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Welcome to the **MAY. 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.

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Next Meeting: SATURDAY MAY. 18th

Chapter Field Trip -- See Below

MEETING TOPIC: Field Trip to Western Hills Gardens & Sonoma Hort Nursery

This month we're going to do something different (if enough people sign up). We've talked about going on a field trip for several years now & this year we intend to organize one. Western Hills Gardens (under new ownership) has recently opened to the public for tours. It is located in Occidental, in Sonoma County. Since we will be in Sonoma County, we decided to also visit Sonoma Horticultural Nursery in Sebastopol. In addition, there is an interesting nursery (Peacock Nursery) with some unique plants very close to Sonoma Hort so we thought we'd explore this too. After visiting Western Hills, we will lunch at a restaurant in Occidental before proceeding to Sebastopol

In order to plan properly, we'll need some information from our members:

(1) Who is interested in going? We need a positive response by Sun May 12

(2) Who can drive for our car pool? We need to know by Sun May 12

(3) Who wants to lunch with the group (we need to make reservations)

We will meet in Los Altos at the Community Center at 9 AM and those not driving will leave their cars there (there are no signs prohibiting the parking, according to Christy)

We should return around 7 - 7:30 PM.

Please email me (dble11@yahoo.com) or call Christy (650) 424-8007 to reserve your space for the field trip & to let us know if you will drive your car and can take others

MAINTENANCE

Two words for this month's maintenance advice: dead head.

This is also a good time to do some pruning, before new growth starts.

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2012 / 2013 Season

May 18th Field Trip : Western Hills Gardens & Sonoma Horticultural Nursery
(westernhillsgarden.com, sonomahort.com, peacockhorticulturalnursery.com)

June 15th End of Season Meeting / Pot Luck / Plant Exchange
Nan Ray's Home, Menlo Park

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

May 11 & 12 Noyo Chapter Annual Plant Show & Sale, Fort Bragg, CA

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