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Welcome to the JAN 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: WEDNESDAY,

JANUARY 18th, 7:30 to 9 PM

**Hillview Community Center
Room 12**

97 Hillview Av., Los Altos

MEETING TOPIC: A Year in the Humboldt Botanical Garden, a young Public Garden

SPEAKER: TIM WALSH

Tim will present a year in the garden in his photo essay of the Humboldt Botanical Garden, a young garden that is off to a flying start with plant offerings not often seen in most gardens today. One of the long term goals of the garden is to acquire and maintain the complete subgroup of *Rhododendron maddenii* which tend to grow like weeds in the misty northwestern coastal climate, along with some of the other special cool-season plants. Since Tim, besides, being a very knowledgeable plantsman, is also a fabulous photographer, I'm sure his presentation on the Humboldt Botanical Garden, will be both an informative and visual treat

**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 Tuesday, JAN 17th @ 5:30 PM**

Bringers of goodies this month: Alma Fletcher & Cheriell Jensen

We will need refreshment volunteers for each monthly meeting, so we will pass around a sign-up sheet @ this month's meeting, since not all the spaces got filled on the last pass around

SHOW & TELL

With all this spring like weather, are your plants beginning to bloom? Would you like to bring them in to share?

MAINTENANCE

Since rhododendrons are “dormant” when they are in bloom, it’s a good time to transplant your plants. You might want to wait until danger of frost is past before pruning and fertilizing your plants, so that new, tender, growth is not damaged.

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2011 / 2012 Season

Jan 18 th	Tim Walsh
Feb 15 th	2 nd Year Pruning of Japanese Maples
Mar 21 st	Steve Hootman
April 18 th	TBD
May 16 th	TBD
June	End of Season Meeting & Pot Luck

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

Jan 25 2012: Tom Nuccio will speak @ Camellia Society meeting in Redwood City @ The Veteran's Memorial Building (senior center)

March 21-25 2012: SF Flower & Garden Show, San Mateo Event Center (www.sfgardenshow.com)

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON **WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN 18TH**

Erika Enos – newsletter editor