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**Welcome** to the NOV. 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: WEDNESDAY, NOV 14th, 7:00pm to 9 pm**

**DIFFERENT LOCATION: Veterans Memorial Senior Center  
1455 Madison, REDWOOD CITY**

**MEETING TOPIC: Camellias & Azaleas Blooming NOW**

**SPEAKER: Tom Nuccio**

This month we will have a joint meeting with the Camellia Society, in Redwood City. The speaker will be a favorite of ours, Tom Nuccio of Nuccio Camellia & Azalea Nursery. Tom will talk about camellias starting to bloom now: the sasanquas. He will discuss the benefits of having these plants in our gardens, which provide color when not much else is blooming and he's bringing examples of these fall blooming plants. He'll also discuss azaleas for fall bloom.

The Camellia Society is having a potluck prior to the meeting; so if you'd like to contribute & share a meal with their members, please bring a suitable dish. Pot luck starts @ 6:pm, meeting starts @7:00pm



## SHOW & TELL

Anything blooming you'd like to share?

## MAINTENANCE

Don Wallace of Singing Tree Gardens Nursery, (my rhodie maintenance guru), suggests cutting back on watering now, so that plants don't bloom prematurely and sporadically, therefore insuring a fuller display in the spring. I remember Howard Oliver & Cam Ainsworth, about this time of year, talking about starting to feed their rhodies with fertilizer with a high phosphate amount (middle letter in "nPK" fertilizer formula) for bigger blooms. Fertilizer advice from the beyond.

Don't forget to pay your yearly dues, if you haven't already. \$40.00 for the ARS Journal, Interesting and informative speakers and occasional free pizza nights make this the Deal of the Century!!!

## Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2018 / 2019 Season

Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Nuccio @ Camellia Society in Redwood City
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Holiday Party @ Suzanne Leggale's home
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	Arnie Cornez: Espalier with Rhododendrons
Feb 20 <sup>st</sup>	TBD
Mar 20 <sup>st</sup>	TBD
Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
May ?	Possible Field Trip
June ?	End of Season Meeting & Pot Luck

## Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

May 15-19, 2019 International Rhododendron Conference - Philadelphia

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON **WEDNESDAY, NOV 14<sup>th</sup>**  
1455 Madison, Redwood City

*Erika Enos – newsletter editor*