

UPDATE for Members of MGAP / APEJECM

Mediterranean Garden Fair Saturday 27 October 2018

Latest news on the Algarve's only Specialist Plant Fair !



Our venue for this year is once again the leafy and spacious courtyard of the Museo do Traje in São Bras de Alportel. All the facilities at the museum will be open for our event, with indoor spaces for talks, garden advice and information, seed & book sales and with delicious refreshments on site. **MGAP members will have early admission from 10.00am**, open to the public at 11.00am, entry €1 for all adults, under 16 free entry. The very popular **Plant Crèche** will be in operation all day.

Outside, the plant nurseries and exhibitors will have a great variety of plants suitable for our Algarve gardens, succulents, trees and shrubs, ornamental container plants and herbs. There will also be organic fruit and vegetables on sale and organic essential oils. The **MGAP Plant Clinic** and information stand will also be selling new and secondhand gardening books in French, English and Portuguese.

This year we have 23 plant sale stands, and 10 exhibitors new to this event - full list below.

As a response to the tragic fires which devastated the **Monchique** area it has been decided to ask for **cash donations** which will be used to replace fruit and orchard trees and to re-establish burnt smallholdings and farms. MGAP is pleased to work with Ajuda Monchique who will distribute the trees, they have been gathering information about the damage done and supporting families who have not only lost their homes, but in some cases their livelihoods.

A **NEW** feature for this year will be a free workshop at 11.30 run by Semente de Alfarroba for children aged 8 -11 yrs where they can create a "**Portable Garden**" using native seeds, to take home with them. Places are limited so to book a place contact TM: 966545635

Another **NEW** feature this year will be a traditional metal worker showing his skills in a live demonstration and with sales of his products – O Lataeiro !

If weather permits, there will also be the additional activity of a Solar Cooking demonstration and probably solar cake available from solar chef Dr Celestino Ruivo.

If you are planning to be at this event and can spare some time to help it would be much appreciated. Please contact the organisers via email mgapfairs@gmail.com

FREE ADMISSION TO SPECIALIST TALKS at the following times

11.30 TROPICAL MEDICINAL PLANTS FOR USE IN YOUR GARDEN OR KITCHEN

by renowned herbalist and writer **Fernanda Botelho** <http://malvasilvestre.blogspot.pt>
<http://malvasilvestre.blogspot.pt> Also with her range of books and her new 2019 Diary/Agenda

14.30 THE 20 MOST BEAUTIFUL NATIVE SPECIES FOR YOUR ALGARVE GARDEN

by **João Gomes** founder of specialist native wild flower seed company Sementes de Portugal The full range of seeds will be for sale– come and see the new designs and new seeds available for 2018/2019 at a special price for this event www.sementesdeportugal.pt

NURSERIES ATTENDING & THEIR SPECIAL RANGE OF PLANTS

Brookside Nurseries - specialist succulents, Sansevierias, Haworthias, Gasterias and Aloes

Ceratonia – Daisy Mae with organic herbs and vegetable plants

Caminhos Sombreados - ornamental grasses, mediterranean shrubs and succulents

Jardim Seco, Tavira - Grower of plants suited to dry gardens. **Caper plants for sale**

www.jardimseco.com

John Harvey of Loule - Garden construction & maintenance, plants selected for Algarve gardens

José Duarte Gamboa - garden designer. Fruit trees, indoor ornamentals, succulents and aromatics

Mil Plantas, Estoi - Citrus, Olives and ornamental trees

<https://sites.google.com/site/viveiro1000plantas>

Monte Alegre – home raised unusual and rare, climate appropriate plants

Nuno Santos – artisan ceramics and caudiciform plants

Quinta da Ataboeira - Small cactus, succulents, containers and pots - Same day delivery possible

Quinta da Fortuna – Palms, ornamental trees and fruit trees

Sigmatum - Portuguese native plants nursery www.sigmetum.blogspot.com

Vanneste Plants – selected succulents and cacti

Viveiro Eiras Altas - colourful shrubs, fruit trees and ornamental plants

Viveiro Verde - full range of robust plants and herbs for Mediterranean gardens

NEW Exhibitors FOR 2018

Afroplants – African succulents and specialist arid zone specimen plants

Ernesto De la Rosa – garden/indoor water features

Ginie Plants – succulents, aloes, agaves in pots and 2nd hand books

Jardim da Ivete – succulents and cacti

Lotus Garden – drought tolerant plants and garden furniture

Naomi Lewis – Magnetic jewellery and water treatments

Natalie Czajke – Organic produce and plants

O Lataeiro – zinc and tin metal worker and products

Sue Lis Art – Algarve wildflower paintings

Sulflor – ornamental container plants, trees and shrubs

OTHER EXHIBITORS

Algarve Herbs & Spices and Teas – www.algarvespice.com

Árvore do Sabão – Olive oil soaps, creams, candles and cosmetics

Bio-Piscinas Lda – Natural Swimming Ponds www.biopiscinas.pt

Gecko Mundo – resin gecko ornaments for the garden

Malagueta Encantada – chillies, food ingredients

Naturarbo – environmentally friendly tree surgery, garden maintenance

The Organic Wine Company – organic wines

Quintinha da Su, certified organic producers fruits, vegetables, cereals, eggs & seeds

Safe Communities Portugal – advice on home and garden security

Sementes de Portugal – native plant seeds and advice

Silvestor Pistor – beautifully illustrated Algarve wildflower books

Susan Puttick, Botanical artist – paintings, prints and cards

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