



Mediterranean Gardening France

Mediterranean Garden Society



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Dear members and friends

Programme of activities in France

Thursday 16 – Tuesday 21 October

The MGS General Assembly and accompanying programme, Menton, Alpes-Maritimes
To register: https://events.artegis.com/event/mediterranean_garden_society_2014

Tuesday 28 October, 10.00am Hôtel Restaurant le Colombier, Remoulins, (30)

CHANGE OF VENUE!

Planning meeting and Plant Exchange

Unfortunately the restaurant Le Tracteur has decided to close for half-term at the end of October so we have had to source an alternative location for our planning meeting, plant exchange and lunch. André Guiraud has found a new venue, L'Hôtel Restaurant le Colombier, 24 Avenue du pont du Gard, Remoulins, near exit 23 from the A9. <http://www.hotel-restaurant-remoulins.fr/>

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.

Saturday 24 January, 2.30pm, Devezeu, Montferrier (34)

Talk by Olivier Filippi: *Paysages de garrigue, une nouvelle inspiration pour les jardins*

This talk, which Olivier first gave in Narbonne in spring 2014, will be in French. It is jointly organised by Hortus and Mediterranean Gardening France.

Thursday 26 February, 10.00am, Cesseroas (34)

Lecture by Anthony Noel: *Garden design for small spaces*

A lecture in English, but with translation if required, entitled *Great Little Gardens: Enclosed gardens, courtyards, roof terraces – how to bring style into small spaces*. Anthony is a British garden designer and author with experience of gardening in Morocco. The talk will be at the home of Liz and Jacques Thompson in Cesseroas and will be followed by lunch. Gill Pound will bring along some of her plants - let her know if you have any particular requirements.

To book a place for 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>

Saturday 4 October, Barcelona, Spain

Morning visit to two historical gardens, El Parc de Can Mercader and El Parc de Can Vidalet, led by Xavier Argimon, a specialist in the botanical collections and history of Barcelona parks. In the afternoon, head gardener Josep Farriol will lead a tour of the Palo Alto gardens in l'Espai Creatiu, showing how new plantings can be harmoniously combined with old structures.

Contact: Brian Constable brian.constable@gmail.com

Friday 31 October, 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

Saturday 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.

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Saturday 17 January 2015 at the Chelsea Physic Garden, London

The inaugural AGM of Mediterranean Plants and Gardens (MPG), lunch and an illustrated lecture, *Roses in Mediterranean Gardens* by the famous rose-grower and writer Charles Quest-Ritson. Charles is editor of the RHS Encyclopedia of Roses. Further information about the association's future programme will be on the [MPG website](#) in November.

Contact Heather Martin: hma@clara.net

25 May – 2 June 2015, Armenia

A trip led by Katharine Fedden and a local botanical guide to see the landscape and flora of Armenia at an ideal time of the year. The country is situated at high altitude and has hot dry summers and cold wet winters so much of the natural flora is of interest to Mediterranean gardeners. This trip is currently fully booked but please get in touch if you would like your name to go on the waiting list.

Contact Christine Savage: cs.savage@btopenworld.com

Other dates for your Diary

Plant fairs and open gardens

27/28 September	Portes Ouvertes, la Soldanelle	Rougiers (83)
27/28 September	SEVE – Jardins pour tous	Parc de Grammont, Montpellier (34)
4/5 October	Gondwana, Domaine du Rayol	Le Rayol-Canadel (83)
18 October	Bourse d'échanges	Sérignan-du-Comtat(84)

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:

[The MGF seed bank](#) (which is also available to our international partners) is now in operation. To complement the launch of the seed bank, its custodian, Chantal Guiraud, has made some [recommendations](#) for seeds suitable to be sown in September.

Photo: *Anthyllis barba-jovis*



There are around 400 different varieties of seed available in the seed bank. We think that having photographs of the plants helps members to make their choice. However, our photographic library only has images for around half the plants listed. Please look at the list and if you have, or could take, a photo to fill the gaps, please send images to Christine cs.savage@btopenworld.com.



In the 'Gardening' section, a new article by David Bracey on [invasive plants](#).

Photo: *Cortaderia selloana* (Pampas grass)

In the 'Plants' section, a [list of South African bulbs](#) suitable for growing in Mediterranean France has been added to our list of geophytes.

Photo: *Agapanthus inapertus* subsp. *pendulus* 'Alba'



Best wishes
Christine