Welcome to members and friends in Portugal with an interest in Mediterranean Gardening. 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.

**Bem-vindos, membros e amigos em Portugal com interesse no Jardinagem Mediterrânica.** Se souber de alguém que esteja interessado em jardinagem mediterrânica agradecemos que passe a palavra, ou o favor de dar um destes boletins informativos, e não esquecer que todos estão convidados a participar nos eventos por nós organizados.

### EVENTS

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<td>Western Algarve Group&lt;br&gt;Next event&lt;br&gt;Please contact Jeanette Fahlbusch <a href="mailto:jeanneetealicefahlbusch@gmail.com">jeanneetealicefahlbusch@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Wednesday 10 to Saturday 13 May 2017</td>
<td><strong>International Spring Conference</strong>&lt;br&gt;May 2017&lt;br&gt;Based in Provence, garden tours, lectures and nursery visits&lt;br&gt;Residential packages available&lt;br&gt;Full details below</td>
<td>Organised by Mediterranean Gardening France&lt;br&gt;Contact Christine Savage <a href="mailto:cs.savage@btopenworld.com">cs.savage@btopenworld.com</a></td>
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Message from Burford Hurry,
President - Mediterranean Gardening Association of Portugal

Well, although the days are beginning to shorten there seems to be no end in sight of our hot weather. This shouldn't come as a surprise either - it happens every year. In the campo the grass is brown and the wild flowers are a dry brittle memory, all providing fuel for the fires that have been raging through the country with such tragic consequences. Although some of the vegetation may be dormant the carob trees, the olives, the pistachios and the myrtles are still green and growing. The same is true of my garden so there is still lots to do. Those MGAP members who have visited my garden will know that it is a relatively small one and because it is small I have tried to enlarge it by simplifying it and creating different viewing areas. Viewing gardens mean work - sweeping up carob leaves and pods to create space, trimming to focus on the form of a plant such as dead heading the agapanthus, taking out the burnt leaves of a strelitzia or thinning the exuberant growth of my ‘bonsai’ Carissa in a large bowl to reveal the wonderful rhythm of her branches and glossy leaves. All done in an effort to create a restful ambience while knowing it is essential that other viewers must not be aware that work was necessary to create the view.

Apart from keeping an eye on and watering my garden I have been involved with other members of MGAP in the organisation of the two tree days ‘Back to the Future’ in early September. Two trips in which we looked at trees of thirty years and older, there is a report below.

Preparations are also being made for the Mediterranean Garden Fair which this year will be in Sao Bras. It will be held in the attractive and leafy grounds of the Museu on the 29th October, the Saturday when the clocks change. Apart from the participation of an exciting and interesting range of nurseries there will be a talk in English by Daisy Mae on growing herbs in the Algarve. Following on her talk will be another talk in Portuguese by the well-known author and TV personality Fernanda Botelho on ‘Ervas aromáticas e especiarias na cozinha portuguesa, usos contemporâneos e usos tradicionais.’

It promises once again to be a day not to be missed by Mediterranean Gardeners and once again we are hopeful that MGAP members will be volunteering to help. All we are asking for is a couple of hours of your time on the 29th. See you at the Fair.

Our Mediterranean ‘winter’ will be with us for a while yet and is really more like a winter as it is the time when plants shut down. Certainly looking forward to the Garden Fair and other local events. We need your help on our Management Committee so please consider joining us to help us as Events Coordinator or Treasurer and be part of the group setting future priorities for the Association. This is a good time to remind you that I will be stepping down as President at the 2017 AGM so nominations are needed for our new leader!

Once again, here’s wishing you good gardening. Burford Hurry

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NEXT EVENT – NEXT EVENT – NEXT EVENT

Mediterranean Garden Fair 2016
Saturday October 29 11h to 16h

Algarve’s only specialist Plant Sale!

Museo do Traje, S. Brás de Alportel
Saturday October 29 Members Only from 10.00am
Open to the public 11.00 – 16.00
Entry €1, under 16s free
The event will be held this year in a new venue, the leafy spacious courtyard to the rear of the museum building. Confirmed talks from:

**Fernanda Botelho**, in Portuguese, on *Herbs and Spices in Portuguese Cuisine*, contemporary uses and traditional uses; how they can be used to treat people and plants;  
**Daisy Mae**, in English, from Ceratonia will tell us about producing aromatic herbal medicinal effects with your favourite plants that are well adapted to the Algarve; and  
**Arq. Paisagista Gonçalo Duarte Gomes**, will talk on *An Oasis Close at Hand* addressing the issue of sustainability in gardens in the Algarve.

Buy trees, shrubs, plants and native plant seed adapted to the Mediterranean climate and get information and advice from the nursery owners. There will also be organic essential oils and organic local produce (fruit and veg). Buy books on gardening in the Mediterranean. If you have second hand gardening books to donate please take them to the MGAP info point at the event, and many thanks! Refreshments available on site. Plant Creche service.

*With grateful thanks to, and in collaboration with, Museu do Traje & Câmara Municipal de São Brás de Alportel.*

Contact for further information:  
www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org and  
Museo do Traje, R. Dr. José Dias Sancho 61, 8150-141 São Brás de Alportel  
Directions www.museu-sbras.com/info.html and web site www.museu-sbras.com  
GPS: N37,152617, W7.885442 Tel 289 840 100

As ever, **VOLUNTEERS are needed** to make the event a success, so please contact Burford Hurry if you can help - sitting down jobs available!  
email burfordhpt@gmail.com

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**LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017**

**Saturday March 4th 2017 - MGAP Spring Garden Fair**  
At Quinta da Figueirinha, Silves. Members and guests only entry at 10.00am – open to the public from 11.00am  
Entry fee €1  
**Helpers Needed!**

**Saturday April 1st 2017**  
**MGAP Annual General Meeting / Assembleia Geral**

The business meeting will be followed by a talk by Sue Parker on *Orchids of the Algarve*, lunch and a wildflower walk in Paderne area. A date for your diary, the business meeting will be followed by the talk, lunch and a guided wildflower walk in a different location on the Algarve.

**Western Algarve – New Group Launched!**

*"Calling all passionate Gardeners - new Mediterranean Gardening Group in Lagos!"

An informal Mediterranean gardens group has been launched for the western Algarve, based in and around Lagos. This is expressly for those interested in plants and gardens to come together for visits to gardens and plant nurseries or just to chat over a coffee or a glass of perfectly chilled wine with the aim to combine the “intellectual, practical and sociable”. This group is organised with the full support of MGAP but it is not necessary to be a member to participate.

A programme of monthly meetings has now been agreed and anyone interested in becoming actively involved can contact Jeanette either by email or phone 969 439 867. Meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of each month and start at 10.00am.

Please contact Jeanette for more information and to keep in touch on future plans. The monthly programme is available on the web site www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org  
Jeanette Fahlbusch email jeanettealicefahlbusch@gmail.com

Many thanks to Jeanette Fahlbusch for suggesting and organising this initiative.

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MGF – France Mediterranean Gardeners
http://mediterraneangardeningfrance.org/baEvtAll.htm

NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!
International Spring Conference 10-13 May 2017
Based in Aix-en-Provence, garden tours, lectures and nursery visits

Mediterranean Gardening France (MGF - our sister organisation in MGi) is busy planning their first International Spring Conference for May 2017. This will be held to replace the Spring Event which has taken place in Portugal, so there will be no Spring Conference in Portugal in 2017.

It will include lectures, garden and nursery visits, apart from the important activity of networking with fellow mediterranean gardeners. Three nights in Aix-en-Provence, commencing on the evening of Wednesday 10th May and finishing on the morning of Saturday 13th May. Since Aix is the city of Cézanne, the theme is based around the links between mediterranean gardens and art, and will include lectures, garden visits and a wild flower walk near to the Montagne Sainte-Victoire, painted so many times by Cézanne.

MGF has arranged this special event with a view to exploring the connections between art and Mediterranean gardens. The welcome reception, lectures and final dinner will take place at the Hotel Aquabella, situated close to the historic centre of the city. Our lecturers will be garden designer, Laura de Beden and author, Louisa Jones. Aix-en-Provence is a lively and beautiful city, easy to explore on foot, and suggestions for outings and visits will be available in an information pack for those who would like to extend their stay.

For full programme see http://mediterraneangardeningfrance.org/baEvtAllAix%202017.pdf
Price for programme without accommodation is €275 per person

Residential packages are available, all details to be confirmed but please register your interest for more details and make bookings as soon as possible to secure your place direct with conference organiser Christine Savage email cs.savage@btopenworld.com

NEWS OF EVENTS in Mediterranean Gardening International

EVENTS IN SISTER ORGANISATIONS (MGAP Members will be welcomed at any of the following events, subject to availability of places. Please contact the local organiser shown.) Information on events in South Africa and Margaret River region in Australia also available via
http://www.mediterraneangardeninginternational.org

Activities are open to MGAP members, members of partner associations and, where places are available, guests. Where the number of places for a particular event is limited, priority will be given to local members.

MPG - Mediterranean Plants and Gardens, UK more info http://www.medpag.org/events.html
Please email Heather Martin hma@clara.net

Saturday 14 January 2017 – Winter meeting at the Chelsea Physic Garden, London. Guest speaker: John Grimshaw. His talk to us will be about interesting plants suited to the Mediterranean. The winter meeting will be at the Chelsea Physic Garden and will include an update on MPG activities and lunch.

22 - 30 March 2017 JORDAN Wild flowers and ancient sites— Oron Peri, author, botanist and owner of the Israel based nursery, Seeds of Peace, will be the botanical guide for a seven-day visit to Jordan organised by Mediterranean Plants and Gardens. There will be lots of opportunities to look for wild flowers in different settings, from Mediterranean to desert, plus visits to amazing archaeological and historical sites including Petra, and the chance to swim in the Dead Sea. For a day by day itinerary contact Heather Martin. hma@clara.net Expected costs to be about £900 per person double occupancy, £1030 for a single room, excluding air fares.
Sunday 25 to Wednesday 28 June 2017 – MPG UK summer garden tour and AGM

November 2017 – 29 April - 6 May 2017, Evia, GREECE Walks and endemic plants on the Greek island of Evia. Graham Kendall who trained in horticulture in the UK, worked in Athens as a gardener when a young man, and has enjoyed Greek wild flora for 40 years, will lead this tour. The tour will include plenty of time for plant-hunting, mountain and coastal walks and lunches in tavernas. The exact itinerary of this Mediterranean Plants and Gardens trip will be finalised nearer the time, according to what is in flower. Contact Heather Martin hma@clara.net

30 March – 3 April 2017, Mildura, Victoria, AUSTRALIA Magic Mildura ! A Pan-Australian Conference. This event, organised by the South Australian Mediterranean Garden Society, includes visits to more than six private and botanic gardens in and around the city of Mildura in north-west Victoria. The programme will also include lectures, wine tasting, a sunset paddle-steamer cruise, a special dinner with a menu created by the renowned chef, Stefano de Pieri and a walk through the Banrock Station wetlands. Contact Sonia Green soniakgreen@gmail.com

Solar Cooking events - International Conference EuroSun 2016, Palma (Mallorca), Spain, 11-14 October 2016

EuroSun 2016 will be a unique platform to discuss the latest developments with leading solar energy specialists as well as policy makers and industry representatives. Workshop on solar cooking is being planned for the 12th October 2016. See more at: http://www.uibcongres.org/eurosun

ECOSOL- Encontro de cozinha solar/Solar cooking meeting Faro, 11 November 2016

Todos os interessados em participar neste encontro deverão contactar o Prof. Celestino Ruivo (cruivo@ualg.pt). O encontro incluirá no seu programa um magusto solar. Interested people should send email message to Prof. Celestino Ruivo (cruivo@ualg.pt). A "solar magusto" lunch will be included in program.

Flora Japonica Exhibition at Shirley Sherwood Gallery, Kew Gardens, London 17 September 2016 to 5 March 2017, 10am to 5.30pm

This exhibition celebrates the unique richness of Japanese native flora and the huge influence of Japanese plants on horticulture in the west. About a hundred Japanese wild plants are portrayed by 36 of the most eminent contemporary Japanese botanical artists. The exhibition also features historic drawings and paintings by some of Japan’s most revered botanists and artists such as Dr Tomitaro Makino (1863-1957), Sessai Hattori and Chikusai Kato (Edo period artists 1603-1868), which have never been seen before in Europe.

www.kew.org/visit-kew-gardens/whats-on/flora-japonica-exhibition

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Acacia farnesiana study – please contact Manuel with photos and location if you know of any Acacia farnesia growing in Portugal.

“I am a PhD student in Geography at the University of Porto, and my thesis deals with the introduction and circulation of Acacia (in the broad sense) in south west Europe. One of the focal species of my study is Acacia farnesiana (= Vachellia farnesiana), which was once widespread in Portugal, but now appears to be virtually extinct. So, I come to ask the Members and contacts of the MGAP Association, if possible, some information about the occurrence of this species, cultivated or in the wild state, particularly in the Algarve. See presentation below for more info. “In the shade of a Farnesian acacia: introduction and diffusion of a Mesoamerican species in Europe”

https://transplantsproject.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/apresentacao-montpellier_rev.pdf

Manuel Miranda Fernandes, Email mmfernand@gmail.com CEGOT - Centro de Estudos de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território - Centre of Studies on Geography and Spatial Planning Universidade do Porto

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NEWS - TIMOTHY WALKER'S LECTURE DURING THE MPG UK SUMMER GARDEN TOUR and AGM IN NORFOLK
Timothy Walker, lecturer in Plant Science at Somerville College, Oxford, gave a fascinating talk on Mediterranean Plants at the summer meeting of MPG on 11 July. A recording of Timothy's lecture with illustrations is available here https://vimeo.com/175392213
Many references to Portugal and the Algarve in this talk. Those of you at our 2016 AGM will remember his wonderful talk on South Africa.

MGAP Book Sales - in addition to a range of gardening books, such as the English edition of the second book by Olivier Filippi Planting Design for Dry Gardens - Beautiful, resilient groundcovers for terraces, paved areas, gravel & alternatives to the lawn, cost €35

We also hold stock of Algarve Wildlife, the natural year published earlier this year in a completely revised and substantially enlarged edition, cost €25. In addition there are guides to the wildflowers and orchids of the Algarve. We now hold the full list of books published by First Nature on the Algarve.

These can be posted by registered post, full details on request. http://www.first-nature.com/books/index.php

More info and book order enquiries to Rosie Peddle rosie@thebtf.net

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NEWS OF THE SEED EXCHANGE for Members of Mediterranean Gardening International

Chantal Guiraud of Mediterranean Gardening France maintains a seed list from which MPAG members can order. Take a look at it on the MGF website by clicking here. Chantal will provide any member of MPAG and other sister societies with up to 10 packets of seed a year completely free of charge. When ordering or donating seeds, ensure that you are complying with local and international regulations and check that your choices do not include plants that could be invasive. Invasive plants, usually introduced by man, can damage local ecosystems and native species and are among the greatest threats to biodiversity. For more information see the website of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation and the RHS's advice here.

PLANT LABELS & SEED PACKETS available to buy from rosie@thebtf.net

Pot labels white matt plastic, accepts pencil 25 X 115 mm 24 labels on 3 sheets - cost €1.50
Loop labels white matt plastic 19 X 210mm 14 labels per sheet – cost €1.00 per sheet
Seed Packets 73mm x 41mm 10 packets for €1.25 / 98mm x 64mm 10 packets for €1.50
Web site updates will shortly be added – keep checking in for new articles, events and pics! Contributions welcome - Web site www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org
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"Back to the Future - What Ornamental Trees do I Plant?" This two day event took place on 8 and 9 September in Paderne and Almancil. Members were given garden tours by the owners and lunch was organised to allow more time for questions and answers.

The group spent two wonderful hours looking at the Paderne garden trees and shrubs. We all first met at the restaurant Mato a Vista. A list of trees drawn up was handed out and briefly discussed, the blank page at the back of which was soon filled with the names of other trees and shrubs in Lindsey’s garden once we had reached Citrina. Among the many highlights were the pink orchid like blooms of the towering Ceiba speciosa, silk floss tree.

The Almancil garden is on the sandy soils of the litoral and has wonderful examples of the different plant types that like these conditions, including a lovely Corymbia citriodora with fragrant lemon scented foliage.

The two visits showed the long-term effect of the decisions you make on what trees to plant. The two mature Algarve gardens demonstrated the potential size, spread and shape of a large number of trees that were planted up to 40 years ago, allowing you to think for the long term and help you select the best trees for the location being developed. A list of recommended trees for different situations in the Algarve can be found here
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could be the missing piece!

The MGAP Management Committee currently has vacancies for an Events Coordinator and a Treasurer, if you are interested in helping to develop the calendar of events or the worthy task of looking after the hard earned funds, as part of the established management team, this is your chance to get involved. As our esteemed President will come to the end of his three year tenure at the AGM in April 2017 we would welcome interest in nominations for President. Please contact Rob Peddle rob@thebtf.net or Burford Hurry email burfordhpl@gmail.com
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Mediterranean Gardening Forum members of MGAP can access this forum via the link at top right of the front page of our web site www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org

There are sections devoted to advice, plant identification and wildlife in the garden as well as events. MGAP has a section for all our Minutes of AGM and Board meetings.
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
We have a friendly and informal group for everyone who has a special interest in the plants and gardens of Mediterranean climates. The aims of MGAP (Mediterranean Gardening Association Portugal) include education and encouraging the exchange of information and of experiences.

Web site www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org contains articles as well as news, notices, practical information and comment. Please pass on this newsletter to anyone interested.

If you no longer wish to receive these newsletters then please do let us know by sending a return email with REMOVE in the subject line to rosie@thebtf.net

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