Welcome to members and friends in Portugal of the Mediterranean Garden Society. If you know of any others who may be interested in Mediterranean gardening please pass this along to them and remember all are welcome to attend our events.

We have finalised the following details for our next event, which will be held in the eastern Algarve near Olhão.

Algarve event – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Start 10.30am, coffee at Quinta Recanto do Laranjal, Quelfes near Moncarapacho
Wim van Putten will give an introduction to the garden and tour, print out provided with list of plant names & opportunity to buy plants

12.30 pm Lunch at local restaurant

2.00pm Afternoon visit to Margaret Jackson’s Garden in Almancil, and visit to a local nursery

Wim and Sophia van Putten live in Quelfes, which is close to Olhão and about 6km from the sea. The house is a renovated traditional Algarvian farmhouse, with an eira (threshing floor), a bread oven and other buildings, which serve now as guesthouses. The garden follows the contours of the original traditional farm, with a pool at the location of the previous vegetable garden. The garden is now four years old, but already looks quite mature. Wim is a real ‘plantaholic’ collector and he has more than 1300 different plants in his garden. He is trying out many, especially Hemerocallis, Iris, Aloe and Agave, to see which do well on the alkaline soil in his garden. Furthermore he has a very nice collection of unusual shrubs and trees.

Margaret Jackson is the Secretary of the Santa Barbara de Nexe garden club of the Central Algarve area and lives in Almancil. She has a beautiful Mediterranean house and her garden was designed by a local garden designer. There is a large natural pond surrounded by trees and shrubs, a small lawn area and many interesting spots, which please the eye. The whole garden has a strong Mediterranean atmosphere, strengthened by the colour of the house, the paths and the planting. There are also some formal elements from the Northern countries. It truly is one of the nicest gardens in the Algarve and can be an example for good ideas in one’s own garden.

Details of hotels and B&B accommodation in the immediate area are available on request. Please contact Rosie Peddle for any further information you require. You may also telephone direct to Wim and Sophia van Putten on 289 722 953.
Members and friends are all most welcome. **CONTACT Rosie Peddle TO BOOK YOUR PLACES FOR THE DAY** – please let me know if you wish to attend before Saturday June 18th at the latest.

**Hemerocallis ‘Clothed in Glory’**

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**RECOMMENDED NURSERY VISITS in the Eastern Algarve Area** – further details to follow for those booking in for the day.

**Quinta Palmeiras**, Luz de Tavira – a long established large garden centre with many types of plants, trees, roses and shrubs including some native plants. Also holds a good stock of terracotta and glazed pots for the garden. On the EN125 on the right hand side approx. 3 km before Luz de Tavira – look for the avenue of palms!

**Sulflor**, Moncarapacho – good selection of fruit trees with ornamental and bedding plants for colour in containers. From the IP1 motorway (Olhao junction) roundabout take the second right signed Moncarapacho/Fuseta, the N398. In about 2 km take a sharp right turn signed SULFLOR and follow this road for another 800m. Go over the motorway and the nursery is signed on the left hand side.

**SINTRA VISIT May 28th** – A full report and photos will appear in the next newsletter.

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NURSERY CONTACTS recommended by members

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Web site. www.jardin-sec.com  The price of their catalogue (128 pages) is 10 euros, including postage. You can send credit card details by fax or by phone, but their email is not secured.
This nursery in the south west of France specialises in plants for dry gardens and has a large range of plants, bulbs, shrubs, trees etc. They hold the French National Plant Collection of Nerium oleander. You can access their catalogue on line via the web site. The web site is in French but botanical names are used throughout.

PLEASE NOTE - I have now heard from a few members who are interested in joining together to place an order from this nursery. The catalogue has also been highly recommended in it’s own right as a guide to planting times and cultivation for many plants and well worth buying for this alone. As the order will be collated in time for the recommended Autumn planting season there is still plenty of time for others to select items for a joint order. Please let me know if you wish to take advantage of a ‘special delivery M G S order’ for Portugal from this specialist nursery.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Members of the MGS are part of a large international group of amateur and professional gardeners, horticulturists, botanists, and others who appreciate the unique climate called ‘mediterranean’. Annual subscriptions are payable in January. New members joining during the course of the year will receive all four issues of the journal published in the year of joining. To join the MGS, fill out an application and send it along with your membership fee (€30) to The Secretary, The Mediterranean Garden Society, P.O. Box 14, Peania GR-190 02, Greece. New members will be automatically added to the membership list with this Branch. Further information about the MGS can be found on the main web site www.mediterraneangardensociety.org. There is a membership page and application form available on the website, if you would prefer to receive these in the post please let Rosie Peddle know and confirm your address or fax number.

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