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 Mediterrâncica. Se souber de alguém que esteja interessado em jardinagem mediterrâncica 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2020</th>
<th>EVENTS</th>
<th>Info</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October | Autumn Mediterranean Garden Fair  
FISSUL, Silves  
Planning a special event to celebrate the start of the new gardening year and support our local nurseries | Further information Mgapfairs@gmail.com |
| Future dates to be confirmed | Botanic Garden Open Days  
Join us at the Barrocal Botanic Garden at Quinta da Figueirinha near Silves.  
www.qdf.pt  
guided tours/working days  
Visitors Welcome! | Open to All  
please contact Rosie on mgapsec@gmail.com |
| Western Algarve  
(Date and location tba) | Woodland Regeneration  
A day looking at four different types of woodland in the Aljezur/Monchique area where regeneration has taken place using native woody plants as alternatives to planting exotics or replacing eucalyptus. | Further information from mgapevents@gmail.com |
|             | Visit to Colares / Cabo da Roca  
Eunice and Carlos Barroso invite MGAP members to visit their garden and lunch at their home in Colares, Sintra. Nearby garden and plant nursery visits included | Further information from mgapevents@gmail.com |
|             | Garden Visits  
We will be continuing our programme of visits to private gardens in the Algarve | Further information from mgapevents@gmail.com |

Organised by the CAPE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY  
https://capehorticulturalsociety.co.za/

A VISIT TO THE FAIREST CAPE  
International Conference 2020
Unfortunately, this event had to be cancelled after much hard work had gone into organising the pretour to the bulb fields of Namaqualand as well as the Conference Weekend in Cape Town but, if there is enough interest, it may take place in 2021. If you would be interested in receiving information on a 2021 event then please contact CapeHortSoc info@capehorticulturalsociety.co.za
Greetings fellow gardeners, and heartfelt well-wishes in this time of uncertainty and concern. I am sure I'm not alone in taking solace from my plants; sometimes the only peace I find is in tending my balcony pots or the scrap of ground I garden outside my apartment - they have never before looked as healthy and full of life as they do this year! I hope you have also been able to spend time with your plants and take a break from the worries these times inevitably provoke.

I have young children and this fact, combined with the quarantine, has been a ready excuse to finally get to know a bit more about growing veg. It's been a joy to plant seeds with the kids and share in the excitement as we see them sprout and develop: our cucumber plants already have the tiny beginnings of flower buds showing, which was the cause of much whooping and celebration - not least from myself, I'm not ashamed to admit!

The mild spring and abundant rain in April has been so welcome - wildflowers have given a big push after the dry start to the year, and round here in the West Algarve things are looking splendid; huge colonies of pyramid orchids in roadside verges and great masses of bloom starring the meadows.

Although we have sadly had to cancel the visits we had planned for the last couple of months, the activities of our Association have not stalled completely. At the Botanic Garden, access paths into new parts of our concession have been created and work is underway to build a car parking area close to the entrance of the Garden, making visits much more practical. We hope to be able to book an open day in the not-too-distant future, to celebrate these steps forward with all of you.

It was also, of course, a huge disappointment to have to cancel the Spring Plant Fair, but rest assured we are working on ways to make the Autumn Fair extra-special in compensation. As ever, if you have any nurseries you think deserve to be known more widely and might be interested in taking part, please do let us know.

Last but not least, some wonderful news for MGAP as Founder Member and Secretary, Rosie Peddle was awarded a Veitch Memorial Medal by the Royal Horticultural Society in their 2020 People Awards. The Medal is awarded annually to persons of any nationality who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the science and practice of horticulture. See all those honoured here [https://www.rhs.org.uk/about-the-rhs/rhs-council/rhs-awards](https://www.rhs.org.uk/about-the-rhs/rhs-council/rhs-awards) and more info here [https://www.hortweek.com/gardiner-bailes-mccoll-awarded-rhs-victoria-medal-honour/ornamentals/article/1679455](https://www.hortweek.com/gardiner-bailes-mccoll-awarded-rhs-victoria-medal-honour/ornamentals/article/1679455)

In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy your gardens. Going at the pace of nature is often the most sensible way. If we are at meetings, please come up and say ‘Hello’ or you can contact me via mgappres@gmail.com

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

We need your skills and talents to help MGAP so please consider joining the group of active volunteers setting future and exciting priorities for the Association.

Some ‘back office’ activities available for your participation include editing the newsletter (and maybe giving it a new look!), managing the Mail Chimp email contact lists for our communications and if anyone has fund raising experience and would like to offer some advice that would be especially welcome.

Our hard working Events Organiser, Tessa Hearn, notified the AGM that she would be stepping down after this summer. She is happy to talk with anyone interested in taking on this role and you can contact her on mgapevents@gmail.com

We are still looking for technical help with updating the web site, help with running the Garden Fairs and with developing our popular Publications Sales. If there is something specific you would like to get involved with, please let us know, we welcome your suggestions and ideas. Contact mgaptreasurer@gmail.com for further info.

Volunteers Needed
News from the Potting Shed

GARDEN FAIRS UPDATE As the Spring Fair planned for Sunday March 22nd in São Bras had to be cancelled we hope to have a very special Autumn Mediterranean Garden Fair in October. The dates are booked with Silves Camara and the Silves Freguesia but we will have to confirm our plans depending on circumstances in the Algarve over the coming weeks. Please keep checking on the MGAP web site for up to date news.

If you would like to contact the nurseries who were going to be at the Spring Fair you can find a full list with contact details here mgaportugal.org/folhetafeiraprimavera2020.pdf Please support our local small specialist nurseries at this very difficult time for them.

The Garden Fairs are the major fund raising events for MGAP but also give an opportunity for us to share our aims and objectives with visitors. Talks and workshops will be aimed at promoting sustainable and appropriate gardening and landscape management and enjoying our gardens and plants. The period of lockdown has highlighted for many how much we depend on the links with nature provided by a garden and contact with our plants.

We are now planning the Autumn Garden fair and we welcome participation from you all. This year we are again planning to have an MGAP Plant Sales table. Please save your spare plants, cuttings and seeds and bring along for sale to other keen gardeners. There will be collection points for donated plants nearer the date and PLEASE do label your plants – help available if needed.. We hope this will encourage our keen propagators. There is a new supply of paper seed packets available for sale and the useful plant pot labels – details available on request.

If you are interested in buying some of the ‘Filippi’ type tall square plant pots that encourage a good root system then let me know as Susan Finlay has sent a contact for supplying these pots. To get the best prices, we could consider a joint order for delivery to the Algarve. Size: 9 x 9 x 20 cm deep 1.4L capacity
https://mypalmshop.com/Deep%20square%20palm%20pot%20sleeve%201.4%20litre

The Minutes of the AGM held on March 7th are now available online https://mgaportugal.org/minutesmgapagmmarch2020engfinal.pdf

MGAP has been involved in supporting the archive at Corpus Christi College for Dr Oliver Rackham. He was our keynote speaker at our first Conference Weekend held in March 2012. The archive is digitizing his notebooks and slides and MGAP has agreed to sponsor the notebooks and slides from his visits to Portugal. These will then be available to view or download. You can see examples from his notebook describing Myrtos on Crete, a location with which Oliver was very familiar. Typically, the notebooks contain sketch maps, sketches of plants and trees, identification of species found at a particular location as well as topographical, geographical and historical information about land use. https://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/MS-CCCC-00014-00006-00002-00001-00142/2

Rosie Peddle – MGAP Secretary mgapsec@gmailcom

REPORTS and photos from recent events via this link https://mgapevents.mgaportugal.org/ The planning of the programme for Open Gardens in Autumn 2020 may include some of the gardens we missed this spring. If you wish to welcome a group of MGAP members and share your own garden, please contact mgapevents@gmailcom

With grateful thanks to our volunteer video Editor – the keynote talks from the Évora conference held in April 2019 are now available on the MGAP web site. This includes the talk by Olivier Filippi on Bringing the Mediterranean Landscape into Your Garden https://www.mgaportugal.org/2019Conf.html
Tea Garden Talks - interviews and presentations with garden folk. Every Monday to Friday at 16.00 London time details at: https://www.gardenmasterclass.org/online recordings at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXrC79EfhuQjBPXd4wzGHg/ www.noelkingsbury.com http://noels-garden.blogspot.com

BARROCAL BOTANIC GARDEN UPDATE

As soon as conditions permit we plan to advertise an Open Day at the Botanic Garden and hope that this might take place while the spring season is still with us. Contact mgapsec@gmail.com if you would like details sent direct to you.

Winter season work continued through to March including our first skip on site to remove old irrigation tubing. We now have further pathways created in new areas so that the garden is more accessible year round. These paths are wider and will have the same stone surface as the original. The garden has also had some new seating benches installed. These are simple black metal benches which can be moved around as needed for events etc. held at the garden.

Following approval at the AGM, the work on the car park has now started and we hope this will be completed within the next ten days. This will include removal of perennial weeds, levelling, and creating a basic stone surface with direct access from the public road and trackway into the Quinta. The car park will be in a central position on the concession area of 2.2ha and make access much easier for visitors.

Download (34MB) and see the slides used for the MGAP Botanic Garden presentation made at the 2020 AGM/Assembleia Geral on 7 March. An outline of work to date & future plans are in last couple of slides https://mgaportugal.org/BotanicGardenTalkAGM2020.ppsx

Regular Open Days with guided visits. These will need volunteers to help host and guide visitors. Are you able to offer help with this – seasonal or monthly? contact mgapsec@gmail.com

There are more photos and information via the Botanic Garden pages on the web site https://www.mgaportugal.org/BGHome.html

Mediterranean Autumn Garden Fair

FISSUL, Silves Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October

We have confirmed our dates for the Autumn Fair in Silves, to be held at the FISSUL exhibition centre near to the town centre. There will be ample space for exhibitors together with dedicated spaces for talks and catering. Free extensive on and off road car parking nearby. Our partner for this event will be the Freguesia of Silves with support from the Camara Municipal of Silves and we are very grateful to the Junta President and his team, for their enthusiastic support. The FISSUL exhibition space allows to have all the event under cover so that it can take place in any weather. We are always interested to hear of any good new plant nurseries that may wish to be invited, please pass any recommendations to mgapfairs@gmail.com

As ever, VOLUNTEERS are needed to make the event a success, we cannot run our major fund raisers for the year without you! So please let us know if you can help - sitting down jobs and things to do for those with no plant knowledge are also available. Email mgapfairs@gmail.com

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
NEW SPECIALIST PLANT NURSERY ON THE ALGARVE!!

Viveiros da Fonte is a new nursery with a range of drought tolerant plants for your sustainable garden. It is being developed on a new site near to Alcantarilha in the central Algarve and is already offering a large range of salvias (20 – list on request to mgapsec@gmail.com ) as well as lavenders and other Mediterranean plants, shrubs and trees. The nursery is being managed in collaboration with Benoit and Ann Clairbois of the popular Caminhos Sombreados nursery in Lagoa.

The nursery will be open in the afternoons or by appointment (Always better ) so please ring before your visit. As it is very difficult to keep native plants in containers during a long period, they have decided to contact us in case there are still plants you are looking for.

NEWS – Virtual garden tours seem to be all over social media and botanic and other gardens are offering virtual visits via their web sites. Spring time is not far away …. https://www.housebeautiful.com/uk/garden/g31913008/best-virtual-tours-garden/

Illustrated talks on Mediterranean gardening are available from our UK sister organisation. These include talks on Form and Foliage, Using Mediterranean Plants in the UK and Roses. https://www.medpag.org/lectures.html

NEW BOOK from Cristina Castel Branco and Guida Carvalho
Unfortunately the launch of this book had to be cancelled but it is available online …..

Luis Frois: First Western Accounts of Japan's Gardens, Cities and Landscapes
Authors: Castel-Branco, Cristina, Carvalho, Guida
Published in English by Springer

A meticulously researched specialist publication on this little-known area of garden history.

Available as an Ebook and hardback from Amazon.co.uk
https://www.amazon.co.uk/Luis-Frois-Western-Accounts-Landscapes-ebook/dp/B07YKJNJT3

Links from our sister organisation in Chile to the Viña del Mar Botanical Garden's description, with emphasis on the Cactarium. This is the largest botanical garden in Chile and it is not too far from La Aurora. https://medgardenchile.wixsite.com/mg-chile/single-post/2020/02/29/Jard%C3%ADn-Bot%C3%A1nico-de-Vi%C3%B1a-del-Mar---Cactario

MGAP online bookshop is available on the web site with a full list of all the publications available in English, Portuguese and French. All books can be posted and costs are quoted both with and without postage. To reserve books or for more info email mgaptreasurer@gmail.com or you can check out the new online bookshop here http://www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org/BooksGB.html

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
NEWS from the world of plants

There is a monthly gardening article prepared by MGAP for The Resident newspaper. You can see them here https://www.portugalresident.com/gardening/

If you have found any web sites particularly helpful with your drought resistant Mediterranean gardening and plant choices, then please send them in so that we can share them with others.

Thanks to Phil Parry for this link. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has a great web site showing what can be done to minimise water use and include native plants instead of lawns. http://bewaterwise.com/

Thanks to Rodger Bain for the link to the proposed virtual Chelsea Flower Show being organised by the Royal Horticultural Society. https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-chelsea-flower-show/news/2020/sue-biggs-open-letter-chelsea

Thanks to Amelia Delgado of Algarve University for this link about the environmental impact of the Mediterranean diet http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/1261467/icode/


Deadly olive tree disease across Europe ‘could cost billions’ the Xylella fastidiosa pathogen has killed swathes of trees in Italy. Spread by insects, the bacterium now poses a potential threat to olive plantations in Spain & Greece. https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-52234561


~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

PODCASTS from the Linnean Society of London are available to everyone and cover all manner of Natural History related topics https://soundcloud.com/user-679811756

There is also a great selection of nature based activities to do at home and presentations via this link https://www.linnean.org/learning/at-home

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Read the on-line versions of “Tudo sobre Jardins”, in Portuguese and English:

February/Fevereiro 2020 - https://www.tudosobrejardins.com/revistasdigitais2020/dig95/
March/Marco 2020 - https://www.tudosobrejardins.com/revistasdigitais2020/dig96/
April/Abril 2020 - https://www.tudosobrejardins.com/revistasdigitais2020/dig97/

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Western Algarve – Garden Group for the Lagos area

A programme of informal friendly monthly meetings is organised for those interested in Algarve Gardening. Anyone wishing to become actively involved can contact the coordinator, Heather Thomson, by email at 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 http://www.aajba.com/Cursos/Cursos20192020.aspx A full programme of gardening courses will be held in Lisbon at the Botanic Garden. There is also a varied programme of group travel events. For updates check the web site web: www.aajba.com info@aajba.com | Facebook

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Beira Grass Roots Gardeners – Friendly, free to join, group of enthusiastic gardeners in the Beira area of Central Portugal. We have regular meet-ups, visits to gardens and nurseries, and run many plant and garden events. For more info contact beiragrassroots@gmail.com

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
**Mediterranean Gardening International** is an international group of 8 societies for people with an interest in Mediterranean plants and gardens. Each society is independent but come together to share our knowledge and experience of gardening and plants in the Mediterranean climate zones of the world. (MGAP Members will be welcomed at events, subject to availability of places.) Please contact the local organiser. An exciting and varied programme of international events is available and a warm welcome from keen fellow gardeners is assured!

http://www.mediterraneangardeninginternational.org

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**MGi Seed List** - Chantal Guiraud manages this seed list for MGi and the MGS. See the link below for the full list of over 600 plants and how to obtain and to donate seed. The list is divided into sections including trees, shrubs and succulents and was updated in January 2020.

http://www.mediterraneangardeningfrance.org/intSEE2.htm

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**Mediterranean Gardening Forum** for your plant and gardening queries, monitored by a panel of experienced and knowledgeable Mediterranean gardeners. Members of MGAP can access this forum via the link at top right of the front page of our web site and contact mgapmembers@gmail.com for login or further info www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**PROPERTY FOR SALE BY PRIVATE OWNER** in Sintra

Lovely garden with house. South oriented, the house has a special character with an amazing garden; orange and lemon trees, and other fruit trees. Calm neighbourhood. The garden is about 4000sqm, with old trees etc. Photos and more info www.rjpg.eu Contact Raymond (MGAP Member) to view and to discuss price.

Raymond GOEBBELS, 56, Avenue Guillaume, L-1650 LUXEMBOURG
Tel: +352 26 37 53 15 Fax: +352 26 37 53 16
GSM: +352 621 28 25 11 TM: +351 914 43 69 49
Mail: raymond.goebbels@rjpg.eu goebbels@pt.lu

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**Data Protection Notice**

MGAP / APEJECM holds contact details (where supplied - name, address, telephone number and email address) for the purpose of membership administration and providing membership information such as emailing our publications and facilitating member networking. This information is not shared with any other organisation. We also send out regular information on events, etc. to those who request to join our general mailing list. The Mail Chimp message has an unsubscribe link at the end which removes you from our list.

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.

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**Portugal regional contacts**:

Lisbon/Sintra – Jessica Gomes TM 917 454 094 Email: jessicadhg@gmail.com

Beira/Central – Margaret Rollason TM 916 529 665 Email: maggiefrrollason@hotmail.co.uk

Algarve - Rosie Peddle, Tel. 289 791 869 Email: mgapsec@gmail.com

**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.mgaportugal.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 and a member of Mediterranean Gardening International.

**Membership Secretary** 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 mgaptreasurer@gmail.com