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**Welcome to members and friends in Portugal with an interest in Mediterranean Gardening.** 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.

**Bem-vindos, membros e amigos em Portugal com interesse no Jardinagem Mediterrânica.** Se souber de alguém que esteja interessado em jardinagem mediterrânica agradecemos que passe 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.

2017	EVENTS	Info
Early February <i>To be confirmed when we have the plants !</i>	<b>Planting Day - Volunteers Needed !</b> Come and help to make the first plantings at our new native plants demonstration garden at Quinta da Figueirinha, Silves	<b>All offers of help to</b> Rosie Peddle <a href="mailto:rosie@thebtf.net">rosie@thebtf.net</a>
7 <sup>th</sup> February 10.00am	<b>Garden Visit &amp; Book Swap</b> Barão São Miguel. A chance to meet up over coffee and see a 'semi wild' garden and meet the gardeners.	<b>Western Algarve Group</b> Next event – numbers limited Please contact Jeanette Fahlbusch <a href="mailto:jeanettealicefahlbusch@gmail.com">jeanettealicefahlbusch@gmail.com</a>
Sunday 12 February 14.00 to 17.00	<b>Garden Open Day</b> <u>Quinta das Sesmarias, Moncarapacho</u> A country garden with Plants/Books for sale and time to chat over tea & buns	<b>ALL WELCOME !</b> Please contact Rosie Peddle Email <a href="mailto:rose@thebtf.net">rose@thebtf.net</a>
Saturday 4 March 2017 11.00 to 16.00 (members only from 10.00am)	<b>Spring Plant Fair</b> <u>Quinta da Figueirinha, Silves</u> <i>FREE parking</i> Plant Nurseries, Quinta guided tours, book sales and Garden Advice	For more info & offers of help, please contact Burford Hurry Email <a href="mailto:burfordhpt@gmail.com">burfordhpt@gmail.com</a>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017 10.00am to 16.00	<b><u>NEW VENUE FOR 2017</u></b> <b>MGAP AGM / Assembleia Geral</b> Business meeting followed by <b>Sue Parker</b> on <b>Wild Orchids – Odysseys &amp; Oddities</b>	<b>All Welcome</b> but only MGAP Members eligible to vote at the business meeting. To book please contact Burford Hurry Email <a href="mailto:burfordhpt@gmail.com">burfordhpt@gmail.com</a>
Wednesday 10 to Saturday 13 May 2017	<b><u>International Spring Conference</u></b> <b>May 2017</b> Based in Provence, garden tours, lectures and nursery visits Residential packages available Full details below	<b>Organised by</b> <b>Mediterranean Gardening France</b> Contact Christine Savage <a href="mailto:cs.savage@btopenworld.com">cs.savage@btopenworld.com</a>

**Message from Burford Hurry,**  
President - Mediterranean Gardening Association of Portugal



After a fairly warm start to our winter and some good rain, the cold has started, the first few almond blossoms are coming out and the spikes on the aloes are showing themselves. The reassuring cycle of life in the garden has begun. It shows that although temperatures and rainfall may vary, nature is still in control. For me it's time to take stock of the garden and to decide what to do in it.

The 'weeding' has started too. Already the poppies are there amongst the wild geraniums and they require careful thinning as I don't want to lose the poppies. As I do it I'm mindful of a gardening friend of mine who left a forest of wild geraniums in a large pot with spectacular effect when they flowered. Should I or shouldn't I pull them out? I'm looking at bare branches too and thinking about what I should cut out or leave and how I should do it. Gardening means constantly making decisions whereas nature seems to solve such 'problems' with consummate ease and often with wonderful results.

Bearing that in mind Julia Thiemicke will be giving a talk on Permaculture at our Spring Fair on the 4th March, helping us to take a fresh look at how to integrate nature with gardening. There will be a talk too on making and using worm compost in the garden given by Nelson Lourenço.

For the first time at this event there will be access to the newly planted area for our **Native Plant Demonstration Garden** showing typical Barrocal vegetation together with guided tour. Our aim for this project is provide a long term and sustainable demonstration garden which can become a visitor destination and educational resource. Some initial cleaning and clearing has revealed the basic tree and shrub structure of this untouched barrocal habitat. Our plans include the addition of native species to increase biodiversity and encourage use of native plants in our own gardens. The **MGAP Barrocal garden**, although in its very early stages, is testament to our commitment to the growing of native plants in our gardens and to the initiative of those MGAP members who have worked so hard to get the project off the ground. We look forward to seeing you at the fair.

We need your help on our Management Committee so please consider joining us to help as Events Coordinator or Treasurer and be part of the group setting future priorities for the Association. I must also remind you that I will be stepping down as President at the 2017 AGM on April 1<sup>st</sup> so your nominations are needed for our new leader !

Once again, here's wishing you good gardening. *Burford Hurry*

**NEXT EVENT – Helpers Needed ! – NEXT EVENT**

**Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 - MGAP Spring Garden Fair**

In the lovely rural setting of Quinta da Figueirinha, Silves. Members and guests only entry at 10.00am – open to the public from 11.00am Entry fee €1 Gardeners under 16 free.

Nurseries selling suitable plants for Mediterranean Gardens and MGAP information centre, Mediterranean garden book shop, seed sales, craft shops, tours of the Quinta etc. Plant Creche, Free parking, Catering on site.

<b>Talks</b> in the Library	11.30	Introduction to Permaculture : Julia Thiemicke
	13.30	Wormeries and Soil Improvement : Nelson Lourenço
		Conducted tours of the very new native plant garden.
		Discussions on the pH of soils at the Speaker's corner.

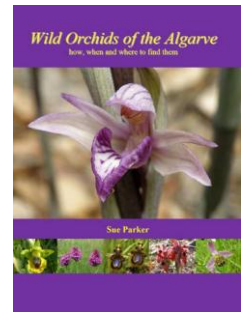
More information: [www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org](http://www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org)

As ever, **VOLUNTEERS are needed** to make the event a success, so please **contact Burford Hurry** if you can help - sitting down jobs available ! email [burfordhpt@gmail.com](mailto:burfordhpt@gmail.com)

# **Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**

## **MGAP Annual General Meeting / Assembleia Geral**

The business meeting will be followed by an **illustrated talk by Sue Parker** on **Wild Orchids – Odysseys & Oddities**, lunch and a guided wildflower walk in Paderne area. A date for your diary, the business meeting will be followed by the talk, lunch and a **guided wildflower walk** in a different location on the Algarve. Meeting to be held at Paderne Sports Club, near to the cemetery. Pavilhão Desportivo de Paderne,  
GPS 37°10'47.4"N 8°12'20.3"W



The full range of natural history books by Sue Parker and Pat O'Reilly on the Algarve will be available and the authors will be with us to sign your new books! There will be other books and seed sales and full details will be circulated. You will be welcome to join us for the talk only, the lunch and/or the afternoon programme. Costs to be advised.

### **PROGRAMME**

10.00	Coffee available
10.30-11.30	AGM Business Meeting and Election of Officers/MGAP Board
12 noon	Illustrated Talk by Sue Parker on <b>Wild Orchids – Odysseys &amp; Oddities</b> with book sales
13.30	Lunch in nearby restaurant
14.30	Guided Walks
16.00	Disperse

Please make your booking with Burford Hurry [burfordhpt@gmail.com](mailto:burfordhpt@gmail.com)

### **Western Algarve – MGAP Group for the Lagos area**

*"Calling all passionate Gardeners - new Mediterranean Gardening Group in Lagos!"*

A programme of monthly meetings has now been agreed and anyone interested in becoming actively involved can contact Jeanette either by email or phone 969 439 867. Meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of each month and start at 10.00am.

Please contact Jeanette for more information and to keep in touch on future plans. The monthly programme is available from Jeanette Fahlbusch email [jeanettealicefahlbusch@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettealicefahlbusch@gmail.com)

Many thanks to Jeanette Fahlbusch for organising this initiative.

**RESULTS of the Photo Competition** which took place at the Autumn Mediterranean Garden Fair. Held for the first time at the Museo de Trajo in São Bras this gave the opportunity to involve the Amigos do Museo and the well established Photography Group which meet at the museum. We hope to repeat this in 2017. We are very grateful to all who participated and have made their photos available to us for promoting events. The winning photos plus a selection of others received can be seen on our web site and the worthy winners were

First Prize – Lubi Stiebner

Second Prizes Equal – Richard Camp and Mark Hobbs

Web site link for winning photos

<http://www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org/page51.html>

**MEMBERSHIPS 2017** due as from 1<sup>st</sup> January, you can contact our Membership Secretary, Margaret Jackson to check on your subscription. Email [margaretjackson19@gmail.com](mailto:margaretjackson19@gmail.com)

You can renew and pay your subscription via the web site Pay Pal link or by bank transfer, details on request. Paypal link <http://www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org/membership.html>

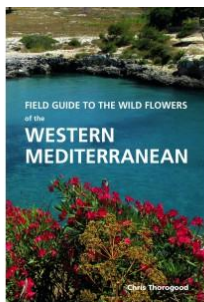
**The Linnean Society of London** holds a diverse programme of events which covers everything from plant and animal diversity to remote sensing and in vitro fertilisation. Most Linnean Society meetings are open to the public as well as members of the organisation.

Talks are available as podcasts via this link

<https://www.linnean.org/meetings-and-events/podcasts-of-events>

A talk by Chris Thorogood on the **Wildflowers of the Western Mediterranean** is now available

<https://youtu.be/MvihtXWXjXY>



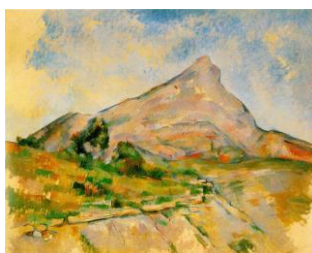
The Western Mediterranean floristic region boasts one of the richest floras in the world. This talk explores the dazzling myriad of species which grow in the region in a 'virtual tour', from Portugal in the west to Italy in the east, the central Mediterranean islands, and North Africa. From rock roses and pines to the rare and bizarre such as wasp-duping orchids, fly-trapping arums and insect-eating *Drosophyllum*, the talk examines one of the world's most diverse floras with an ecological slant on some fascinating plants, along with the stunning habitats in which they can be found.

**Chris Thorogood FLS** studied parasitic plant biology for his PhD at the University of Bristol where he then worked as a postdoctoral researcher. He

currently studies the flora of the western Mediterranean basin and has a particular interest in parasitic plant speciation.

His book on the **Wildflowers of the Western Mediterranean** is available from MGAP.

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**MGF – France Mediterranean Gardeners**

<http://mediterraneangardeningfrance.org/baEvtAll.htm>

**International Spring Conference**

**10-13 May 2017**

Based in Aix-en-Provence, garden tours, lectures and nursery visits

Mediterranean Gardening France (MGF - our sister organisation in MGi) has organised their first International Spring Conference for May 2017. This will be held to replace the Spring Event which has taken place in Portugal, so there will be no Spring Conference in Portugal in 2017.

***There are some places available so please contact Christine Savage as soon as possible if you wish to take advantage of this very special opportunity.***

MGF has arranged this special event with a view to exploring the connections between art and Mediterranean gardens. The welcome reception, lectures and final dinner will take place at the Hotel Aquabella, situated close to the historic centre of the city. Our lecturers will be garden designer, **Laura de Beden** and author, **Louisa Jones**. Aix-en-Provence is a lively and beautiful city, easy to explore on foot, and suggestions for outings and visits will be available in an information pack for those who would like to extend their stay.

For full programme see <http://mediterraneangardeningfrance.org/baEvtAllAix%202017.pdf>

Price for programme without accommodation is €275 per person

Residential packages are available, all details to be confirmed but please register your interest for more details and **make bookings as soon as possible** to secure your place direct with conference organiser Christine Savage email [cs.savage@bopenworld.com](mailto:cs.savage@bopenworld.com)

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**Garden Open Day** Sunday 12 February 14.00 to 17.00 at Quinta das Sesmarias, Moncarapacho. Rob and Rosie Peddle look forward to welcoming you to visit their country garden. MGAP book and plant sales, garden walks, a chance to chat in relaxed setting, tea and refreshments available. Please let Rosie know if you are coming so we can get enough cake !

**All Welcome** Directions from email [rosie@thebtf.net](mailto:rosie@thebtf.net)

## **EVENTS in Mediterranean Gardening International**

**EVENTS IN SISTER ORGANISATIONS** (MGAP Members will be welcomed at any of the following events, subject to availability of places. Please contact the local organiser shown.) Information on events in South Africa and Margaret River region in Australia also available via <http://www.mediterraneangardeninginternational.org>

Activities are open to MGAP members, members of partner associations and, where places are available, guests. Where the number of places for a particular event is limited, priority will be given to local members.

**MPG - Mediterranean Plants and Gardens, UK more info** <http://www.medpag.org/events.html>  
Please email Heather Martin [hma@clara.net](mailto:hma@clara.net)

**29 April - 6 May 2017** Walks and endemic plants on the Greek island of Evia. Graham Kendall who trained in horticulture in the UK, worked in Athens as a gardener when a young man, and has enjoyed Greek wild flora for 40 years, will lead this tour. The tour will include plenty of time for plant-hunting, mountain and coastal walks and lunches in tavernas. The exact itinerary of this Mediterranean Plants and Gardens trip will be finalised nearer the time, according to what is in flower. Cost approximately £520 per person; single supplement £110.

**30 March – 3 April 2017**, Mildura, Victoria, AUSTRALIA Magic Mildura ! A Pan-Australian Conference. This event, organised by the **South Australian Mediterranean Garden Society**, includes visits to more than six private and botanic gardens in and around the city of Mildura in north-west Victoria. The programme will also include lectures, wine tasting, a sunset paddle-steamer cruise, a special dinner with a menu created by the renowned chef, Stefano de Pieri and a walk through the Banrock Station wetlands. More info  
<http://www.mediterraneangardensociety.org/branches-au-south.html>  
Contact Sonia Green [soniakgreen@gmail.com](mailto:soniakgreen@gmail.com)

**NEW Catalogue from Sementes de Portugal** is now available online A selection of their seeds will be available at the Spring Garden Fair, including some new additions to their range such as *Iris xiphium* <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9sKCKBDDstelRJVXZjaGdyV2M/view>

**Native Plant Catalogue from Sigmatum**, specialist nursery of Ajuda, Lisbon. If you are looking for native plants for planting now, you can download and check their list and send your orders. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzRv81D8XW6JNXA3TUpJMEdzVIU/view>

**Royal Botanic Gardens Kew Bookshop Sale** is now on and includes bargains such as the monograph on *Cymbidium* orchids at half price .... check out all on sale items here  
<http://shop.kew.org/sale-items>

**PLANT LABELS & SEED PACKETS** available to buy from [rosie@thebtf.net](mailto:rosie@thebtf.net)  
**Pot labels** white matt plastic, accepts pencil 25 X 115 mm 24 labels on 3 sheets - cost €1.50  
**Loop labels** white matt plastic 19 X 210mm 14 labels per sheet – cost €1.00 per sheet  
**Seed Packets** 73mm x 41mm 10 packets for €1.25 / 98mm x 64mm 10 packets for €1.50

**Web site updates** are being added – keep checking in for new articles, events and pics ! Contributions welcome, photos and comments together with suggestions for good nurseries.  
Web site [www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org](http://www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org)

### **Facebook page Mediterranean Gardeners – Portugal**

We have reached a very important milestone for our Facebook page, over 1,000 likes ! Thanks very much indeed to everyone who has visited our page and a big thank you to all who have shared info about our events and activities. *Muito obrigada a todos !*



Share and tell your friends to Like Us too!

**NEWS from the AAJBA** (Associação dos Amigos do Jardim Botânico da Ajuda) of Lisbon on their spring trip to Holland – see also info attached to email.

A Primavera na Natureza e na Arte dos Países Baixos: Tulipas, Jardins e van Gogh

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Prazo limite para inscrição 31 de janeiro de 2017

Visitas ao Museu Kröller-Müller, Jardim de Keukenhof, Jardins e Palácio Het Loo, Hortus Botanicus Leiden e Jardim Botânico da Universidade Técnica de Delft, Rijksmuseum e Museu Van Gogh

Viagem Cultural comentada pela Presidente da Direcção da Associação dos Amigos do Jardim Botânico da Ajuda (aajba), Prof.<sup>a</sup> Doutora Sónia Talhê Azambuja, Docente Universitária de História da Arte dos Jardins e de História da Arte Geral

Esperamos que o conteúdo vos agrade e aguardamos o vosso contacto para quaisquer esclarecimentos adicionais e inscrições, para o Secretariado da AAJBA, como habitualmente por telefone ou mail - Tel. 213 620527 - Tlm: 915 989 259 - email: [info@aajba.com](mailto:info@aajba.com).  
<http://www.aajba.com/Viagens.aspx>.

Relembramos que ao participarem nas iniciativas da AAJBA estão a contribuir para o restauro do Jardim Botânico da Ajuda, pois o lucro das viagens será investido no jardim.

Visitem também o nosso [site](#) e a nossa página no [Facebook](#).

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**could be the missing piece !**

The MGAP Management Committee currently has vacancies for an **Events Coordinator** and a **Treasurer**, if you are interested in helping to develop the calendar of events or the worthy task of looking after the hard earned funds, as part of the established management team, this is your chance to get involved. As our esteemed President will come to the end of his three year tenure at the AGM in April 2017 we would welcome interest in **nominations for President**. Please contact Rob Peddle [rob@thebtf.net](mailto:rob@thebtf.net) or Burford Hurry email [burfordhpt@gmail.com](mailto:burfordhpt@gmail.com)

**Mediterranean Gardening Forum** members of MGAP can access this forum via the link at top right of the front page of our web site [www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org](http://www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org)

There are sections devoted to advice, plant identification and wildlife in the garden as well as events. MGAP has a section for all our Minutes of AGM and Board meetings. Please contact our Membership Secretary if you have any trouble gaining access to the forum.

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#### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

We have a friendly and informal group for everyone who has a special interest in the plants and gardens of Mediterranean climates. The aims of MGAP (Mediterranean Gardening Association Portugal) include education and encouraging the exchange of information and of experiences.

Web site [www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org](http://www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org) contains articles as well as news, notices, practical information and comment. Please pass on this newsletter to anyone interested.

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