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Welcome to the OCT 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.

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Next Meeting: NOV 20th, 7:30 to 9 PM

Hillview Community Center

Room 12

97 Hillview Av., Los Altos

MEETING: Building a Bridge in a Garden

SPEAKER: Judy & Bob Mathey

Nothing I say will prepare you for the talk this month about building a bridge in a garden. Our speakers, the Matheys, are known for their detailed knowledge of plants (they have catalogued and photographed every plant in their garden) and have created a magnificent garden that includes many species of rhododendrons, as well as conifers, maples and ferns. I have been to the Mathey's garden and all I can say is WOW. The attention to detail they shower on every project is amazing, and their bridge is worthy of any Japanese or Public Garden anywhere. We will hear how they went about creating it. The Smithsonian is also impressed with their garden and has included it in their "Archives of American Gardens". Bob & Judy are members of the Noyo Chapter and good friends of our chapter.

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: 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.

Meeting & Activity Schedule for 2013/ 2014 Season

Nov 20th Bob & Judy Mathey - Building a Bridge In Our Garden
Dec 7th Annual Holiday Party. Pat Ley's Home. details to follow
Jan 15th Japanese Maples
Feb 19th. Don Wallace of Singing Tree Gardens
Mar 19th. TBD
Apr 16th. Rebecca Sweet, Landscape Designer
May 21st. TBD
June ? End of Season Meeting / Pot Luck

Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

Nov 18th. Camellia talk /Brad King Talk starts @ 7 pm. Veterans Senior Center
1455 Madison Av, Redwood City

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON

Wednesday, Nov 20th

Erika Enos, newsletter editor

