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 all welcome 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 estaja interessado em jardimagem 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.

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<td>Spring Conference Algarve Mediterranean Flora Hapimag Resort, Albufeira, Please register your interest with Rosie Peddle.</td>
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December Meeting – Illustrated talk on “The Gardens of Madeira” by Gerald Luckhurst

Gerald Luckhurst is a member of the MGS and is a well respected historic gardens advisor and landscape architect with much experience of working in private and public gardens in Madeira. Gerald wrote the recently published book on ‘The Gardens of Madeira’. We will use the meeting room at the Hapimag resort near Albufeira for this talk. There will be the opportunity to see the Algarvean garden at another season of the year. There have been some new developments recently including a lovely herb garden. There is a full programme planned for this event and a special offer on accommodation at the Hapimag resort.

Wednesday 7th December
9.00pm  Illustrated Presentation by Marilyn Kahan, Gardens Manager, on the Algarvean Garden at Hapimag on The making of a garden. This will cover the construction and planting, maintenance and future plans. In the meeting room.

Thursday 8th December
10.30am  Coffee and Welcome in the bar
11.00am  The Gardens of Madeira, an Illustrated talk by Gerald Luckhurst, author of the recently published book on this subject followed by a question and answer session. A rare excursion into the exotic and colourful flora of Madeira. Talk fee 5 euro for non MGS members.
12.30 – 2.00pm Lunch in the Hapimag restaurant, standard menu choices and full bar service.
2.00pm – 6.00pm Christmas Market in the reception area at Hapimag, come and see the Christmas decorations, purchase hand made soaps, small garden ornaments, painted tiles, cork items, botanical cards etc. Table decoration demonstration, MGS stand, bulbs for sale. Dinner available in the Hapimag restaurant and the opportunity to see the new HERB WALL. Standard menu choices and full bar service.

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9.00pm – special live performance of ‘Dinner for One’, the classic Christmas comic play featuring the dinner party and the increasingly inebriated butler, originally played so famously by Freddie Frinton and May Warden.

**Friday 9th December**

10.00am Garden walk with Marilyn Kahan including participation in planting up new area of the Hapimag Herb garden.

There is a special offer on accommodation at Hapimag of 50 euros per night per two bed apartment. These apartments are suitable for four people and are fully equipped.

**Please contact Rosie to reserve your places** email rosie@thebtf.net Tel. 289 791 869

Please indicate your preferences for the whole programme or your selected highlights!

All bookings please by Friday, December 2nd at the latest.

**Beira Gardening Friends’ Christmas Event – news from Marion ter Horst**

**Saturday 19 November 2011 from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.**

You are kindly invited to come to Arnold & Marion’s Quinta Santo Antonio in Barril de Alva* for a Beira Gardening Friends’ Christmas Event that promises to be full of good cheer. There will be plant sales, demonstrations on propagating, dividing and (vine) pruning. Many beautiful stalls with Christmas presents, decorations, food, garden furniture, books, prints and much more will tempt you to browse and buy. Tea, coffee, mulled wine, cakes and pizza from the quinta bread-oven will keep you happy & warm.

Those curious to see the Garden areas can follow marked routes. Otherwise try the 15 minute chair massage (fully dressed) to say good-bye to small aches and pains in back, shoulders, neck and arms with Elena. Carlos and Hugo Lopes will give a basket making demonstration.

Thank you for those of you bringing Raffle prizes and goods for the Charity stall. Raffle tickets will be €1 each and serve as an entrance fee. Stallholders are invited to arrive any time after 10 a.m. but before 1.30 p.m. on the day!

Looking forward to a wonderful afternoon with you all, Arnold & Marion & many helpers! Tel. 917 850 235

* Route Description to Quinta Sto Antonio
  1. From Coja and from EN17 in Venda de Esperança go to Barril de Alva, find the Band Stand and follow signs Igreja/Casal de Baixo. Park in the church area.
  2. Walk up 50 m past church to end of road, to Quinta Sto Antonio’s blue gate entrance.

**REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS/news of upcoming events** are available on www.gardeninginportugal.com with photos. There are also pages available for you with information on various gardening topics. You can also use this site to post comments, send photos of your garden, pics of plants for identification and send in your gardening queries.

**Garden Visit – Wednesday, 5th October 10.00am at No 19, Quinta das Salinas, Almancil**

Margaret & Jeffrey Jackson kindly agreed to open their gravel garden to us. Margaret recently won the ‘Garden of the Year’ award in the competition organised by local garden clubs. It was a special opportunity to see a well designed garden with a definite bias towards plantmanship – Margaret’s interest in her garden was demonstrated by the sympathetic use of many rare plants alongside the native and other more familiar plants.

Margaret’s talk on Sculpture in the Garden also provided inspiration, from the grand formal set piece grottoes and temples to the sculpted marble figures of Henry Moore and the small collections of terracotta pots and pebbles that we all seem to accumulate in our travels. The examples of land art, with a lovely use of rocks, branches and sculpted sand channels made everyone itch to get home and have a go themselves! Pictures on www.gardeninginportugal.com
Mediterranean Garden Fair, Saturday November 5th
What a wonderful day we had on Saturday, we had 533 paying visitors to the Garden Fair this year, up from 402 in 2010. As usual, it was the parking that really put the pressure on the volunteers and this year we had a couple of nice young chaps from the venue to help us out. The MGS plant stall took 664 euros, and was a fantastic contribution to the success of the day. Many thanks to everyone who contributed plants. Our plant pot recycling point was nicely filled so we have plenty of pots for plants for next year! We had some extra expenses this year as it seemed to be time to get our own banners for the event, and very smart they looked too.

We now also have sets of the MGS leaflets in English and German and one in Portuguese. The funds raised will help us to get proper professional translations done so that these information leaflets can be used at all our events.

I have put a report and some photos onto our local web site www.gardeninginportugal.com so please have a look. If you have some good photos of this event please let Rosie know. These are very useful for publicity each year.

As usual we will have a get together for helpers and I look forward to hearing comments, suggestions and overall impression of the day from anyone who was there. Please send any comments to rosie@thebtf.net

LATEST ARTICLES IN THE CONTINUING SERIES – LIFE WITHOUT GRASS ......
Lou & Brenda Rutter http://www.algarveresident.com/43224-0/algarve/a-farewell-to-grass
Chris & Clive Dagnall http://www.algarveresident.com/0-43251/algarve/no-lawn-thank-you

REPORT - General Assembly meeting held in Mallorca, from Heather Martin, UK Branch Head

“The society has had 1542 members enrolled this year, an increase over the previous year which has thus halted the previous four years’ decline in membership. The financial statements were presented at the General Assembly on an accrual basis for the first time and a provision has been made towards future costs of servicing life memberships, resulting in a true picture of the financial situation. Some 2011 subscriptions paid in advance had been taken into previous year’s accounts so subscription income was a little low and a loss of €11,912 was shown for the year, whereas the loss would have been about €6,000 otherwise. Now that the change has been made, from next year on the numbers will be very clear. The budget presented for 2011-2012 shows a surplus of €205 on a turnover of €51,000. The financial statements and minutes of all meetings are available on request.”

October 2012 MGS AGM will be held in Australia. The main events will be in and around Adelaide from 24 – 29 October and there will be optional days before and after in and near Melbourne, etc. Full information will be on the MGS web site in May.

The financial statements and accounts of the society and minutes of meetings are available to all members from the Secretary (mgssecretary@gmail.com).

A complete index of the content of all volumes of The Mediterranean Garden journal can now be found at www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/generalindex.html and, the text of articles from past issues is available in electronic form at no charge to MGS members from the editor – mgseditor@gmail.com

A new live MGS internet forum is now available www.mgsforum.org/smf/index.php. Do take a look! A wonderful resource, with access to world experts on mediterranean flora.

The owners of the Chèvre d'Or garden in Biot, near Antibes, on the French Riviera, have announced that they are selling. The house is partly 18th, 19th and 20th century while the Italianate garden of 8,800 m2 with its many fountains, pebbled mosaic terraces, agapanthus fields, cypress and citrus alleys, wisteria and plumbago cascades and pleached olive trees dates from the 1950s. See www.lachevredor.com If you wish to contact the owner, Antoinette Redele you may email: redele@xs4all.nl
The MGS international newsletter was published this month. It contains branch reports and articles, seed list and Scientific Ctte report and is available by email in PDF. Those without email may request a hard copy from the MGS Secretary – Jane Taniskidou, MGS, Sparoza, P O Box 14, GR 19002, Peania, Greece.

**Proposed Directory for MGS Members in Portugal**
Many thanks to those who are happy to share information in order to facilitate contact between members. I have set up a Directory for members in Portugal. Please contact Rosie if you would like to be included.

**MGS subscription renewals!** Subscriptions are due on 1 January and it is possible to pay at any time from now on. You can pay on the website using Mastercard or Visa, by Euro cheque sent to the address in the journal, or using the form enclosed with your October journal, or via the Portugal branch. Most people find paying on the website the easiest method. [http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/applicationz.html](http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/applicationz.html)

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**
Mediterranean Algarve Gardeners is an informal group for everyone who has a special interest in the plants and gardens of the Algarve and who wishes to learn more about appropriate ‘waterwise’ gardening. The aims of the group include encouraging the exchange of information and of experiences. The newsletter & web site [www.gardeninginportugal.com](http://www.gardeninginportugal.com) contain articles on diverse aspects of mediterranean gardening as well as news, notices, practical information and comment. All information is normally distributed via email but can also be posted on request.

If you are interested in taking a more active role in the organising of events or have any suggestions about the running of the Group please contact Rosie Peddle – the success of the group depends on the participation of members and should reflect their interests and needs.

Some members of this group are also members of the Mediterranean Garden Society. Further information about the Mediterranean Garden Society can be found on the main web site [www.mediterraneangardensociety.org](http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org) There is now a facility for joining and paying subscriptions online.

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