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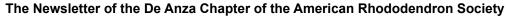
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Rhododendron occidentale

Welcome to the NOV 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: http://www.deanza-ars.com/

WED NOV 18th
7 pm to 9 pm
Room 12 Hillview Com Ctr
97 Hillview Av. Los Altos

Welcome to new Board Members: Mark Davis, Cheriel Jensen & Suzanne Legallet

MEETING TOPIC: Trekking in the Himalayas SPEAKER: Jason Martinez

Get ready to trek the Himalayas without getting on a plane. Jason Martinez of the San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum will take us on a plant hunting trip to the Sikkim Himalayas and West Bengal regions of India. This past spring Jason joined Steve Hootman of the Species Foundation in search of 38 rhododendron species and their companion plants, indigenous to the region: armchair travel at its best. This is Jason's second trip with Steve to explore rhododendron habitat regions in the Far

Jason lives in San Francisco and has worked at Strybing for 10 yrs maintaining the Rhododendron Garden, Ancient Garden and newly expanded Mediterranean Garden. He is also a certified Arborist.

Join other members and our speaker for a pre-meeting dinner @ 5:00 pm @ Pompeii Restaurant, 100 State Street, Los Altos. Contact Pat Ley(ley.pat@gmail.com) or Erika (double11@yahoo.com) by Tues the 17th to reserve your spot @ the rhodie table.



I have just learned that long time member, Robert Haas passed away last Fri. Services are pending.

SHOW & TELL

Anything blooming? It seems my maddenii Taronense got fooled by our warm fall & started blooming, any one have a similar experience?

MAINTENANCE

Not much to do this month except enjoy the rain and maybe add some mulch around your plants. I don't know if this year it would be good to feed your plants at this time with a high phospherus fertilizer for big blooms. IMHO the plants should maybe get a recouperation year. The drought and hot summers over these last several years probably stressed them out. It would be good for them to concentrate on growing roots and leaves this season - big flowers in 2017.

2014/2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

Nov 18th	Jason Martinez - Travels with Steve Hootman to India
• Dec 13th	Holiday Party - @ Suzanne Legallet's home in Atherton
• Jan 20th	Arnie Kornez - More about Japanese Maples
• Feb 17th	The Bee Guy - Info about the state of bees
• Mar 16th	T B D
 Apr 20th 	T B D / Planning our Plant Sale
May 18th	T B D
• June ?	End of Season Meeting & Picnic

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

*Nov 16th Camellia Society monthly meeting with Suncrest Nurseries 7-9pm Veteran's Memorial Ctr, 1455 Madison Av, Redwood City

Erika Enos, Newsletter Editor