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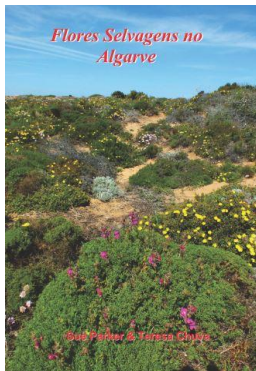
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Welcome to members and friends in Portugal with an interest in Mediterranean Gardening. If you know of any others who may be interested in Mediterranean gardening please pass this along to them and remember all are welcome to attend our events.

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.

2018	EVENTS	Info
Saturday 3 March 2018 Open to members from 10am	MGAP Spring Plant Fair Quinta da Figuerinha, Silves 11.00-16.00 Come along to this event to find the best plants to complete your Spring planting	More info and offers of help Sue Finlay mgapfairs@gmail.com
End March Date to be confirmed	Workshop and Demonstration on Grafting of Woody Plants, at Monte Seco Numbers limited / Registration required Free to members	Non-members €5 Details from Tessa Hearn mgapevents@gmail.com
Saturday 7 April in Silves	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ASSEMBLEIA GERAL Speaker – Dra Manuela David Herbarium, Univ. of Algarve Followed by guided tours of the Barrocal Botanic Garden	More info from Burford Hurry mgappres@gmail.com or Tessa Hearn mgapevents@gmail.com
15–22 April 2018	GARDENS AND PLANTS IN SPAIN MGi International Spring Event 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
Wednesday April 25	Visit to Ceratonia Herbal Garden Guided tour by Medical Herbalist Daisy Mae	All welcome Free to members Non-members €5 More info from Tessa Hearn mgapevents@gmail.com
7–11 May 2018	EUROGARD VIII – 8th European Botanic Gardens Congress: “Botanic Gardens, People and Plants for a Sustainable World” will be held in Lisbon in 2018. MGAP participation has been confirmed.	Special event on botanic gardens in Europe Please contact Rosie Peddle Email rosie@thebtf.net



Message from Burford Hurry

President – Mediterranean Gardening Association of Portugal

HOT OFF THE PRESS !

I am really pleased to let you all know that we now have confirmed that our second book on the **Floras Selvagens no Algarve** (Wildflowers of the Algarve) translated into Portuguese will be available for sale at the Spring Garden Fair. This is the companion volume to the **Orquídeas Selvagens no Algarve** (Wildflowers of the Algarve). Both are for sale at 12 euro per copy or can be sent to you plus postage costs.



Our next event will be the now annual Spring Garden Fair, at Quinta da Figueirinha near Silves. We are still looking for helpers on the day so please contact Sue Finlay at mgapfairs@gmail.com if you plan to attend this event and can spare an hour or so to help out. It is much appreciated and makes it possible for us to hold this special type of event.

We had an interesting MGAP meeting at Julia's on February 14th. I found the Neolithic burial site gouged out of the great red sandstone belly of a rock next to the house very intriguing. All in all it certainly was a most interesting morning as we scrambled down rough terrain past chickens and ducks kept for meat and eggs and goats kept for their milk and were shown trees and shrubs that are grown for their fruit or their ability to introduce and fix nitrogen into the soil The talk on biochar was also very stimulating.

MGAP members Sue and Mike Lis gave us a very tasty lunch and it was delightful sitting on their shady terrace and looking onto the olives and small hill opposite. Sue then took us up to the other side of the hill to see some hoop petticoat daffodils in flower.

May I remind you all that we hold a library of relevant gardening information in the classroom at Quinta da Figueirinha, and your contributions would be welcome. This includes a full set of MGS Journals as well as other reference books. You can visit by arrangement with Dr Gerhard Zabel gdf@gdf.pt and www.gdf.pt
Happy gardening!

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.



Spring Garden Fair – Helpers Needed !

Mediterranean Garden Fair

Saturday March 3 2018

Facebook Event Page www.facebook.com/events/177142883058782

Entrance fee is €1 per person (under 16's free) and there is free on site parking as well as the useful plant creche where you can leave your purchases in safe hands while you continue to enjoy the many attractions of the day.

An opportunity to buy the most appropriate plants for your garden and benefit from the advice and guidance of the knowledgeable nursery owners present. For the **latest list of nurseries and exhibitors** please [click here](#)

It's a rare occurrence to get the chance to browse their diverse offerings in one location and one that can be invaluable to the keen gardener seeking the very best for their garden, be it plants, shrubs, trees, or herbs.

After completing your purchases or if you need some time to consider the choices available you can take in one of the **free talks**.

"Drought and fire resistance in plants and trees". Dr. Gerhard Zabel the proprietor of Quinta da Figuerinha. Gerhard's vast experience and scientific background continues to motivate him to research ever better species and growing methods for our climate and conditions. He will be happy to share his knowledge and answer questions after his talk and will also be inviting visitors to a tour of his exotic garden.

"If trees could talk what would they say?" Christiane Grimm The second presentation of the day from Feng Shui Solutions. Christiane will be discussing a different approach to the design of our gardens and outdoor spaces taking into consideration the best plantings, colours, shapes etc. to bring harmony and balance to your to your whole environment and thus your life.

The afternoon schedule will be concluded with a hosted visit to the MGAP Barrocal Botanic Garden just a short walk away from the plant stalls in another part of the Quinta.

Weather permitting Professor Celestino Ruivo will be giving a demonstration of solar cooking and offering the chance to sample some of his delicious creations. Catering and bar service will also be available at Quinta Bar and from the "pop up cafe" run by the volunteers from the Friends of the Canil of Portimao charity. Their proceeds will be helping to fund their sterilisation campaign for the dogs of homeless and low income owners.

There will also be a range of organic produce and products for sale and of course the MGAP stall offering specialist gardening books, wildflower seeds, advice and information.

Timetable:

10.00 - Fair opens to members and invited guests

11.00 - Fair open to the public by Rosa Palma, Presidente da Câmara Municipal de Silves (to be confirmed)

11.30 - Presentation by Dr. Gerhard Zabel - "Reflections on drought and fire resistance in plants and trees"

12.30 - Visit to the Exotic Garden with Dr. Gerhard Zabel

14.00 - Presentation by Christiane Grimm, Feng Shui Solutions - "If trees could talk, they'd have so much to say"

15.15 – Guided Visit to Barrocal Botanic Garden with Teresa Chuva

16.00 - Close

Members and guests only, entry at 10.00am – open to the public from 11.00am

Entry fee €1 Gardeners under 16 free.

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

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**NEWS FROM MEDITERRANEAN GARDENING INTERNATIONAL**

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**MPG Mediterranean Plants and Gardens UK**

[www.medpag.org](http://www.medpag.org)

**PLANTS, GARDENS AND MOORISH INFLUENCES IN THE PROVINCE OF ALICANTE**

**15 –22 April 2018**

Based in Alicante and Valencia, garden tours, lectures and nursery visits  
An International 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.** <http://www.medpag.org/spain-booking.html>

- We've had three cancellations in the last week for 15-22 Spain event (Elche and Denia - see our website) so those places are available.
- Chelsea Flower Show – 06.30 entry on the Tuesday – we've got tickets and will be announcing this in the March newsletter. £133 per person. But those who've done this visit say there is no comparison as it's lovely to be there before the crowds arrive.

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

**MGi Seed Scheme Expanded List** –this seed list is now available to all MGAP members and your donations are also welcome, as before.

**This is great news for us as the list of different types of seeds available has gone up from around 450 to over 675. Chantal has recently updated the list and members can access it here:** <http://www.mediterraneangardeninginternational.org/SeedEx.htm> .

Portugal will once again host the **MGi International Spring Conference in 2019** on the theme of "*Mediterranean Landscapes Brought into the Garden*". It has now been confirmed that we will be working closely with Evora University for this event and we hope to attract some of their students on relevant courses to join us. All MGi and MGS organisation members will also be invited to join us. Current plans are for this to be held during mid March to mid April 2019. If you would like to be involved in organising this event please contact [rosie@thebtf.net](mailto:rosie@thebtf.net)

**MEMBERSHIPS 2018** Contact our Membership Secretary, Margaret Jackson to check on your subscription. Email [mgapmembers@gmail.com](mailto:mgapmembers@gmail.com)

Members of MGAP will receive early entry to the Mediterranean Garden Fair, open at 10.00am for members and 11.00 public entry.

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; Questions and answer welcome.
- 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.
- Access to our **Barrocal Botanic Garden**, Silves
- Access to **members gardens**
- The chance to **meet other Mediterranean gardeners** who share your particular interests

### **Western Algarve – Mediterranean Garden Group for the Lagos area**

A programme of monthly meetings is organised by members 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.

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### **NEWS from the AAJBA (Associação dos Amigos do Jardim Botânico da Ajuda) of Lisbon** QUÉNIA E TANZÂNIA em SAFARI - A Grande Migração - 26 Setembro a 10 Outubro de 2018

Por sugestão da Ana Maria Lory, responsável pelo conceito desta viagem, efectuámos uma alteração no programa original, incluindo uma pernoita no famoso Lago Vitória, pausa entre os safaris do Quénia e do Serengeti. Foi escolhida a ilha privada de Lukuba, que ficará nesse dia para uso exclusivo do grupo AAJBA e esperamos seja do agrado geral.

Não há alteração no valor nem duração da viagem pois foi retirada uma pernoita em Tarangire. Enviamos agora para vossa apreciação o programa remodelado assim com uma proposta de estadia opcional em Zanzibar, para quem, ainda na Tanzânia, quiser recuperar das fadigas e emoções dos safaris!

Mais info <http://www.aajba.com/Viagens/2018.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 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)

**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 :- <https://www.facebook.com/MedGardenersPortugal>

**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 !

**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. MGAP is now affiliated to The Mediterranean Garden Society, the electronic version of the MGS Journal is available to members of MGAP – contact [mgapsec@btinternet.com](mailto:mgapsec@btinternet.com) to be sent your copy.

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