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Welcome to the FEB. 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: FEB. 20th, 7:30 to 9 PM

Hillview Community Center

Room 12

97 Hillview Av., Los Altos

NOTE: THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS BACK IN ROOM 12

MEETING TOPIC: HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

SPEAKER: Paul Anderson (Member of Cal Chapter & former District 5 ARS Director)

Pauls' program will feature the New Zealand Conference in Methven, NZ.: Gardens in Mid-Canterbury to the Foothills of the Southern Alps. Paul is a fabulous photographer so he'll share tours of 10 gardens, most of which were in peak bloom, and also Christchurch and it's Botanic Garden. If you didn't go to the conference, you won't want to miss Paul's talk and slides

If you'd like to join fellow members at the pre-meeting dinner @ Pompeii Restaurant in Los Altos Call or email Alma Fletcher by Tues @ 5 pm to reserve a spot @ the rhodie table

Dinner @ 5:30 - Pompeii Restaurant, 100 State St, Los Altos

Bringers of goodies this month: Erika & Joe

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge our own Mike McCullough's well written and extremely informative article on maddenii which appeared the latest issue of the Journal. Great article, Mike. Everyone should read it.

SHOW & TELL

Blooming season is starting (don't you love winter in northern California). The early rhodies are coming into bloom, so bring your early blooms to share and inspire other members to also grow early bloomers. Would you like to share other blooming plants in your garden? February doesn't bring us many blooming plants – we need ideas!

MAINTENANCE

Not only is it still cold out – it's also dry, so don't forget to check and make you're your plants are not drying out; water your plants if it hasn't rained for a while. Pick up fallen leaves to prevent mold & mildew spores and thrip eggs from becoming permanent residents in your garden. Don Wallace of Singing Tree Gardens suggests feeding your plants at this time with a high phosphorus fertilizer (high middle number in the NPK formula) for bigger, more colorful flowers.

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2012 / 2013 Season

Feb 20th Highlights of New Zealand International Conference w/Paul Anderson
Mar 20th Dexter Hybrids
April 17th TBD & Plant Sale Preparation
April 27th Annual Plant Sale
May 18th or 25th Field Trip
June ? End of Season Meeting / Pot Luck

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

Feb 16th & 17th - Annual Camellia Show & Sale, Redwood City

March 9th - Strybing Monthly Plant Sale

March 10th - Day Light Savings Time begins: an extra hour for gardening

Mar 20th – 24th Annual SF Flower & Garden Show – San Mateo County Event Center

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON **WEDNESDAY EVENING,**
FEB. 20TH

Erika Enos – newsletter editor