



Mediterranean Gardening France

Mediterranean Garden Society



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Dear members and friends

Programme of activities in France

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. Chantal Guiraud has organised a guided visit, in French, by the director, Laurent Fabre, and he will tell us about the botanical world of the Greeks and Gallo-Romans. <http://www.thau-agglo.fr/Le-Jardin-Antique-Mediterraneen.html>

Cost 6.50€ per person.

***Friday 12 September, 10.30am, Gattières (06)**

A visit to the Jardins des Fleurs et Poterie

This *jardin remarquable* was created by potter Anne-Marie Deloire who has a superb eye for juxtaposing plants, colours and shapes. Her amazing pots, some almost plant-like themselves, are placed imaginatively to enhance her relatively small garden www.jardindepoterie.com.

Cost 6€ per person.

***Saturday 13 September, 10.30am, Coursegoules (06)**

A visit to the garden of Vallon du Brec

Vallon du Brec, another *jardin remarquable*, was created by artists Jean and Yan Grisot. At an altitude of 1000m, with wonderful views, this is not a classic Mediterranean garden but is planted with a lot of Asian plants selected for foliage colour. There are basins and wooden structures, viewing platforms and climbing roses. <http://www.le-vallon-du-brec.com/>

Cost 10€ per person.

Saturday 13 September, 9.00am – 7.00pm, 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. Eric and Françoise Legrand will be organising the stand and they are looking for volunteers to help. Please email Eric, legranderic_84@yahoo.fr 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 outstanding nearby gardens including Boccanegra, magnificently situated on a steep slope which descends to the sea, Clos du Peyronnet, the garden of three generations of the Waterfield family and the gardens of a rarely opened villa on the wooded Cap Martin peninsula.

To register, go to the MGS website.

https://events.artegis.com/event/mediterranean_garden_society_2014

Tuesday 28 October, 10.30am

Planning meeting and Plant Exchange, Restaurant le Tracteur, Argilliers (30)

As the location is central and the food so good, we have chosen to return to le Tracteur in Argilliers for a meeting followed by lunch. Our objective is to put together a programme of activities for 2015 and to create a list of ideas for 2016 and beyond. Please think about what you could organise in your area that other members might find interesting (visits, workshops, talks) or do some research for a trip to somewhere further afield. We hope many of you will attend in person, but if the date isn't convenient, please send your suggestions to me by email.

*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

International activities

Recently announced events in other countries are listed below. For a full list of international events, look on the MGF website: <http://www.mediterraneangardeningfrance.org/baEvtInt.htm>

21 September, Spoleto (Perugia), Italy

Art in the Garden

A visit to the garden of Gary Jo Gardenhire, painter and sculptor, and Tim Rees, founder of Trees Associates, a London-based landscape design practice, to discuss art in the garden. Gary will talk about his work, its function and placement in the garden and how it inspires the surrounding plantings. Tim will talk about hard landscaping, lighting and planting around garden sculpture. Contact Angela Durnford: angela.durnford@mgsitaly.org

31 October, Colégio do Espírito Santo (University of Évora), Portugal

International conference: The garden as a laboratory where ecological and cultural systems meet in the Mediterranean context

Workshops and case studies on integrating trans-disciplinary approaches to garden design and landscape management. Contact Rosie Peddle: rosie@thebtf.net

1 November, Estoi, near Faro, Portugal

A Mediterranean Garden Fair organised by the Mediterranean Gardening Association Portugal. The event will be held in the gardens of the Estoi Pousada Palace Hotel, laid out in the 19th century and recently restored. There will be stalls selling plants from local nurseries and plants raised by members, talks and workshops, and the opportunity to visit the gardens, rarely open to the public. Contact Rosie Peddle: rosie@thebtf.net

8 –13 May 2015, Tuscany, Italy

A garden tour based in the mediaeval city of Lucca, north-west of Florence. We will visit magnificent classic Italian gardens, pretty village gardens in a picturesque setting, a specialist citrus collection and a member's 17th century villa with an Italianate garden of water, greenery and shade, surrounded by a vineyard, olive groves and orchards.

Contact: Heather Martin: hma@clara.net

Other dates for your Diary

Plant fairs and open gardens

14 September	Foire aux Plantes	Uzès (30)
14 September	Ouverture des Jardins du Redounel http://lesjardinsduredounel.blogvie.com/2014-dates-douvertures-des-jardins/	Assas (34)

Hortus Programme

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 recently

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

Highlights include:

Reports by Françoise Legrand and Katharine Fedden on the activities that took place in April at [Sillans-la-Cascade](#) and by Tilly Chambers on those in May at [La Carmejane](#).

Photo: A mediterranean garden created by Isabelle Beauvallet



In May, some members' gardens in the Vaucluse were visited by a group from Australia. A [report of the visit](#) by the group's organiser can be found in the International Activities section.

Seed List

Chantal writes:

" Now is the best time of the year to collect seeds. In order to offer members a wide choice of seeds we're counting on each one of you to collect some from your garden. The seed exchange is a free service, but it will only work well if everyone contributes.

Please collect seeds from your favourite flowers (it doesn't matter if you can only get a small number) and send them to me in a paper envelope. Don't forget to write on each envelope the name of the plant and the date and place where you collected the seed. Thank you in advance for participating."

Send your seeds to Chantal Guiraud, 75 rue de la Vieille Poste, 34000 Montpellier

New partner association

We have a new partner association based in the UK, **Mediterranean Plants and Gardens**, and we look forward to welcoming its members at Mediterranean Gardening France events. You can look at its website at www.medpag.org.

Best wishes
Christine