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 jardínagem mediterrânea 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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Hapimag Resort, Albufeira, Algarve Friday/Saturday 23-24 March

Spring Conference - Algarve Mediterranean Flora

The Portugal Branch invites all MGS members and friends to join them in experiencing the magnificent and diverse flora of the Algarve in the midst of the spring flowering season. We are very pleased that Prof. Oliver Rackham has accepted our invitation to talk to us about the forming of Mediterranean landscapes. Lecture topics will cover the scientific background for plant choices and the creation and day-to-day management of a natural garden. We are also very grateful for the garden owners who have so generously offered to open their gardens to conference visitors. For more information and to receive the brochure and booking form email or phone Rosie Peddle, rosie@thebtf.net Tel:00351 289 791 869.

Sigmetum - the native plant nursery participating at the conference has confirmed that if you wish to **order plants to collect at the Conference** you can request their plant list from Filipe Tavares Soares info.sigmetum@gmail.com Web site http://sigmetum.blogspot.com/

Please quote "MGS CONFERENCE"

Sigmetum is a company dedicated to the production & marketing of native plants in Portugal and has come about in response to the need to pay more attention to biodiversity, ecology, and sustainability of plant species for projects of landscape architecture, environmental restoration, etc.

Residential or day delegate all-inclusive packages are available for the duration of the conference, with the option to extend your stay at favourable rates. There should be plenty of opportunities for swapping tall tales about your own garden experiences. There will be Portuguese/German/English and French speakers at the Conference. All the talks and gardens will be wonderful.
CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
Friday March 23rd
16.00 onward Check In at Hapimag Reception desk
18.00 – 18.30 Welcome Cocktail Reception & Introduction to the Conference & the Hapimag resort
18.30 – 19.30 The Algarvean Garden at Hapimag, the story of how it was made, a presentation by Marilyn Kahan, Hapimag Gardens Manager
19.30 Dinner in the Vista Mar Restaurant, Hapimag

Saturday March 24th
9.30 – 10.30 Guided Tour of the Algarvean Garden with Marilyn Kahan
10.45 – 12.00 Lavenders of the Iberian Peninsula – illustrated talk by Joan Head, former National Collection Holder for Lavandula species
12.00 – 13.30 Lunch in the Vista Mar Restaurant, Hapimag
13.30 – 15.30 Guided walk through Hapimag cliff top southern coastal habitat with Udo & Claudia Schwarzer,
15.30 – 16.30 MGS plant sales and other plant buying opportunities …
16.30 – 17.30 Filipe Tavares Soares of Sigmetum native plant nursery – presentation in Portuguese/English & habitat plant displays
18.30 Dinner in the Vista Mar Restaurant, Hapimag

Sunday March 25th
10.30 – 11.00 Coffee and Welcome – Baia Grande Hotel meeting room a short walk from, & adjacent to Hapimag Resort http://www.baialgarve.com/Hotel_Baia_Grande.php for location map GPS N 37º04’42.90” W 8º17’22.00”
11.00 – 13.00 Prof. Oliver Rackham on the making of Mediterranean Landscapes, Hotel Baia Grande
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch at the Vista Mar Restaurant, Hapimag
14.30 – 18.00 Garden Visit to Villa Norvasund, Ferragudo – coach transfer
19.00 Farewell drinks in the bar & Dinner in the Vista Mar Restaurant, Hapimag

Sotavento Garden Group - Meeting Tuesday February 21st
MGS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART
The meeting is at the home of Elspeth Flood to hear Clive Goodacre talk on ´Cacti & Succulents for the Algarve Garden´ he will also do a question and answer session after the talk and comment on the succulents and cacti in Elspeth’s garden. There will be a plant sales table at this meeting so please bring along your spare plants, seedlings and cuttings. Directions on request.

PROGRAMME - Elspeth Flood’s home, Quinta do Medronhal, east of Sta Barbara de Nexe
10.00 to 10.30 Coffee and Welcome
10.30 to 11.30 Clive Goodacre’s illustrated talk on Cacti & Succulents for the Algarve Garden
11.30 to 12.30 Question & Answer session, garden walk and Plant Sales table
12.30 to 1.00 Distribution of plant plugs to members.

Joint Meetings with Clube dos Bon Jardin on The Orchids of the Algarve
Tuesday March 13th & Tuesday March 20th
MGS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART

PROGRAMME - March 13th at the Convento São Jose, Lagoa, entrance fee will be 2.50 euros per person. Directions to the Convento on request. This meeting is the precursor for the Orchid Walk with Sue Parker planned for the following Tuesday 20th March. Full details on the Orchid Walk on request.
10.30 to 10.45 Arrive at Convento and take seats
11.00 am prompt Illustrated talk by Sue Parker and Pat O’Reilly on The Orchids & Fungi of the Algarve. There are several books by Sue and Pat on the wild orchids and natural history of the Algarve, these will be available for sale at this talk. http://www.first-nature.com/books/

We need to know numbers for the meeting at the Convento so please let me know if you are planning to attend by not later than 5th March.

ACCOMMODATION OFFER If you are planning some time on the Algarve or have friends and family looking for a luxury apartment in the eastern Algarve, have a look at www.algarvewaterfrontapartment.com The owners have generously offered a discount of 10-20% (depending on the season), for bookings quoting ‘MGS Newsletter Offer’ Because they aim to attract visitors who are interested in natural history there is much useful information on their web site and some lovely photos of the landscapes and wild flowers of this area.
**Mosaics** can be a very attractive addition to Mediterranean gardens – Kathi Veninga has supported every one of our Garden Fairs and she has sent the latest information on her popular mosaic workshops. See her website [www.elmundomoaisco.com](http://www.elmundomoaisco.com).

**PLANT LABELLING MACHINE FOR SALE** I am selling the weather-proof plant labelling machine Brother GL200 also an AC adaptor & extra tape which we have spare - as recommended by John Vellam - we bought a second one for a gift, which was not required. We paid £ST.133.70 for the two (plus postage) and would like £ST.60 (or €70) if anyone is interested.

Contact Eric & Val Carn (Algarve residents) email [val.eric@sapo.pt](mailto:val.eric@sapo.pt)

**REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS/news of upcoming events** are available on [www.gardeninginportugal.com](http://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.

**MGS NEWS & subscription renewals!** Subscriptions were due on 1st January and it is possible to pay online or via Rosie Peddle. You can pay on the website using Mastercard or Visa, and also by Euro cheque sent to the address in the journal, or using the form enclosed with your October journal, or via the Portugal branch. Renew your subscription to continue receiving the Journal, January edition out now. Most people find paying on the website via the following link the easiest method.

[http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/applicationz.html](http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/applicationz.html)

Past MGS President Katherine Greenberg's garden in California has recently been added to the series "Member's Garden Around the World" on the MGS website. You'll find it here: [http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/california.html](http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/california.html)

The January edition of the MGS Journal has just been sent out If you would like to read it in digital form, on your tablet or computer, please ask the General Secretary who will send for free a complete **PDF version** of this issue. This is part of an experiment the AC is conducting in 2012. email [mgssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mgssecretary@gmail.com)

**Notes on Copyright** a timely reminder from Jean Vaché, MGS President

MGS member Martin Stead has drawn up for us the attached very useful note of the points that need to be borne in mind to ensure that the experience is a happy one for both garden-owner and photographer. This reminder will appear in our Journal in April, but you might be well advised to forward it promptly to all the potentially concerned members in your Branches.

“Most of us are flattered when people are interested enough to take photographs of our gardens. We should, however, be aware of the implications of the international laws of copyright when someone we don’t know asks to film or take stills of our property.

Copyright exists principally to protect someone’s creation. You own the "copyright" to your garden but photographic images of it belong to the photographer and he or she can do virtually what he likes with them, including selling them to others. So if someone unknown to you wants to take pictures of your garden it is probably sensible to have a written agreement defining what may be photographed and what the finished images will be used for. Such an agreement must be signed by both the photographer and the owner before filming starts. It is unreasonable to require restrictions after the work is done.

A professional photographer should have a standard "release" form for you to sign but it is not in his interest to invent conditions, so you must ask to have them included if you have any. Some of the things you, the gardener, may want to consider for an agreement are:

- whether certain areas or features of the garden, or views over neighbouring property should be included or excluded;
- whether you want any items that might invite theft not to be photographed, such as statues, expensive garden furniture, garden equipment or even the house itself;
- whether you wish (or not) to acknowledge a gardener or designer;
- whether you are happy for the property, the name of the owner, its address and its location to be identified;
- whether there is to be any financial or other benefit to the owner of the property;
- whether you wish to impose any restriction on where and when the images are used and whether they may be sold on to other parties;
- whether the agreement restricts you, the garden owner, from having another professional
photographer or film-maker taking pictures in your garden in future.

Even if the principal objective of the photographer is to make a video, he can also extract stills from this. If these are to be used in a magazine or other article, it is the publisher who finally chooses the images and the text to accompany them, not the photographer, who has passed on to the publisher his own copyrights.

A photographer may in due course want to file his images with a photographic agency, whose business is to lend the images to yet more people over whom even the photographer has no recourse, although he may receive a royalty. The principal clients of such agencies are advertisers who may have nothing to do with gardens. In theory, a picture from your garden could end up on a perfume package, a poster or even a T-shirt. You have the power to stop such filing with agencies or not as you wish, but only if you have an agreement signed before filming starts.

The MGS cannot make, and has not made, any written agreement on behalf of its members.”

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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 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.

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 There is now a facility for joining and paying subscriptions online.

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