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Welcome to the JUNE. 2018 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: JUNE 16th 2018

MEETING TOPIC: END OF SEASON MEETING & POT LUCK

On June 16th we will have our annual end of season meeting & pot luck picnic at Bee Brown's lovely garden in Portola Valley. Our Chapter will provide the main dish & drinks, members to provide the following:

A – I: Desserts

H – Q: Appetizers

R – Z: Salads

Our meeting will start @ 11:30am, followed by picnic lunch & garden tour

Board Meeting to be held @ 10:30 to discuss plans for the Fall

SHOW & TELL

If anyone has some extra plants to share, rooted cuttings, offshoots, volunteer seedlings, please bring them for our members to plant into their gardens

MAINTENANCE

I love to get Don Wallace's (Singing Tree Gardens Nursery) weekly newsletter. He usually has helpful hints for feeding & maintaining rhododendrons & azaleas.

Gardening Tip of the Week

Give Your Rhododendrons Ample Light to Bloom

Rhododendrons require good light, not necessarily full sun exposure, but ample light to bloom well. In the summer months rhododendrons are making flower buds for the next year, and if they have ample light and food, they will create more new flower buds than leaf buds. Many gardeners plant rhododendrons and azaleas in dark shade, thinking that is where they will best perform. This is usually a mistake. Although a rhododendron will survive just fine in dark shade, they will not bloom much, if at all. So, give your plants ample light (even the north side of your home is fine as there is ample light from the sky) and they will reward you with a lovely display in the spring.

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2017 / 2018 Season

SEPT 19th First Meeting of the Fall Season

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

Make sure you do fun stuff this Summer

See you SAT JUNE 16th

Erika Enos – newsletter editor