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Welcome to the June 2011 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:

SATURDAY June 18, 2011
11.30 am– 1.30 pm

Bee Brown's Garden
875 Westridge, Portola Valley

MEETING TOPIC: **End of Season Meeting & Pot Luck Party**

In reviewing our old newsletters, I realized that we learned a lot this past season from interesting and entertaining speakers, and hopefully got to know one another a little better in the process.

From Don Wallace & Cathy Van Veen we learned about running a nursery. We traveled to the International Rhododendron Conference in Germany with Bob Weissman. We also learned how to grow vireyas, prune Japanese Maples, and add companion plants to our rhodie gardens.

We celebrated the holidays @ Karina's with a fun & fabulous party, were invited to the garden party extraordinaire @ Belinda Brent's, recuperated from the plant sale @ Nan Ray's delightful garden and a few of us even trekked up to Fort Bragg to judge their annual spectacular show (tough job – but someone had to do it).

I only wish more people would appreciate and share in the knowledge & community available through this great group.

And speaking of sharing, here's the list of things to bring, as your contribution to the party

Party Potluck Dishes (please bring 8 servings of your delicious contribution)

J -- P: appetizers

A -- I: salads

Q -- Z: desserts

In addition to good fun and good food, plus a chance to see Bee Brown's garden and check out her rhododendrons and companion plants in real time, we will be voting for the officers for the coming year

Candidates are:

Bee Brown – President

Christy Hartsell – Vice President/ Program Chairperson

Erika Enos - Secretary / Newsletter Editor

Mary Tye / Jennifer Tye – Treasurer

Publicity – Mike McCullough

These dedicated members have held either officer or board positions for a long time. In the spirit of sharing, you might consider becoming more active in the society by volunteering to be on the board for this coming year. Board members get to have active input in the running of the society chapter. Board members help the program chair provide interesting & knowledgeable speakers. The board also determines the focus and plans activities for the coming year. Board membership can also be a stepping stone to becoming an officer in the society. Just as we share in the knowledge and community created by our society, all members should also share in the responsibility of keeping our chapter vibrant and engaged; not only the American Rhododendron Society but the greater gardening community as well. To that end, we need all members to participate actively and to invite our gardening friends and neighbors, who want to learn more and would like to belong to an interesting and varied social group, to join our chapter of the rhododendron society.

Enough preaching – Let's party on SATURDAY!!!

Erika Enos Newsletter Editor