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 jardimagem mediterrânica agradecemos que passa a palavra, ou o favor de dar um destes boletins informativos, e nao esquecer que todos estão convidados a participar nos eventos por nós organizados.

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<td><strong>Mediterranean Garden Fair</strong> Bigger &amp; Better ! <strong>Helpers &amp; plants needed for this event.</strong></td>
<td>Estoi Palace Hotel &amp; historic gardens Improved parking &amp; food New Nurseries Talks, Workshops &amp; lots of plants</td>
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BRANCH/GROUP MEETING ALL WELCOME Sunday June 9th 14.00 To set our priorities for future events, structure and direction, your chance to participate, especially if you have ideas and suggestions for future events ! It is increasingly evident that there is great support for gardening events organised by the many garden groups on the Algarve. There is a decreasing number of people willing to become involved in helping to organise events. In these circumstances it becomes even more important to target the effort involved in an effective way, is it time for a fresh approach
**Gardens and Landscapes of Portugal – a new publication**

An exciting new journal in English has been prepared and will be launched at various events during May and June. The Journal will share Portuguese research on gardens and landscapes, relevant case studies and also highlight Portuguese garden history.

The Journal is an international publication which will be available in print and online. There are some of the worlds leading landscape and garden designers involved in the production and in the review of articles and submissions.

The first issue includes articles on Portuguese garden sculpture and contributions from landscape architects from Portugal and the USA. The Algarve is represented by an article on the management of a native plant garden in a tourist resort. There is also an article on the gardens of the Fronteira Palace in Lisbon by Gerald Luckhurst of Sintra. Gerald has kindly agreed to give an illustrated talk on the Historic Gardens of Portugal at the Algarve launch of the magazine on June 9th at Estoi Palace.

The new magazine *Gardens and Landscapes of Portugal* is supported by The Centro de História da Arte e Investigação Artística (CHAIA) of the University of Évora, the Centro de História d'Além-Mar (CHAM) of the Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas of the New University of Lisbon (FCSH/UNL) and the Mediterranean Garden Society, Portugal branch.

The Algarve launch event will take place on **Sunday 9th June at 16.00** at the Pousada de Palaço of Estói, Faro, in the Algarve. The programme will include an illustrated talk on “Historic Gardens of Portugal” by Gerald Luckhurst, the new journal will be presented by its editor, Professora Ana Duarte Rodrigues of Evora University. There will be the opportunity to buy the first edition and subscriptions for the new journal.

*Please reserve your place with Rosie before 31 May.*

**More information**

[http://www.chaia_gardens_landscapesofportugal.uevora.pt/index%20home%20presentation.htm](http://www.chaia_gardens_landscapesofportugal.uevora.pt/index%20home%20presentation.htm)

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**JARDINS** the Portuguese national gardening magazine will have their June Edition dedicated to Mediterranean Gardening. There will be an article by Rosie on MGS Portugal and we hope also for a “plug” for the Mediterranean Garden Fair in October.

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**MEDITERRANEAN GARDEN FAIR – SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH 11.00 – 17.00**

Estoi Palace Hotel, Faro

Advance notice of a new date for what is now a major event in the gardening calendar and is an important show case for small specialist nurseries. Planning for our major fund raising event has already started, improved parking and improved refreshments high on the agenda and some new nurseries. The wonderful French-inspired gardens, decorated with many statues and trees are one of the Palace’s main features, originally built in the 18th century it was the ancestral home of the Viscount of Estoi. As this will be our second year at Estoi we hope for a good response, and good weather! Please let us know of any good plant nurseries that you can recommend to be invited.

** Helpers needed** – if you plan to come along and can spare an hour or so to help, please let Rosie know. Help with parking needed and sitting down jobs also available.

**Plants needed** for our popular MGS Plant Stall, share what is successful in your garden with your fellow gardeners.

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**THE ALGARVE RESIDENT** newspaper is running a series of articles by MGS members on their gardening page. If you would like to contribute something please contact Rosie. The articles are normally about 600 words with two or three photos. Reports on local gardens and what plants
At our second Spring Conference we looked at alien invasive plants, plants from other Mediterranean-climate zones and the global contribution of the vast wealth of plants available to us from the Mediterranean flora. A last minute change of venue was unfortunate but the response and support was magnificent and MGS members and friends from many countries came together to enjoy a very full weekend of visits and talks.

The talk on Saturday morning by Roy Lancaster, was a personal selection of plants suitable for Mediterranean gardens. This rare opportunity to hear this popular and enthusiastic speaker on a topic relevant to our gardening conditions was well supported and over 165 attended.

Dr Elizabete Marchante from Coimbra University gave us a presentation on “The Invasive Plants of Portugal” – she runs the project and maintains the database. http://www.ci.uc.pt/invasoras/ Her talk was a magnificent introduction to the major problems caused by plants unknowingly introduced in the past and lessons to learn for future controls.

Mr Francis Hurst spoke with passion on “The Fertile Crescent and the wild progenitors or crop wild relatives (CWR)” despite his introduction including the comment that he is a zoologist with a huge collection of photos of dead elephants! His work on agricultural biodiversity in the Eastern Mediterranean has included the United Nations Development Programme in Egypt on in situ and ex situ conservation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants with the people of the St Katherine’s Protectorate.

Our other authoritative speakers kept the programme focussed on making good decisions about the plants we chose for our gardens, it was a great weekend with many making their first visit to the Algarve for the conference.

We were very grateful indeed to the Algarve Sheraton Hotel for their invaluable help with the last minute change of venue and their very generous contribution to the raffle!! Many thanks also to those who so kindly opened their gardens for us and also grateful thanks to the many helpers who made the event so special for our visitors. Let us hope that other MGS branches may wish to think about holding a spring event in the coming years.

MGS seed was distributed at the conference by Chantal Guiraud and she has left some seed here, please send a request to Rosie Peddle for a full list of seed available here on the Algarve.

The Making of the European Mediterranean Landscape, a presentation by Dr Oliver Rackham at our first Spring Conference in March 2012 is now available on the web. His full talk together with his slides is available. This is a fascinating overview of the history and ecology of the Mediterranean landscape and a rare opportunity to hear from an authority on the subject.
https://vimeo.com/48385302

The majority of talks from the Spring Conference 2013 will also be made available.

NERINE bulbs in six colours are available from a small family nursery in the Eastern Algarve at very competitive prices for top quality bulbs. Orders can be collected at MGS events. A small family nursery in Moncarapacho will be making available good quality Nerine bulbs, these are now ready for your orders. The varieties come in the following 6 colours – White, Pink(light and dark), Purple-pink, Orange and Red. The bulb size is 5cm minimum and the price is 1 euro each bulb. Please
send your orders direct to John Vellam at john.vellam@hotmail.co.uk or ring him on 916362463. This is a wonderful opportunity to acquire these very unusual bulbs in different colours.

ROSES BIBLIOGRAPHY  The Catalonia MGS branch has kindly sent a copy of a useful book detailing a bibliography of books, articles etc. on the genus Rosa in English, French, German and Latin from 1550 to 1975 by K L Stock. If you would like to borrow/consult this book please contact Rosie for more info.

MGS news, details of how to use your proxy vote at the forthcoming AGM in Greece will be distributed for members. 2013 is election year for the new Administration Committee and so it is your chance to take part in the selection of those who will run the MGS for the next three years. Full details of those involved in the elections will be in the next Journal. Further details will be posted onto the main MGS web site. The co-heads of the Peloponnese section of the MGS (Katerina Georgi and Sandra Panting) are planning a three day event in the Mani in the company of horticultural expert, John Fielding, and cyclamen guru, Melvyn Jope, from the 4th to the 6th of November. They are hoping to have two full day botanical excursions and one day of local garden visits. In addition there will be evening meals in convivial surroundings and they hope to persuade John and Melvyn to speak one evening on a topic of interest. Please let Sandra or Katerina know if you’re interested as soon as possible. They are considering hiring a coach to transport everyone around and are also liaising with local hotel and self catering accommodation owners to find accommodation for members. All details to be confirmed.
Sandra Panting email spanting@me.com
Katerina Georgi email katsinsideout@gmail.com

There are now two forums available on the MGS web site, one for gardening related interests and one for members, both can accessed directly from the main web site front page, take a look at both to expand your plant knowledge and to increase contacts with other members.
www.mediterraneangardensociety.org

The Mediterranean Garden journal sent to MGS members, is now available electronically as a .pdf file, just send your email address with a request for the electronic version of the Journal to MGS Secretary, Jane Taniskidou mgssecretary@gmail.com

REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS/news and details 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.

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 newsletters & 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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