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.

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Message from Burford Hurry
President – Mediterranean Gardening Association of Portugal

Suddenly summer is upon us. After weeks of indecision, part winter, part spring the weather has made up its mind and summer has arrived - fiercely. It's been a roller coaster ride remembering our mid-winter with very little sign of rain and with our dams drying up and facing the prospect of another drought and then we had the dust from the Sahara followed by lashings of welcome rain. All at once our gardens were full of volunteers of quite enormous proportions and the campo filled with breath-taking drifts of daisies (Glebionis coronaria), echiums (Echium vulgare) and poppies (Papaver somniferum) so that around every corner was another Monet.

Rain in early March was partly responsible for a smaller number of visitors for our Spring Fair outside Silves. A small price to pay for the arrival of the wet stuff. Although our turnout was smaller than last year, we had very welcome support from local nurseries as well as the enthusiastic assistance of MGAP members from all parts of the country who arrived to help with the general organisation of the fair. The mayor of Silves also attended and we are hoping with her backing we can attract more Portuguese visitors.

After our AGM at the Quinta da Figueirinha in April the value of our Botanic Garden was very much the focus of the talk by Dra. Manuela David (Herbarium Curator) when she spoke about the Herbarium at the University of the Algarve in Gambelas. As it was when the Botanic Garden was open for visitors after our recent delightful summer brunch at Sue and Mike Lis. Similar publicity has led to the Botanic Garden being the recipient of two very generous donations.

Our two representatives, Teresa Chuva and Rosie Peddle were at the Botanic Congress “Botanic Gardens, People and Plants for a Sustainable World” in Lisboa in May where they made some valuable connections. The Garden aroused the interest of those involved with more established Botanic Gardens which, unlike Kirstenbosch and similar botanic gardens in South Africa, had focussed on exotics rather than natives plants. Only to then become aware of the treasure box of native plants on their own doorsteps which needed promoting and protecting. The paper which we presented underlined the importance of natives plants with the topic ‘The world needs more gardeners – using the barrocal botanic garden to promote sustainable gardens in the Algarve’.

Following on the latter theme, planning is well ahead for our international conference which is to be held in Evora in early April next year. Its topic will be ‘Bringing the Mediterranean Landscape into your Garden’ and we are very pleased to confirm that Olivier Filippi and James Basson will be our keynote speakers on Saturday April 6th.

October will see us holding the usual Autumn Mediterranean Garden Fair on Saturday 27th October in Sao Bras, an annual event that is designed to introduce gardeners to nurseries and waterwise gardening. More visits to private gardens are also planned as well as a special lecture to honour our fellow Algarve gardener, John Lavranos. His lifelong contribution to horticulture has enriched our gardens. October will also see us holding a joint event with Bons Jardins on Container Gardening, places are limited so please book in if you wish to join us for this special event.

With summer here we will begin to appreciate our trees and their shade in the garden and that topic is central to my article ‘Lyrical about Leaves’ which will be in the July edition of ‘The Mediterranean Garden’ journal. By the way, the editor (petrie@otenet.gr) welcomes letters and articles from you on your garden. So why not start contributing? Paper copies of the journal are available in the library at Quinta da Figueirinha.

Keep cool and enjoy your summer garden.

Burford Hurry

We need your help on our Management Committee so please consider joining us to help, on the Committee or as Treasurer, and be part of the group setting future and exciting priorities for the Association.
**MGAP/Clube dos Bons Jardins Joint Event**
**Tuesday 9th October - Quinta da Figueirinha, Silves** [www.qdf.pt](http://www.qdf.pt)

**Workshop on Container Gardening**

This workshop will be run by [Harriet Rycroft](http://www.learningwithexperts.com), a well known, UK based gardener who specialises in Container Gardening. Harriet has worked in the garden at Whichford Pottery for nearly fourteen years, in sole charge for the last 10 or 11 planning, planting and maintaining large displays of planted pots all year round and providing text and photographs for two Whichford Pottery books. Now looking after her own garden (including several hundred pots...), visiting and photographing gardens and gardeners and learning more about this wonderful, infinitely interesting world of horticulture. She teaches container gardening at [LearningWithExperts.com](http://www.learningwithexperts.com) and thoroughly enjoys helping people from many parts of the world to make the most of their container collection. For [more information and Registration](mailto:mgapevents@gmail.com), please contact Tessa Hearn mgapevents@gmail.com

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**THE Gardening Event of the Year !**

**Mediterranean Garden Fair**
**Saturday October 27 2018**
**Muséo do Traje, São Bras de Alportel**

In the historic and leafy courtyard of the museum in São Bras [http://www.museu-sbras.com](http://www.museu-sbras.com)

An opportunity to buy the most appropriate plants for your garden and benefit from the advice and guidance of the knowledgeable nursery owners and MGAP members present. The usual programme of free talks will be provided. Open to MGAP members from 10am, open to the public from 11am to 4pm.

As always, we are interested to hear of any good new plant nurseries that may attend, please pass any recommendations to mgapfairs@gmail.com

After completing your purchases or if you need some time to consider the choices available you can take in one of the free talks and take advantage of the plant crèche where you can leave your purchases in safe hands while you continue to enjoy the many attractions of the day.

Weather permitting Professor Celestino Ruivo will give a demonstration of solar cooking and offering the chance to sample some of his delicious creations. Catering and bar service will also be available from the “pop up cafe” run by the volunteers from the Friends of the Muséo Group.

There will also be a range of organic produce and products for sale and the MGAP stall offering new and second hand specialist gardening books, wildflower seeds, advice and information.

Members and guests only, entry at 10.00am – open to the public from 11.00am

As ever, [VOLUNTEERS are needed](mailto:mgapfairs@gmail.com) to make the event a success, so please [contact Sue Finlay](mailto:sue.finlay@mgap.co.uk) if you can help - sitting down jobs available!

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The olive is an iconic species in Mediterranean cultural history. Its multiple uses and omnipresence in traditional agrosystems have made this species an economic pillar and cornerstone of Mediterranean agriculture. However, major questions about the domestication history of the olive remain unanswered. New paleobotanical, archaeological, historical and molecular data have recently accumulated for the olive, making it timely to carry out a critical re-evaluation of the biogeography of wild olives and the history of their cultivation and domestication.

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!
MGAP International Spring Conference 2019
“Bringing the Mediterranean Landscape into your Garden”

Following the Spring events in 2017 and 2018 arranged by our MGi partners in the UK and France, MGAP is currently planning the 2019 Spring Conference that will take place in Évora.

The 2019 Conference weekend will be based in Évora 5 to 8 April with a pre-tour (2 to 5 April) in the Algarve including the Barrocal Botanic Garden, private garden visits and wildflower walks. We are very happy to confirm that our Keynote Speakers on Saturday 6 April in Évora will be Olivier Filippi author of masterworks on Dry Gardening in the Mediterranean climate zones www.jardin-sec.com and James Basson of Scape Design Studio www.scapedesign.com. Working in the South of France for over 18 years he has established a reputation for creating low maintenance, dry gardens that mix contemporary design with traditional skills. His Gold Medal winning gardens at Chelsea Flower Show include the use of native plants in a recreated Maltese Quarry.

We are working closely with Évora University for this event and we hope to attract students on relevant courses to join us. All MGi and MGS organisation members and friends will also be invited to join us. The event is open to all, please register your interest as soon as possible.

Contact Rosie Peddle (rosie@thebtf.net) for more information and to register your interest. Residential packages available. If you would like to help organising contact rosie@thebtf.net

NEWS from the Oliver Rackham Archive, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University
An opportunity to contribute to digitizing Rackham notebooks and slides. Uploading the scanned notebooks to the University of Cambridge’s Digital Library is progressing. At present, 118 red and 145 blue digitized notebooks can be viewed here: http://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/rackham. We look forward to contributing to the digitizing of his notebooks and slides on Portugal which he visited in 1993/4 and again in 2012 for our first International Conference weekend.

NEW BOOKS!
We now have our second book in Portuguese on the Floras Selvagens no Algarve (Wildflowers of the Algarve) and this is the companion volume to the Orquídeas Selvagens no Algarve (Wild Orchids of the Algarve). Both are for sale at 12 euro per copy or can be sent to you plus postage costs. Contact MGAPTreasurer@gmail.com

NEWS FROM MEDITERRANEAN GARDENING INTERNATIONAL
A new group has been accepted into the Mediterranean Gardening International family, The California Horticultural Society has become the latest member taking the number of organisations to seven. The society will be a valuable addition to our already very international organisation with much to share with other Mediterranean climate areas. Since 1933 CalHortSoc has been dedicated to bringing together gardeners & garden professionals, through meetings and other events, to share their experiences.
For more information, we can also announce that the new Cal Hort Soc website is now live - calhortsociety.org. The development of this new site was started months ago and there has been much discussion to make sure it satisfies the multifarious criterion required. Much more content is still on the way, so please have a look at this new site.

**MGi Seed List** - Chantal Guiraud has updated the seed list in readiness for September sowing. See the link below for full list and how to obtain and to donate seed. [http://www.mediterraneangardeningfrance.org/infSEE2.htm](http://www.mediterraneangardeningfrance.org/infSEE2.htm)

**NEWS**

new web site for specialist bulb seed nursery run in Israel by Oron Peri & Mansour Yassin

“Happy to announce there is now a new website for ‘Seeds of Peace’ nursery. We had very dry winter this year therefore some of the items are in shortage. As it is new please inform us if you find any difficulty, spelling errors etc. Some photos are still missing but hope to insert them soon. Enjoy and thank you for your support!” [www.seedsofpeace.info](http://www.seedsofpeace.info)

**Rural Fire Protection and Land Cleaning**

Contacts in Portugal have all received the information about cleaning the land around our houses for fire prevention and the penalties for not doing so, which sound very draconian. We spoke to David Thomas, of Safe Communities Portugal, who some of you will know from the Silves fair. He has given me the links below with a lot of information and clarification on the law and how it will be implemented, including for gardens as opposed to open countryside, which he has asked me to circulate. You can find details of future events on the Safe Communities Portugal website. These are the links: [http://www.safecommunitiesportugal.com/forest-fires](http://www.safecommunitiesportugal.com/forest-fires)


Safe Communities Portugal Facebook page as well: [www.facebook.com/scalgarve](http://www.facebook.com/scalgarve)


If anyone has any queries, they can contact David at [info@safecommunitiesportugal.com](mailto:info@safecommunitiesportugal.com).

**Western Algarve – Garden Group for the Lagos area**

A programme of monthly meetings is organised for anyone interested in Algarve Gardening. Anyone wishing to become actively involved can contact the coordinator, Heather Thomson, by email at [wagardeninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:wagardeninggroup@gmail.com) for more information. Meetings last about 2 hours and are normally held on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 10.00am.

**NEWS from the AAJBA** (Associação dos Amigos do Jardim Botânico da Ajuda) of Lisbon


**ANDALUZIA - Sevilha, Córdoba e Granada** - De 01 a 06 de Outubro 2018


Relembramos que ao participarem nas iniciativas da AAJBA estão a contribuir para o restaura do Jardim Botânico da Ajuda, pois o lucro das viagens será investido no jardim.

Visitam também o nosso site e a nossa página no Facebook.

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Beira Grass Roots Gardeners — Friendly, free to join, group of enthusiastic gardeners in the Beiras area of Central Portugal. We aim to bring together enthusiastic gardeners to share horticultural knowledge, tips, success stories and failures! We have regular meet-ups, visits to gardens and nurseries, and run many plant and garden events. For more info and to join the email list contact beiragrassroots@gmail.com

Facebook page Mediterranean Gardeners – Portugal is updated regularly with links and relevant information. Follow and Like to be kept up to date. Latest Info on our Facebook page :- https://www.facebook.com/MedGardenersPortugal

EVENTS in Mediterranean Gardening International (MGAP Members will be welcomed at events, subject to availability of places. Please contact the local organiser shown.) Information on events in France, UK, South Africa, Chile and California, and also the Margaret River region in Australia 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. An exciting and varied programme of international events is available and a warm welcome is assured!

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

Linnean Society of London PODCASTS on all manner of Natural History related topics from The Space Potato to Lady Pleasance Smith ….. https://soundcloud.com/user-679811756

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You can contact mgapmembers@gmail.com at any time to request a listing of the information that we hold about you on file, and/or to be removed selectively from our different mailing lists. Returning an email received from MGAP / APEJECM with "REMOVE" added in the subject line will delete your details and name from our records within 7 days, stopping all future email correspondence, after which we will not contact you again.

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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. MGAP is affiliated to The Mediterranean Garden Society.

Membership Secretary Margaret Jackson email mgapmembers@gmail.com

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