



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.

2017/18	EVENTS	Info
Sunday 25 June 9.30 – 13.00 Moncarapacho	Midsummer Brunch “Learn to love brown” A natural country garden in full summer colour. Books/Seeds for sale & time to chat	Special event for MGAP Members Please contact Tessa Hearn Email mgapevents@gmail.com
Tuesday 4 July Start 10.30am	Members' Garden visit, Messines <i>Cork Trees & Bread Making in the Sun</i> An insight into the growth and harvesting of cork trees and a lesson on the art of baking bread at home.	Western Algarve Group Next event – numbers limited Please contact Jeanette Fahlbusch jeanettealicefahlbusch@gmail.com
Saturday 23 September 10.30 start Casa do Povo, Moncarapacho	Soils & Plant Communities in the Algarve Illustrated talk by Marilyn Medina Ribeiro Early notice of talk on this subject, vital for successful gardening in the Algarve. Followed by optional afternoon garden visit.	ALL WELCOME ! Details to be confirmed nearer the date or from mgapevents@gmail.com
Saturday 28 October 2017 11.00 to 16.00 (members only from 10.00am)	Mediterranean Garden Fair Museo, São Bras Make a note in your diary for this autumn extravaganza. Talks, specialist nurseries and good food !	For more info & offers of help, please contact Sue Finlay MGAPFairs@gmail.com
21 / 22 November Date to be confirmed	Fungi Talk & Fungi Foray ! At the Quinta da Figueirinha By Pat O'Reilly Author of <i>Fascinating Fungi</i> Books on sale on the day.	ALL WELCOME ! Details to be confirmed Contact mgapevents@gmail.com
15 – 22 April 2018 (programme to be confirmed)	GARDENS AND PLANTS IN SPAIN <u>MGi International Spring Conference</u> Plans are under way for a plants and gardens event based in two towns in the provinces of Alicante and Valencia, Spain. Residential packages available	Organised by Mediterranean Plants & Gardens, UK Contact Heather Martin to register your interest hma@clara.net

Message from Burford Hurry

President - Mediterranean Gardening Association of Portugal



Half the year gone and summer has really arrived, I don't think I have seen a summer with so much growth. I can see it generally in my garden, my white mulberry particularly is luxuriant, its leaves are bigger than last year and its berries have been full and juicy. So too, when I walk my dogs. The leaves of the almond trees are glossy and green and thick, the olives have been covered in blossom and this year the wild daisies and rape grew exceptionally tall. I have been wondering why? Was it because our rains this winter were evenly spaced and good or did the thick dust from the

Sahara that settled on our gardens a couple of months ago provide the nutrients and iron for exceptional growth? Whatever - we have had an excellent start to the long hot summer that is to follow.

There have been other good portents for MGAP gardeners. The Spring Fair in March went extremely well, then there was the very positive and interesting AGM in April, which in turn was followed by the excitement of the successful launch of our Botanic Garden on the Quinta da Figueirinha in May. If that wasn't enough MGAP has re-established links with the Mediterranean Garden Society which can only be good for gardening in all parts of the Mediterranean gardening world. We are looking forward to a future of contributing and benefitting from this association. You can find details of the new combined seed scheme later on.

There is more excitement ahead for us gardeners as before we know where we are it will be the 28th October and time for our annual Autumn Fair in the Museu in Sao Bras. As usual it will have a rich display of suitable plants to select from for your gardens. This year, apart from the numerous plant nurseries both local and Spanish, there will also be vegetable plugs for sale. All those who attended the fair at the same venue last year will remember its very pleasant atmosphere which provided the opportunity to buy suitable plants for your gardens, attend interesting talks on gardening topics and have something tasty to eat while you do so.

May I also remind you that later this month MGAP will be having a picnic brunch at Rosie and Rob Peddle's. Everybody is invited and the theme is "Learn to Love Brown". All you have to do is to bring food and drink to share. This will be a chance to relax, chat and enjoy the laziness of summer with fellow gardeners. If you have not yet received your invitation please email Tessa Hearn, our events coordinator (mgapevents@gmail.com) for details.

The long hot days of summer will give us a legitimate excuse to relax and enjoy the fruits of all our labour. It should also give us an opportunity to take stock of our gardens and plan for even better waterwise gardening. Please let us know how we can help you by sharing your concerns with us. In the meantime may I wish you a fruitful and rewarding summer!

Burford Hurry

We need your help on our **Management Committee** so please consider joining us to help as my Deputy or as Treasurer and be part of the group setting future priorities for the Association.

NEXT Garden Fair – Helpers Needed !

Saturday October 28 2017 - Mediterranean Garden Fair

In the lovely courtyard setting of Museo de Trajes, São Bras de Alportel. 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 stalls. Free Talks, Plant Creche.

More information: www.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org

We are always keen to have your **recommendations for plant nurseries** we can invite, please let us know of good nurseries you have visited, send details to Susan Finlay as below.

As ever, **VOLUNTEERS are needed** to make the event a success, so please **contact Susan Finlay** if you can help - sitting down jobs available! email mgapfairs@gmail.com

Midsummer Brunch Sunday June 25th – “Learn to love Brown” a look at a country garden in full summer colours - brown, gold and silver. At Quinta das Sesmarias, Moncarapacho. Rob and Rosie Peddle look forward to welcoming you to visit their country garden. MGAP book sales, garden walks, a chance to chat in relaxed setting, coffee and refreshments available. Please let Rosie know if you are coming so we can get enough cakes ! **All Welcome** Directions rosie@thebtf.net

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**BARROCAL BOTANIC GARDEN UPDATE** - Following the initial setting out, planting and recording work at the garden earlier this year, regular visits have revealed that the site holds an amazing rich and diverse selection of native plants, including six varieties of wild orchids. The display of *Anacamptis pyramidalis* was fabulous, following on from the earlier orchids such as *Ophrys fusca* and *O. speculum*. Recent activity at the garden has included the welcome opportunity to introduce some special visitors to the site, Olivier and Clara Filippi from France and Coronel Rosa Pinto of Faro (author of a Barrocal Flora handbook). Work continues on the identification of the existing vegetation cover and accurate naming in preparation for a comprehensive labelling project. Coronel Rosa Pinto has visited the site twice to help with plant identification and we have had interest from Dra Manuela David, of the Herbarium at the University of the Algarve, in working with us to complete a survey of the garden site and the surrounding area which will be helpful in planning future demonstration gardens.

Current work at the garden is a monthly programme of deep watering for the new plants which went in this February. The summer will also see a carefully controlled continuation of the cleaning programme for the outer areas of the garden. We have a lovely heap of prunings and dead material ready for shredding which will be ready for use as a mulch. We also hope to extend the pathway network to complete the ‘circuit’ as a walk for visitors to see all the garden.

Our first contribution to the Herbarium at the University is a specimen of *Lomelosia (Scabiosa) simplex* ssp *dentate* a lovely white scabious with a stunning seed head – very garden worthy !

All work completed so far has been funded directly by MGAP but we hope to shortly announce a series of elements suitable for sponsorship and individual support.

There is also an informal programme of propagating plants to supplement those on site, if you would like to have the list of plants we are actively seeking, please contact Rosie below. We have had great support from local members and friends and plan to build on this by organising a regular **Open Day** when we can provide a guided tour – if you are interested in participating in this, please contact Rosie Peddle email [rosie@thebtf.net](mailto:rosie@thebtf.net)

**Report with photos** of the Launch of the Barrocal Botanic Garden to Celebrate World Biodiversity Day on May 21<sup>st</sup> is available here

<http://newsandevents.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org/2017/05/the-launch-of-mgap-barrocal-botanic.html>

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NEXT EVENT - - - ALL WELCOME ! - - - NEXT EVENT

Soils & Plant Communities in the Algarve - Illustrated talk by Marilyn Medina Ribeiro

Saturday 23 September - 10.30am start Main Hall, Casa do Povo, Moncarapacho

Early notice of talk on this subject vital for successful gardening in the Algarve. Our speaker is a professional garden designer with experience in using native plants of the Mediterranean and the Algarve to make natural style waterwise gardens. Followed by optional afternoon garden visit.

Details to be confirmed nearer the date or from mgapevents@gmail.com

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**RESULTS of the Spring Fair Competition** which took place at the Spring Mediterranean Garden Fair. Held at the Quinta da Figueirinha, Silves. We hope to repeat this in 2018. We are very grateful to all who participated and thanks to Dr Gerhard Zabel for our First Prize.

**First Prize** – Tim Coombs, free weekend accommodation at the Quinta

**Second Prizes Equal** – Christine Shinn and Alison McGarvey – Algarve Wildlife books

**Special Prizes** Awarded to Matthew and Ryan Patstone – Algarve Wildflower books

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NEW BOOKS now available from the MGAP Book Shop

Roy Lancaster `My Life with Plants` €25 - review here
<http://books.mediterraneangardeningportugal.org/2017/04/my-life-with-plants-roy-lancaster.html>

Pat O'Reilly `Fascinating Fungi` New Revised Edition, 450 pages €32
<http://www.first-nature.com/books/fungi2.php>

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**----- DATE FOR YOUR DIARY -----**



MPG Mediterranean Plants and Gardens UK  
[www.medpag.org](http://www.medpag.org)

**International Spring Conference  
GARDENS AND PLANTS IN SPAIN**

**15 –22 April 2018**

(programme and dates to be confirmed)

Based in Alicante and Valencia, garden tours, lectures and nursery visits  
Plans are under way for a plant and garden event based in two towns in the provinces of Alicante and Valencia, Spain. Residential packages available, open to all MGAP members.

***Please register your interest with Heather Martin if you wish to take advantage of this very special opportunity.***

All details to be confirmed but please register your interest **NOW** for more details and to secure your place direct with conference organiser Heather Martin email [hma@clara.net](mailto:hma@clara.net)

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Portugal will once again host the **MGi International Spring Conference in 2019** on the theme of "Mediterranean Landscapes Brought into the Garden". All MGi and MGS organisation members will be invited to join us. Current plans are for this to be held during mid March to mid April 2019.

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**MEMBERSHIPS 2017** were due as from 1<sup>st</sup> January, you can contact our Membership Secretary, Margaret Jackson to check on your subscription. Email [mgapmembers@gmail.com](mailto:mgapmembers@gmail.com) for those who have chosen not to renew, your access to the MGi Forum will shortly be removed.

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

For your subscription, you will get:

- Three **Newsletters** per year including information on upcoming events
- Access to a **Members Forum** where you can see what other members have to say about many aspects of mediterranean gardening, you can ask questions and answer those posed by others.
- Access to our **free seed distribution scheme**, ten packets free from an extensive list of Mediterranean plants.
- Access to expert knowledge through our **free advice service**
- Access to a rich annual programme of **events** on the Algarve, some at reduced rates for members and early entry to the specialist garden fairs.
- Access to **events and conferences** held by our partner associations, nationally and internationally.
- Access to our **Barrocal Botanic Garden**, Silves
- Access to members gardens in the **Open Gardens** scheme
- The chance to **meet other Mediterranean gardeners** who share your particular interests

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NEW - Combined Seed Scheme - now available to MGAP and MGS members – now is the season for collecting seed for this excellent scheme, now available to all.

This seed list, maintained by Chantal Guiraud in Montpellier, is open members of organisations belonging to Mediterranean Gardening International and the Mediterranean Garden Society. Although we don't ask you to send in seed when you make an order, it's obvious that this free service will only work well if members contribute fresh seed each year. It isn't necessary to send in large quantities of each type of seed and there are no date limits for contributing or for ordering seeds. When sending or ordering seeds, please indicate in your email or letter, the name of the gardening association to which you belong.

The seed list will be updated at least twice each year, on 1 January for spring sowing and on 1 August for September sowing, the latter being particularly recommended for Mediterranean plants. Sending seeds - Collect seeds from your garden, clean off any debris, then put each variety in a paper envelope, clearly marked with the name of the plant, the date and the location where the seed was collected. These envelopes should then be placed in a padded envelope and posted to:
Chantal Guiraud, 75 rue de la Vieille Poste, 34000 Montpellier FRANCE

Ordering seeds - You may order up to 10 packets of seeds each year or 15 packets if you have contributed seed yourself. It is a good idea to add 3 or 4 alternatives to your order in case the ones you want are out of stock. To see the full list of available seeds and for more info click here <http://mediterraneangardeningfrance.org/infSEE.htm>

Do you know how many tree species there are in the world?

Botanic Gardens Conservation International can now tell you! BGCI has been working for over two years, consulting over 500 published sources and liaising with experts all over the world to find the answer – **60,065** tree species. 'GlobalTreeSearch' is the first list of its kind, documenting all of the world's known tree species and their country level distributions. You can search the database on the [BGCI website](#) or download the full list. A paper was also published in the [Journal of Sustainable Forestry](#) which is now open access.

Tree facts: Of all the countries in the world, Brazil has the most tree species, with 8,715 species, followed by Colombia (5,776) and then Indonesia (5,142). Apart from the Arctic and the Antarctic (which have no trees whatsoever), the region with the fewest tree species is the Nearctic region of North America, with fewer than 1,400 species.

GlobalTreeSearch will form the backbone of the Global Tree Assessment, an initiative to assess the conservation status of all the world's tree species by 2020. This will allow the prioritisation of the tree species that are most in need of conservation action so we can ensure that no tree species is lost forever.

Western Algarve – MGAP Group for the Lagos area

"Calling all passionate Gardeners - 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

Many thanks to Jeanette Fahlbusch for organising this initiative.

NEWS from the AAJBA (Associação dos Amigos do Jardim Botânico da Ajuda) of Lisbon

Trip to the Rocky Mountains of Canada / Viagem ás Montanhas Rochosas de Canadá de Vancouver a Calgary – 4 a 14 de Setembro de 2017. A very special guided tour of western Canada, including a trip on the famous Rocky Mountaineer train and several botanical gardens with varieties of interesting animals and plants like Van Dusen Botanical Garden, Queen Elizabeth Park or the Bloedel Floral Conservatory. Most of the country has a cold or severely cold winter climate, but the southern areas have a temperate climate in the summer.

Mais info <http://www.aajba.com/pt-pt/Viagens/2017.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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**Beira Grass Roots Gardeners** – Friendly, free to join, group of enthusiastic gardeners in the Beiras area of Central Portugal. We aim to bring together enthusiastic gardeners of the beautiful Beiras area of Central Portugal, to share horticultural knowledge, tips, success stories and failures! We have regular meet-ups, visits to gardens and nurseries, and run many plant and garden events. For more info and to join the email list contact [beiragrassroots@gmail.com](mailto:beiragrassroots@gmail.com)  
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Facebook page [Mediterranean Gardeners – Portugal](#) is updated regularly with links and relevant information. Follow and Like to be kept up to date ! Latest Info on our Facebook page :-

Paraiso is a new series of TV programmes on the Gardens of Portugal, MGAP members gardens include Anna & Klaus Jung (Episode 10) and most recently Vivian Hurst (Episode 13) via this link <https://www.rtp.pt/play/p3311/paraiso> all the programmes are available to watch online.
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**EVENTS in Mediterranean Gardening International** (MGAP Members will be welcomed at events, subject to availability of places. Please contact the local organiser shown.) Information on events in France, UK, South Africa and Margaret River region in Australia 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. An exciting and varied programme of international events is available !  
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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

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.

**Membership Secretary** Margaret Jackson email [mgapmembers@gmail.com](mailto:mgapmembers@gmail.com)

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