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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DE ANZA CHAPTER,  
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**Welcome** to the October 2015 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 on our website

**Meeting: Wed Oct 21st, 7 - 9 pm**  
**Room 12 97 Hillview Av, Los Altos**

### Meeting Topic: Rhododendrons101

Choosing the right plants, proper planting and plant medium, pruning, plus disease and pests control will all be covered in Denis' talk.

### **Speaker: Denis McKiver**

Denis has been growing rhododendrons since 2001 when he & his wife moved to Fort Bragg. His collection includes over 1000 hybrids and species. Denis is currently the president of the Noyo Chapter and consistent top winner at both the Noyo and Cal Chapter shows.

**Join other members and our speaker for a pre-meeting dinner @ Pompeii Restaurant 5:30, 100 State Street, Los Altos. Contact Alma ([almawfletcher@gmail.com](mailto:almawfletcher@gmail.com)) or Erika ([double11@yahoo.com](mailto:double11@yahoo.com)) by Tues the 20th to reserve your spot @ the rhodie table**

## Notes from our President

Our Sept meeting was a fun, social one with pizza, pot luck, plant raffle and exchange plus guests from the Camellia Society. This month, don't miss Denis McKiver's talk on rhododendron care. Also at this month's meeting we will need to vote on Rhododendron of the Year. Take a tour of your garden and pick out your favorite Elepidote, Lepidote, deciduous & evergreen azaleas. Maybe you have a new favorite which has survived the drought better than you thought: vote for it. This is a way of sharing with other members, what does well, and what doesn't.

**\*\*Don't forget to bring your dues payment to the meeting & save a stamp\*\***

## 2015/2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Oct 21st Denis McKiver. - All About Rhododendron Care
- Nov 18th Jason Martinez. - Travels with Steve Hootman to India
- Dec 13th Holiday Party - Suzanne Legallet's home
- Jan 20th. Arnie Kornez. - More About Japanese Maples
- Feb. 17th. The Bee Guy. - Info about the state of our bees
- Mar 16th. TBD
- April 20th. TBD plus planning our Annual Plant Sale
- May 18th. TBD
- June ? End of season Meeting & Pot Luck

## Additional Dates to Mark on your Calendars

- \*Oct. 26th. Camellia Society meeting with Lyngso Garden Materials 7-9 pm
  - \*Nov 16th Camellia Society meeting with Suncrest Nurseries 7-9 pm
- Both meetings @ Veteran' Memorial Center 1455 Madison Av, Redwood City

*Erika Enos, Newsletter Editor*