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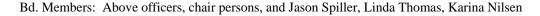
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DE ANZA CHAPTER, AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

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Welcome to the **OCT 2012** 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: OCT 17th, 7:30 to 9 PM Hillview Community Center Room 12 97 Hillview Av., Los Altos

MEETING TOPIC: Harmony in the Garden

SPEAKER: Rebecca Sweet

Our speaker is a Northern California garden designer & author whose signature *California Fusion* style of gardening, which blends the personal desires of her clients with regionally appropriate plants and California natives, has been featured in *Fine Gardening, Horticulture, Woman's Day, & American Gardener* as well as regional publications. She has been a radio guest on *Martha Stewart Living, Garden Life* & the PBS Series *Growing a Greener Life.* In her blog *Gossip in the Garden*, Rebecca shares gardening tips and information, plus how-to videos for both novice & experienced gardeners.

Rarely does a speaker of this caliber speak at our meetings – you don't want to miss Rebecca.

Join other members for a special pre-meeting dinner @ 5:30 PM @ Pompeii Restaurant, 100 State St, Los Altos, (across from CITI Bank Plaza)
Call or email Alma Fletcher to reserve your place by Wednesday, OCT 16th @ 5:30 PM (almawfletcher@gmail.com)

Bringers of goodies this month: Lynda Thomas

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SHOW & TELL

Anything blooming you would like to share? Any interesting or unique foliage you would like to share? Please bring samples to share.

MAINTENANCE

Days are getting shorter, nights cooler, rain is on the way: time to start adjusting your watering system. A little epsom salts around the base of your plants might help with bud production. Pinching new growth back for better form and size is a good idea, just make sure you're not pinching out flower buds (they're fatter & rounder than leaf buds). Check for thrips (black dots on underside of leaves, silvery upper leaf). If you want to transplant your rhodies and azaleas – this month is one of the best times to do it.

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2012 / 2013 Season

NOV 21st Vireyas

Dec 15th Annual Holiday Party

Jan 16th Japanese Maples w/Bruce Andrews

Feb 20th TBD

Mar 20th Dexter Hybrids

April 17th TBD & Plant Sale Prep

April 20th Annual Plant Sale

May 18th or 25th Field Trip

June End of Season Meeting / Pot Luck

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

Oct 13th Monthly Strybing Arboretum Plant Sale - 10:00 Am to Noon Golden Gate Park, SF

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT 17TH

Erika Enos - newsletter editor

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