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Welcome to the **SEPT 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: SEPT 19th, 7:30 to 9 PM
Hillview Community Center
Room 12
97 Hillview Av., Los Altos

MEETING TOPIC: Begonias

SPEAKER: PAT BELKHAM

Pat has been growing begonias since 1975 and a member of the American Begonia Society since 1976 where she has been both Entries & Classification Chairperson and co-chair for show judging. Pat is also an artist whose 37 watercolors were used as trophies at the recent ABS Conference & Show in San Diego. Pat grows her begonias on a covered patio & in a 12 x 16 greenhouse. Since Begonias require much the same growing conditions as rhododendrons & azaleas, they would be the perfect plants to add to our gardens. So come learn more about these varied plants.

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, SEPT 18th @ 5:30 PM (almawfletcher@gmail.com or 650-851-1334)

Bringers of goodies this month: We need volunteers - please email me if you can bring treats

SAD NEWS: In August, Long time member Mary Tye died. At our most recent Board Meeting, Board members voted to make a donation in her honor to the Species Foundation.

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SHOW & TELL

Since our speaker will be talking about begonias, I think it would be nice to bring some examples of plants (tuberous & cane) that we are currently growing in our gardens & on our window sills

MAINTENANCE

Days are getting shorter, nights cooler: time to start adjusting your watering times. 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). If you want to transplant your rhodies and azaleas – this month & next are best times to do it.

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2012 / 2013 Season

Begonias w/Pat Belkham SEPT 19th OCT 17th **TBD** NOV 21st **Vireyas** Dec 15th **Annual Holiday Party** Japanese Maples w/Bruce Andrews Jan 16th Feb 20th **TBD** Mar 20th **Dexter Hybrids TBD & Plant Sale Prep** April 17th April 20th **Annual Plant Sale** May 18th or 25th Field Trip

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

Sept 21 - 23 Fall Western Regional Conference Nanaimo, British Columbia

End of Season Meeting / Pot Luck

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPT 19TH

Erika Enos – newsletter editor

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