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PRESS RELEASE

Spring Mediterranean Gardening Fair

Saturday, March 16 11.00 - 17.00
Donations Welcome at the door

NEW VENUE - Silves: FISSUL Centre

This year, for the first time, we are very happy to be able to hold our event in the pleasant FISSUL location in Silves. The event will take place inside the building with its excellent facilities, extensive free parking, and will go ahead whatever the weather.

The aim of this spring event is to highlight and support the new project by MGAP for the **Barrocal Botanic Garden** and donations received on the day will go to support it. In keeping with this we will also have for sale native trees, seeds and plants. Visitors will be able to learn more about the Association's internationally recognized Botanic Garden project at Quinta da Figueirinha with a special free talk on the garden.

The Barrocal is one of the three ecological areas of the Algarve and has a distinct community of plants with a well-known biodiversity, and with well-documented flora. This area has the potential to inspire the most fantastic natural gardens.

One of the objectives of the Association of Mediterranean Gardens in Portugal has been to encourage local nurseries to expand their range of plants. The small nurseries that propagate their own plants have responded to our requests, and we hope they have benefited from the growth in demand for more robust and drought resistant plants. Plants that are native to Portugal, as well as other Mediterranean climate areas, all suitable for our gardens here in the Algarve.

There will be nurseries specializing in drought-resistant perennials, herbs, fruit trees and shrubs - an excellent opportunity to find a variety of different plants. There will also be a variety of other exhibitors, with organic products, wines, essential oils, art with plants, and a demonstration of solar cookers.

In parallel with the sale of plants, there will be **free illustrated talks** by Fernanda Botelho and other authorities on Mediterranean gardening. This event is the only opportunity to see a selection of plant nurseries all in the same space, on the same day, bringing the best they have to sell. Take part in this event on March 16th and you will find many suggestions for your garden.

This spring event will take place for the **first time in the FISSUL centre in Silves**. There will be specialized books for sale, seeds of native plants and advice from members of the association.

The Fair will be open to the public between 11am and 5pm. Free extensive parking on site. Catering available. Occasional music provided by Grupo Rancho Folclórico.



This event takes place in partnership with the Junta de Freguesia de Silves and with the help of the Câmara Municipal de Silves.

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