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Welcome to the JAN 2014 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: JAN 15th, 7:30 to 9 PM

**Hillview Community Center
Room 12
97 Hillview Av., Los Altos**

MEETING: Pruning Your Garden Trees

SPEAKER: Terence Welch

Tree pruning is always of interest as a speaker topic. This time it is even more relevant as we deal with the aftermath of the prolonged frost period during Dec. Besides general pruning information, Terence will discuss the pruning of our citrus and fruit trees during their dormant period and how to deal with frost damage our trees have recently experienced

Terence is a ISA Certified Arborist who specializes in planting, caring for, and pruning orchards as well as back yard fruit trees. He also currently manages, consults and farms 45 acres in various locations in Portola Valley, Watsonville, & San Juan Baptista.

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" almawfletcher@gmail.com. or 650-851-1334

SHOW & TELL

Our president has put together an informative packet for new members which includes information on the care and feeding of rhodies plus cultural tips and a glossary of horticultural terms.

MAINTENANCE

Do's and Don'ts for this month - Same as Last Month:

Do keep watering until the rains come.

Do transplant. Don't prune (unless you want to cut off the buds that have been growing since early summer). Don Wallace of Singing Tree Gardens suggests starting to feed your plants, if you haven't yet, with a high phosphorus fertilizer for bigger and more colorful blooms.

Plus one more thing: Start enjoying your earliest blooms

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2013/ 2014 Season

Jan 15th Tree Pruning
Feb 19th. Don Wallace of Singing Tree Gardens
Mar 19th. Japanese Maples
Apr 16th. Rebecca Sweet, Landscape Designer
May 21st. TBD
June ? End of Season Meeting / Pot Luck

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

Feb 21 - 22nd International Vireya Conference, Island of Hawaii (see Christy Hartsell for more info)
Mar 19 - 23rd San Francisco Flower & Garden Show, San Mateo Event Center
May 16 - 18th ARS Annual Convention, Cleveland, Ohio

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON

Wednesday, Jan 15th

Erika Enos, Newsletter Editor

