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**Welcome** to the May/June 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.

Full color copy of the newsletter is available via email subscription or on our website

**SUNDAY JUNE 14th**  
**JUNE Meeting & Picnic**  
**Noon until 2 pm @ Belinda's**  
**Home in Portola Valley**

## END OF SEASON MEETING & PICNIC

We will meet Sunday June 14th from noon until 2 pm @ member Belinda Brent's glorious garden in Portola Valley. Map & directions will be sent via separate email.

As usual, the Board will provide a main dish plus drinks and utensils, members will provide the following (to serve 8):

Appetizers: J — R

Side Dishes & Salads: S — Z

Desserts: A — I

**Please RSVP to:**

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## SHOW & TELL

Hopefully Belinda will give us a tour of what's blooming and thriving in her garden

Notice of DeAnza Board Meeting: June 10 @6:30 @ Erika's house in Palo Alto  
Pizza will be provided

New Board of Directors for 2015 /2016 will be elected @ our Meeting June 14  
If anyone would like to serve on the Board or as Officers, please speak up!

## MAINTENANCE

The operative word is WATER - and how to get along without much of it. You can and should re-adjust your watering system to adhere to the new regulations, but are there other things you can do? Here are a few ideas: mulch around your plants, to diminish evaporation, maybe add those crystals that hold water, esp into pots. Some additional out of the box ideas: prune your plants significantly: smaller plants need less water. The best time for pruning is right after blooming finishes. Save & reuse your shower and kitchen sink water once in a while, not for potted plants. In addition: re-evaluate what's growing in your garden and consider "editing". Have you fallen out of love with any of the plants in your garden, have some grown "out of control", are fruit trees no longer producing fruit? This drought year is the perfect excuse for ending relationships with the plants you no longer want or need in your garden. Call it tough love, call it natural selection / survival of the fittest; we need to make choices in life: this is one of them. Someone once said: "Having it all doesn't necessarily mean all at the same time". Consider your garden with this in mind

## 2014/2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

- June 14th      Annual End of Season Meeting & Pot Luck Picnic @  
Belinda Brent's Portola Valley Garden

### [Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars](#)

- \*Sept 16th      First Meeting of our Fall Season

*Erika Enos, Newsletter Editor*

