU to Karina & Bob for hosting, in just great style, our annual
Holiday Party

SHOW & TELL

Blooming season is starting (don't you love winter in northern California). The early rhodies are coming into bloom, so bring your early blooms to share and inspire other members to also grow early bloomers. Would you like to share other blooming plants in your garden? January doesn't bring us many blooming plants – we need ideas!

MAINTENANCE

It's a cold month, so protect your tender plants (including maddenii) by covering them if a frost is forecast. Water your plants if it hasn't rained for a while: being hydrated also helps minimize frost damage. Also, water your plants if they are under an overhang and rain isn't getting to them. Pick up fallen leaves to prevent mold & mildew spores and thrip eggs from becoming permanent residents in your garden. Don't fertilize til weather gets warmer and plants can absorb their food.

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2012 / 2013 Season

Jan 16 th	Japanese Maples w/Bruce Andrews
Feb 20 th	TBD
Mar 20 th	Dexter Hybrids
April 17 th	TBD & Plant Sale Preparation
April 20 th	Annual Plant Sale
May 18 th or 25 th	Field Trip
June	End of Season Meeting / Pot Luck

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

Feb 9th Monthly Strybing Arboretum Plant Sale - 10:00 Am to Noon Golden Gate Park, SF

Feb (to be announced) Annual Camellia Show & Sale, Redwood City

Mar 20th – 24th Annual SF Flower & Garden Show – San Mateo County Event Center

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON **WEDNESDAY EVENING,**
JAN. 16TH

Erika Enos – newsletter editor