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Welcome to the MAY 2009 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.

**Next Meeting: wednesday
MAY 20, 2009 7:30 PM
Hillview Senior Center, Room 12
97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA**

MEETING TOPIC: Companion Plants: Japanese Maples

SPEAKER: David Kirby of Monrovia Nursery

David Kirby, of Monrovia Nursery, and a very popular speaker, will speak on Japanese Maples for our gardens. David is a fourth generation horticulturist, and is therefore in great demand for his expertise. He is very knowledgeable on the best varieties for our area: those which work well with our heat, cold, water, & pest conditions. Bring a list of the ones you are growing and learn more about them. David will answer all your questions!

**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, May 19th @ 5:30 PM
(650-851-1334) or awfletcher@aol.com)**

Show & tell

Last month several members brought blooming trusses to our meeting and we enjoyed viewing them. Since all of our gardens should be exploding with blooms right now, please bring some blooming trusses to our May meeting: it's a simple way for us to visit each others gardens.

Maintenance

AND don't forget: if you need to prune your rhododendrons and azaleas, the best time is right after they've finished blooming. Dead heading your plants right after they finish blooming will help stimulate new growth and get your plants started for their next blooming cycle.

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2008 / 2009

Season

May 20th 2009: David Kirby of Monrovia Nurseries

June 6th 2009: Annual end of season Meeting & Party @Nan Ray's home:
845 Magnolia, Menlo Park
12 Noon until 2 PM

We will have our usual potluck (society will provide main dish & drinks), members to provide:

Q---Z: Appetizers

J---P: Salads

A---I: Desserts

Please bring 6-8 servings of your appointed dish

ADDITIONAL DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS:

Sept 17th to 20th: Western Regional Conference, Takoma, Washington

See you all on **Wednesday, MAY, 20th**