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Welcome to the April 2009 Issue of the newsletter for the De Anza 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
APRIL 15, 2009 7:30 PM
Hillview Senior Center, Room 12
97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA

MEETING TOPIC: The Collector's Garden

SPEAKER: Lawrence Lee of Plantopia Nursery

I believe that there are 2 kinds of people who garden. The 1st group love to create with plants, the same way painters use oils and brushes on canvas to make their art. The 2nd group collects plants, the way antique collectors accumulate their treasures. This month we'll learn how to combine both aspects of gardening. Lawrence Lee is going to share with us how fanatic collectors can manage to have a flourishing & manageable & beautiful garden! Lawrence has worked in many botanical gardens back east (Longwood is one) & is a horticulturist, nurseryman & landscape designer. He is also teaching horticulture classes at Merritt College. This is Lawrence's 2nd time as a speaker to our group. We enjoyed him so much the last time that we had to have him back.

Join Lawrence and 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, April 14th @ 5:30 PM
(650-851-1334) or awfletcher@aol.com)

REFRESHMENT PROVIDERS FOR APRIL MEETING: Mike Ekberg & Erika Enos
We need additional volunteers to bring refreshments for the May meeting

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 April meeting: it's a simple way for us to visit each others gardens.

Ann Gazenbeek will also bring lily bulbs from The Lily Garden, which will be offered for sale at wholesale to any of our members who want this companion plant. There are about 6 of the best varieties being offered at the meeting & also at the plant sale, if there are any left.

Looking for officers for next year - if you're interested, contact Erika Enos

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2008 / 2009

Season

Apr 15th 2009: Lawrence Lee on "The Collector's Garden" & Plant Sale Planning Meeting
Apr 18th 2009: Annual Plant Sale
May 20th 2009: David Kirby of Monrovia Nurseries
June 6th 2009: Annual end of season Meeting & Party (Nan Ray's home)

ADDITIONAL DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS:

SAT April 11th: Cal Chapter Show & Sale
Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue, Oakland, CA

SUN April 26th: Belinda Brent's Annual Open House & Garden Tour
341 Grove Dr, Portola Valley, CA
(please RSVP if you plan to attend - see separate invitation)

April 30th to May 3: ARS Annual Convention in Everett Washington
May 2nd & 3rd: Noyo Chapter Annual Show & Sale in Fort Bragg, CA
Sept 17th to 20th: Western Regional Conference, Takoma, Washington