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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DE ANZA CHAPTER,  
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**Welcome** to the **SEPTEMBER 2013** 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. 18th, 7:30 to 9 PM**

**Hillview Community Center**

**Room 12**

**97 Hillview Av., Los Altos**

**NOTE: Pizza @ 5:30**

**MEETING TOPIC: Annual Cuttings Meeting**

**SPEAKER: Tom Wynn & Mike McCullough**

Not only will Tom and Mike show us how to plant new cuttings in the proper medium to ensure success, they will also instruct us on how to take the perfect cutting from the parent plant. The cutting material should be from this year's growth, not too young and floppy, but one that will "snap" when pressure is applied. Also, best candidates are those cuttings with no flower buds so all the energy can go to root and leaf production. These tips and many more will be "revealed" at the meeting – don't miss it!

If you'd like to join fellow members at our pre meeting dinner @ our meeting room  
**FOR PIZZA**

**COME TO OUR MEETING ROOM @ 5:30**

**Catch up on friends' summer activities while enjoying a communal dinner**

After dinner treats provided by: **Volunteers needed – contact Erika (dble11@yahoo.com)**

SHOW & TELL

**September is not the best month for blooms but if you have something you'd like to share, please bring it in. We need to be more aware of attractive plants which come into bloom in the fall.**

MAINTENANCE

September can be a difficult month for maintenance: days are still hot so proper irrigation is a must, thrips and beetles are chewing & sucking the foliage and mildew is thriving in the hot day/cool night weather combination that is typical of this month. Maintenance is really important in September.

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2013 / 2014 Season

Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Cuttings Exchange
Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Vireyas with Sherla Berleman
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	Building a Stone Bridge & Waterfall with Bob & Judy Mathey
Dec	Annual Holiday Party
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	TBD
June	End of Season Meeting and Pot Luck

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – Los Altos Garden Club Plant Exchange (10 to 12 noon) Soccer field on Hillview

Sept 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> – Western Regional Rhododendron Conference in Newport OR

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – Strybing Monthly Plant Sale: Natives & Succulents this month (10 to 12 noon)

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

*Erika Enos – newsletter editor*