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**Welcome** to the MAR **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.

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**Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY**  
**MAR 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: MADDENIIS with TIM WALSH**

Tim is a Humboldt County native, superior plantsman, Master Gardener, founding board member of the Humboldt Botanical Garden, currently District Director of the ARS and by self-admission a “rhodoholic”. Tim will recount the aquisition and establishment of the whole Rhododendron subspecies of *Maddenii* into the Humboldt Botnaical Garden.

This month our chapter is having ”dinner in”. The Board will provide a tasty main dish (lasagna) a healthful salad and the **members are asked to bring dessert**. The Board will provide drinks. Bring your favorite sweet treat to share with our members and come to the meeting room @ 5:30. You will certainly enjoy a communal meal with other members and our special guest speakers Tim & June Walsh

## SHOW & TELL

You should have some trusses blooming by now. Bring them to share  
 We need Volunteers for the Camellia / Rhododendron Booth of the San Francisco Flower Show, March 18th thru the 22nd. We will have a sign up sheet @ the meeting

## MAINTENANCE

**A word of warning:** An innocent gardener got a Paronychia infection on his right thumb. It entered under the cuticle. Despite hands, and thumb being free of cuts, the infection got in and got nasty; painful and swollen. Think twice about thrusting your bare hands into potting soil etc -much of it has chicken manure mixed in. Even "natural" and "organic" can harbor organisms which can cause problems

## 2014/2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Mar 18th            Tim Walsh: Maddenii in The Humbolt Botanical Garden
- Apr 25th            Chapter Field Trip to Strybing & John Koelsch's SF Garden
- April 18th          Cal Chapter Show & Sale
- May 16th            TBD
- June 14th          Annual End of Season Meeting & Pot Luck Picnic @  
Belinda Brent's Portola Valley Garden

## Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

- Mar 18-22:          San Francisco Flower Show, San Mateo Convention Center, San Mateo
- April 18th:          Cal Chapter Show & Sale
- May 2-3:            Ft Bragg Show & Sale
- May 6-10:          ARS Annual Convention, Sidney, British Columbia, Canada

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