



Mediterranean Gardening France

Mediterranean Garden Society



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Dear MGF and MGS members and friends

Programme of activities in France

***Friday 4 July, Chateauneuf de Grasse (06)**

A visit to the garden of Daniel and Lillan Wyler. Its designer, Jean Mus, will accompany us on a garden tour.

Thursday 11 September, 2.30pm, Balaruc-les-Bains (34)

A visit to the Jardin Antique Méditerranéen

Now three years old, this ecological garden of almost 2 hectares is maturing well. There are over 1000 varieties of plant, many labeled, in seven thematic gardens. We will have a guided visit, in French, by the director, Laurent Fabre, and learn about the botanical world of the Greeks and Gallo-Romans. The cost will be 6.50€ per person.

***Friday 12 September, Gattières (06)**

A visit to the Jardins des Fleurs et Poterie.

Saturday 13 September, Tarascon (13)

Portes Ouvertes Les Jardins de Payan

This year we will have our stand at a new plant fair in the gardens of the Mas de Payan, open for visitors to stroll around and enjoy the extensive collection of trees and shrubs. Many pépiniériste members will be there including La Soldanelle, Grand Plantier, Roseraie de Berty and L'Armalette as well as Catriona McLean with her garden tools. This event is well timed for the planting season and if you order plants from the nurseries in advance, they will bring your purchases to Mas de Payan for collection. I'm looking for volunteers to help man the stand, so please send me an email if you plan to attend.

Thursday 16 – Tuesday 21 October

The MGS General Assembly and accompanying programme, Menton, Alpes-Maritimes

The core events of the General Assembly programme start with a reception in the evening of Thursday 16 October and finish with dinner on the evening of Sunday 19 October. On the Friday and Saturday there will be visits to four classic gardens in the area – the Hanbury Gardens at La Mortola, the gardens of Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild, La Serre de la Madone and the Jardin Exotique in Monaco. After the General Assembly on Sunday 19 October, there will be a talk by garden writer Louisa Jones.

At the end of the main programme, there will be two optional extra days with visits to nearby gardens, including Boccanegra, magnificently situated on a steep slope which descends to the sea and Clos du Peyronnet, the garden of three generations of the Waterfield family.

See pages 63-69 of *The Mediterranean Garden*, edition no.76, for more details.

Registration is now open on the MGS website.

*Outings organised by MGF Provence/Côte d'Azur. For more information, contact Carol and June at mgf.provencecotedazur@gmail.com.

To book a place for all other events in France please contact me at cs.savage@btopenworld.com

Other dates for your Diary

Plant fairs

14 September	Foire aux Plantes	Uzès (30)
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Hortus Programme

21 juin	Film : le jardin des plantes du Pr Rossi	Clapiers (34)
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For information on Hortus activities contact Chantal Maurice at chantal.dania@wanadoo.fr or go to the website <http://hortus.acl.free.fr>

News and information

New on the Mediterranean Gardening France website

Go to the 'What's New?' page to see a summary of material added in May and June:

<http://www.mediterraneangardeningfrance.org/infWhatsnew.htm>

Highlights include:

Reports of the two garden visits that took place in April:

[Les Jardins de Payan](#) by Elisabeth Gratraud and

[Le Jardin des Sambucs](#) by Julia Petty and Ian Davis.

Photo: *Pittosporum ralphilii*



A new topic for the 'Gardening' section:
Notes by David Bracey, Graham Petty and Christine Savage on [compost and mulch](#).

A new members' garden to visit in the Directory of Gardens:
Annette and Fritz's [olive grove](#) in Ollioules.



MGF Association Documents

Also on the website, though probably less interesting than the above, are our official association documents, the [statutes](#) and the [byelaws](#).

PI@ntnet

David Bracey writes:

"PI@ntnet, <http://www.plantnet-project.org/papyrus.php> is a website in French and English which will be of interest to many members. By taking a photograph of a flower, leaf or tree it is possible to identify it by comparing it to a database of photographs. The site is supported by well-respected French organisations including INRA (Institut national de la recherche agronomique) and CIRAD (Centre de coopérations internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement).

***Cercis canadensis* 'Forest Pansy'**



David Bracey writes:

Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy' is one of my favourite trees. However each spring it is attacked by aphids and leafhoppers. I have been patient, hoping for predation unfortunately without luck, so I will have to resort to spraying. Are there other members who grow this plant and have to same problem?

Write to David at bracey@wanadoo.fr.

Photo: Jean-Pol Grandmont

Best wishes
Christine