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Welcome to the OCT. 2017 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: OCTOBER 18th,
7:30 to 9 PM
Hillview Community Center
Room 18 (Note NEW Room #)
97 Hillview Av., Los Altos**

MEETING TOPIC: Sierra Nevada - A Backpacker's Paradise

SPEAKERS: Don Selcer, Cal Chapter Member

Don Selcer, intrepid backpacker, Cal Chapter Member and avid gardener on his steep slope of a garden in Berkeley, will share highlights of his backpacking trips into the Sierras. Don, who is a great photographer, will also show photos of scenery, plants and animals on three types of trips: a low altitude sequoia forest, a mid-altitude hike to lakes, and high alpine hikes from the Sierra's east side.

If you'd like to join fellow members at the pre-meeting dinner @ Pompeii Restaurant, 100 State St
Call or email Pat Ley (ley.pat@gmail.com) (650-941-1674)
by Tues @ 5:30 pm to reserve a spot @ the rhodie table

Bringers of goodies this month: Pat Ley & Cheriell Jensen

SHOW & TELL

Anything Blooming??? Bring it in to share

MAINTENANCE

Don Wallace of Singing Tree Nursery gives us great advice in his weekly newsletter for fall garden maintenance & winter prep:

When you add mulch before the winter rain or snow, you will be giving your plants a big boost. You may not recognize some of your plants come spring as the mulch will give them so much energy to expand their roots, the top growth will be lush and dark green. If you want to fertilize with a slow release blend, choose one with low numbers like 2-10-10, as this will not stimulate late growth as the weather cools.

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2017 / 2018 Season

Oct 18 th	Sierra Nevada – A Backpacker's Paradise
Nov 15 th	Joint Meeting w/Camellia Society: Speaker Tom Nuccio Redwood Rm, Veterans Mem Bldg, 1455 Madison, RWC
Dec	Annual Holiday Party
Jan 17 th	Still More about Japanese Maples w/Arnie Kornez
Feb 21 st	TBD
Mar 21 st	TBD
Apr 18 th	TBD
May ?	Possible Field Trip

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

Oct 27th/30th- International New Zealand Rhododendron Conference

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON **WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 18th**
*****IN ROOM 18*** NOTE ROOM CHANGE**

Erika Enos – newsletter editor