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 jardiniagem 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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**Hapimag Resort, Albufeira, Algarve Friday/ Saturday 23 - 24 March**

**Spring Conference - Algarve Mediterranean Flora**

We are very pleased that Prof. Oliver Rackham has accepted our invitation to talk to us about the forming of European 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.

An added attraction for Saturday - Richard Edwards from the Coimbra area will be offering antique maps and prints of Portugal for sale. Richard has had a house in Portugal for more than 20 years and enjoys collecting books and prints about the country and its people. He recently supplied the Yeatman Hotel in Oporto, with maps and views.

We also hope to have a selection of books for sale on the natural history of the Algarve.

The day delegate package for Saturday and Sunday can be tailored to suit your needs. Please contact Rosie if you wish to attend one of the talks only or the lecture on Sunday morning by Prof Rackham only. See poster attached. If you can join us only for some of the horticultural delights on offer, that is no problem!
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 western coastal habitat with Udo & Claudia Schwarzer,
15.30 – 16.30 MGS plant sales and other buying opportunities … maps/prints of Portugal, Algarve wild flowers books and specialist orchid and fungi books.
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
20.00 “Mediterrane Gärten weltweit” a presentation in German from Maria Sansoni.

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 European 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

Joint Meetings with Clube dos Bons Jardims on The Orchids and Fungi of the Algarve
Tuesday March 13th & Tuesday March 20th

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/

NEWS from the central Algarve
Interesting? Our broccoli plants were suddenly attacked a few times, ripped holes in the middle of leaves. We had decided it was birds as it is only on horizontal leaves and with tiny claw marks. We suspected waxbills but have seen only solitary ones and not seen flocks here for a few years (not since we gravelled our “lawn”). BUT today we surprised a flock which is almost certainly waxbills flying off the cabbage patch, mystery solved!

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

TREE SURGEON RECOMMENDATION We recently needed major work doing and had an excellent service from this company. We are happy to pass on their details for others to consider. www.naturarbo.com info@naturarbo.com 931 810 664 Stuart - English expert and adviser.
VEGETABLE GROWING? I have received several enquiries from those keen to grow their own veg. Is there a book or web site or other source of information which you have found to be particularly useful and relevant to our circumstances here? Please let me know so that I can share this information.

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.

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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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