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Welcome to the FEB 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
FEBRUARY 18, 2009 7:30 PM
Hillview Senior Center, Room 12
97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA**

MEETING TOPIC: Creating a Display Garden Nursery

SPEAKER: Don Wallace of Singing Tree Gardens

This is a photographic chronicle of Don's nursery from a grassy field to the display garden nursery it is today. Don also has sprinkled in many photos of new hybrids being tested, and some of the fragrant maddenii rhododendrons that he is bringing down for sale.

Don Wallace is the owner of Singing Tree Gardens , a small retail nursery in McKinleyville , California . Over the past 14 years, Don has planted, propagated, hybridized, and grown from seed many rhododendrons on his 6 acres in Fieldbrook, Ca. Two years ago, he sold his Fieldbrook property and moved onto his 40 acre nursery property to build a new home. Now he is starting a new garden around the home he has built. Don was the president of the Eureka chapter of the American Rhododendron Society for 3 years, and has participated as one of the Show Chairmen at the Western Regional Rhododendron Conference they had in Eureka a few years back. Don has been involved in photography for 20 years, and travels each year to photograph many gardens up and down the Pacific coast. One of his current passions is to develop new fragrant hybrids. This is a lengthy process and with testing it can take years before any successful hybrids can be registered. But Don is hopeful that his efforts will result in some very nice new fragrant rhododendrons with beautiful colors that we can all add to our gardens.

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, Feb 17th @ 5:30 PM
(650-851-1334) or almawfletcher@aol.com)

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Refreshment Providers for Feb meeting: Tom Wynn & Linda Gaskell

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2008 / 2009 Season

Feb 18 th 2009:	Don Wallace of Singing Tree Nursery on Maddenii
Mar 25 th 2009:	Tom Nuccio (NOTE: Date is 4 th Wednesday of the month)
Apr 15 th 2009:	Lawrence Lee on "The Collector's Garden" & Plant Sale Planning Meeting
Apr 18 th 2009:	Annual Plant Sale
May 20 th 2009:	David Kirby of Monrovia Nurseries
June 2009	Annual end of season Meeting & Party (Karina Nilsen's home)

So What's Bloomin' in your garden?

Nan Ray's garden is in bloom with Seta, Chrysodorum, and an azalea, Dayspring, that she received from a special friend. Tom Wynn's maddenii, especially Vietchianum & Cubbittii are starting to pop. His vireya, Humbolt Sunrise, is also blooming. No rhodie blooms yet in Bee Brown's gardens, only azaleas. Chrsty Hartsell's vireyas continue to bloom, although some of plants got hit by frosty weather in January. My Seta, 30 inches high and 36 inches wide and in a pot, is loaded with blooms and my Mysterious Maddenii is read to pop.

It would be great to hear from you about what's blooming in your gardens and if you had any frost damage. We have so many micro climates among our members residences, it would be great to share and compare.

Don't forget to check out the **Camellia Show & Sale** this weekend:

Sat 2-14-09: 11am to 5 pm Sun 2-15-09: 12 noon to 4 pm

Redwood City Community Activities Bldg, 1400 Roosevelt Av, Redwood City

Plan to attend the ARS Annual Convention in Everett Washington, April 30 to May 3 2009.
See the Fall Issue of the ARS Journal for description of the conference.
Registration Forms are in the Winter Issue

SEE YOU ALL ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Erika Enos - newsletter editor