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Welcome to the MAR. 2017 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: MAR. 15th, 7:30

to 9 PM

Hillview Community Center

Room 12

97 Hillview Av., Los Alto

MEETING TOPIC: *Trekking Through Sichuan*

SPEAKER: *Jason Martinez of Strybing Botanical Garden*

Jason will be taking us on a Strybing sponsored, plant collecting trip to Sichuan, China. Jason says "Our collections were mainly focused on rhododendrons, magnolias, and maples, but we found much more." Come to hear his talk and find out what else Jason's team found.

Jason is bringing along a very special guest, Y. C. Chen, a noted azalea expert and author of an amazingly comprehensive tome on azaleas. We are honored to have such a renowned scholar at our meeting, please welcome him warmly.

This month's pre-meeting dinner is PIZZA NIGHT, Please come to the meeting room @ 6 pm for pizza, salad and a drink

Bringers of goodies this month: **Members to bring desserts**

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SHOW & TELL

Trusses should be starting to bloom profusely because of the time of year and also the amount the Rain bestowed on them from the heavens

Bring a truss that hasn't bloomed in your garden for a while so we can all marvel

MAINTENANCE

Everyone's favorite time of the year is starting: bloom time for our plants.

Because of the extraordinary amount of rain this past winter, don't be lulled into thinking you will never have to water your plants again – check moisture, especially if your plants are in pots. Enjoy but also monitor your beloved plants

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2016 / 2017 Season

Mar15 th	Jason Martinez shares the adventures of his latest China expedition
April 19 th	Sale prep for the Sale on the 22 nd & How to pot up Vireyas w/Christy
April 22 nd	Annual Rhododendron Plant Sale in Los Altos
May ?	Field Trip to members' gardens
June ?	End of Season Meeting / Pot Luck

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

March 12 th -	Day Light Savings Time begins: an extra hour for gardening
April 5 th /9 th - Center	Annual SF Flower & Garden Show – San Mateo Event
April 27 th / 30th	ARS Annual Convention, Eureka, Ca
Oct 27th/30th-	International New Zealand Rhododendron Conference

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON **WEDNESDAY EVENING,**
MARCH.15th

Erika Enos – newsletter editor