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.

Queremos dar as boas vindas aos sócios e amigos do Mediterranean Garden Society em Portugal. Se souber de alguém que esteja interessado em jardinagem mediterrânica agradecemos que passa 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.

LIST OF FUTURE EVENTS
Further details - Rosie Peddle Tel. (00351) 289 791 869 or email rosie@thebtf.net

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‘Starting from Scratch’
for new gardeners, and for gardeners new to the Algarve
Monday September 14th 2009 10.30am

This talk is aimed at new MGS members and those newly arrived on the Algarve or those looking for inspiration at the start of the new gardening year

Burford says “I would like to give people my thoughts on starting 'a garden' in the Algarve taking into account some of the ingredients that make gardening both pleasurable and problematic, most of the 'problems' arising when we try to grow plants that don't 'belong'”

Burford Hurry has been gardening in the Algarve for 23 years and comes from an African background where heat, drought and cold are not uncommon factors in gardening. MGS members will have read Burford’s article in the April 2009 Journal.
The talk will take place at Burford’s home in Loule in the central Algarve and will include the opportunity to visit his uniquely wonderful garden on a steeply sloping site alongside an all year round waterfall. Places will be limited so early booking is essential. Please contact Rosie Peddle (rosie@thebtf.net) to register your interest for this event - All Welcome – directions and full information sent to all participants.

**The Mediterranean Garden Society AGM 2009**, John Joynes is putting together what promises to be a good and interesting programme. Cyprus, like Greece, does not have a tradition of grand gardens since water has always been in short supply. Today, water is in very short supply indeed in Cyprus (believe it or not, the island is importing water from Greece…), which makes it a most suitable place for climate-conscious gardeners to meet.

http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/agm-2009.html for more info and to download the registration form, click on the following link https://secure.debliteck.com/honeywell/forms/agm_form.php. If any members from Portugal are attending could they please let Rosie Peddle know and perhaps prepare a report for their fellow members for our next newsletter.

**Plant Sale – Bring & Buy !**
**Saturday November 7th 2000 11.00am – 3.00pm**


There is B&B accommodation available on site and evening meals can be booked.

Members and friends of the MGS are invited to gather to swap seed, seedlings and plants. November is the start of the planting season – if we have had some rain! Come along with your spare plants, seed and seedlings and exchange them on the MGS Plant Stall. Buy rare & unusual plants from your fellow gardening enthusiasts!

Several small and specialist nurseries have been invited and have been selected to cover a full range of plants suitable for mediterranean drought tolerant gardens. There will also be short master classes with the opportunity to ask questions running throughout the day on topics such as ‘Grasses for Dry Gardens’, Soil & Fertilisers, and Growing in Containers.

Keep an eye on the Portugal branch page on the MGS web site for more details. Please get in touch for any more information. Rosie Peddle 289 791 869 or email rosie@thebtf.net

**Nurseries will include specialists in succulents, grasses, lavenders, proteas and drought tolerant plants, trees and shrubs.**
International Lavender Conference - Cambridge Botanic Garden, UK - 6 to 11th September 2009

The conference is intended to appeal to all those interested in Lavender and with the aim of highlighting current research and advances in our understanding of the genus. It will cover taxonomy, breeding work, oils and their uses. A programme of lectures and workshops is supplemented with visits to lavender farms and nurseries offering the chance to discuss some of the more practical aspects of growing Lavender and marketing its products. The full programme is now available. Download the brochure and register your interest at http://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/Lavender%202009.html

NEW MGS Advice Leaflets – have been produced by the MGS and are available now in English and Portuguese. How to Create a Dry Garden is the first title in what promises to be a very useful series. Please ask your regional rep or contact Rosie Peddle for your own copy. MGS President, Caroline Harbouri gives more info on this initiative below

“It has always seemed to me that the MGS should be reaching out to as many gardeners as possible in summer-dry climates – non-members as well as members – in order to provide information on climate-compatible gardening. For this reason, we have decided to produce a series of brief leaflets the first of which is on making a ‘dry garden’. I am very well aware that circumstances vary from country to country, so what use you make of this leaflet I leave up to you. Among other ideas, it could, for example, be distributed at garden fairs, it could be given to willing nursery gardens to hand out to those purchasing plants (Olivier Filippi has already agreed to do so), it could be sent to new members joining your Branch, and so on. I’d like to stress that this leaflet is not copyrighted and so may be reproduced freely and the material it contains used as and where you see fit. We are also making versions in different languages as well as English: so far we have it in French, Italian, Greek and German, and a version in Spanish will be produced shortly. Our thanks are due to Jean Vaché, Flavio Zanon, Cali Doxiadis, Harriet Bode and Ariane Condellis for making these translations for us.

The next leaflet planned will be on water conservation in the garden. I would be very glad to receive your suggestions for subjects for other leaflets.”

REPORT on a tour of historic gardens which took place in May this year in the Lisbon area written by Tamsin Varley is available on the main MGS web site, complete with photos. This report shows some of the most famous gardens open to the public and also some private gardens in the area. Go to http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/branches-pt.html

Invasive Plant database for Portugal is available with information on individual plants, and how to get rid of them! www.uc.pt/invasoras follow this link for expert information prepared by the Centre for Functional Ecology, Department of Botany, University of Coimbra. If you would like more details or information about special events please contact Elizabete Marchante at the University invader@ci.uc.pt

Dr P J Placito – we are very sad to report that Peter died very suddenly earlier this year following surgery in Lisbon. He was a wonderful advocate for the flora of the Algarve. We are however, pleased to report that the revision of the book ‘Algarve Plants and Landscape’ with his co-author, David Mabberley, is continuing. Royal Botanic Gardens Kew has agreed to publish this book and we hope to bring you news very shortly on the planned publication date.
Art in Gardens

5º Festival Internacional de Jardins de Ponte de Lima – 5th International Festival of Gardens This year the show is dedicated to the theme “Art in Gardens” and brings together a set of eleven new creations, also included is last year’s garden winner – open until 31st October.

New creations of designers from different professional areas have been selected from the forty-three applications received from twelve nationalities. For more information, see the site www.festivaldejardins.cm-pontedelima.pt. “Kaos in the Garden” is the theme of the 2010 event.

News from MGS – It is always worth checking out the new items on the MGS web site, under the heading Information Resources http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/information.html there are interesting articles on cultivation of olives, plant portraits and a list of some toxic plants. All are illustrated. There is also the excellent seed scheme list available online.

MGS Garden at Sparoza Jean Vaché has quite rightly suggested that it would be useful to include a plan of Sparoza on our website. Since we don’t have a plan in suitable form for it, the AC has decided to commission a new one. MGS member and landscape architect Simon Rackham has very generously offered to make a detailed plan of the garden free of charge: there is an existing topographer’s plan of the property for him to work on. I’m not yet sure how long this will take or when the plan will be put on the website, but I thought you’d like to know that it is in progress. Have a look at the website, if you haven’t done so recently, to see ‘Discovering Sparoza’, the impressions – and photographs – of Duncan Munford, a member from France who spent a week working at Sparoza in February.

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 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 (€35) 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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