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 estaja interessado em jardinagem 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!
There is a very interesting International Conference on Aloes taking place in S. Africa from 19th to 21st June 2012, followed by an aloe spotting trip for a week. Speakers include Messrs van Wyk & Smith, authors of "Guide to Aloes of S Africa". The website is [www.inhlabaindaba.co.za](http://www.inhlabaindaba.co.za).

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I don't know whether any of you are on Facebook but there are "Planet Aloe" and "Planet Agave" groups of approx 200 world-wide members each on Facebook. For me as a novice succulent gardener it is very useful to see photos of mature specimens in gardens and natural habitat and to have a bunch of experts available to help identify plants and pass on advice so it is similar in concept to this Forum.

**SUPPLIER LIST ON THE mgs FORUM**


**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 £133.70 for the two (plus postage) and would like £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](http://www.naturarbo.com) info@naturarbo.com 931 810 664 Stuart - English expert and adviser.

914 137 058 Felipe - Portuguese chain-saw man; trainee surgeon (enthusiastic and interested in gardens and plants). They tidy up and will take the residue, if you wish, though we kept ours.

**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.

**GARDENS DIRECTORY, MEMBERS DIRECTORY**

**REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS/news of upcoming events** are available on [www.gardeninginportugal.com](http://www.gardeninginportugal.com) with photos. There are also [pages](http://www.gardeninginportugal.com) 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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<td>Making a Dry Garden</td>
<td>A seed exchange for MGS members run by Chantal Guiraud. New seeds added following the AGM in Majorca and visits to Costa Blanca as well as donations received in December.</td>
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| Mulches and Compost                                                      | A list and information on how to order, see MGS website: [http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/seedlist.html](http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/seedlist.html)  
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MGS members entitled to 10 free packets each year. |
The MGS Forum
A new, live, internet forum for anyone interested in mediterranean plants and gardening. Send your garden/plant queries to the forum.

Moderated by Alisdair Aird, Oron Peri and Fleur Pavlidis this can be accessed at www.mgsforum.org/smf/index.php

TMG Index/Archive service
Articles from past issues of The Mediterranean Garden journal

To receive the text of past articles by email contact the editor, Caroline Harbouri, at petrie.harbouri@on.gr. Find articles by going to the website, go to MGS Journal, then click on ‘General Index’ for an A-Z by topic.

Information about the administration of the MGS Minutes of General Assemblies and Administrative Committee meetings
Financial Statements

Minutes of the October 2011 General Assembly and Administrative Committee meetings and this year’s Financial Statements are now available. Copies of any of these documents can be sent by email. Contact rosie@thebtf.net

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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