



Mediterranean Gardening France

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Dear members and friends

Programme of activities in France

Thursday 6 October, 10.30am, Opio and Châteauneuf-de-Grasse (Alpes-Maritimes) A visit to the English Garden Centre and a member's garden



The English Garden Group is on our list of [recommended designers/paysagistes](#) and they have a garden centre with exhibition gardens in Opio. June Grindley has organised a tour of the garden centre followed by lunch, probably in a local restaurant, then William Hartley, a director of EGG, will take us on a tour of a garden the company designed at the home of MGF member, Peter Clarke.

Photo: Peter's garden

To book a place contact Nicola D'Annunzio: mgfnicola@gmail.com

Wednesday 12 October, 10.30am, Saint-Quentin-la-Poterie, (Gard) Planning meeting, garden visit and plant exchange



Graham and Julia Petty have invited us to hold our annual planning meeting at their home in Saint-Quentin-la-Poterie. Please come along with ideas for activities in 2017 and beyond so that we can put together a calendar of events for the next 12 months. After the meeting we'll have lunch, then visit Graham and Julia's garden, <http://www.mediterraneangardeningfrance.org/dirG3070U.htm> There will also be a plant exchange, so please bring cuttings and surplus plants from your garden.

To book a place contact Christine Savage: cs.savage@btopenworld.com

Wednesday evening, Thursday and Friday, 10 - 12 May 2017, Aix-en-Provence (Bouches-du-Rhône) Art et Jardins - a Mediterranean Gardening International event

In and around Aix-en-Provence, the city of Cézanne, MGF has arranged two days of visits to gardens, lectures and walks, with a view to exploring the connections between art and Mediterranean gardens. The welcome reception, lectures and final dinner will take place at the Hotel Aquabella, situated close to the historic centre of the city. Our lecturers will be garden designer, Laura de Beden and author, Louisa Jones. Aix-en-Provence is a lively and beautiful city, easy to explore on foot, and suggestions for outings and visits will be available for those who would like to extend their stay.

For a full programme and a booking form contact Christine Savage: cs.savage@btopenworld.com

International activities

Recently announced:

30 March – 3 April 2017, Mildura, Victoria, AUSTRALIA

Magic Mildura! A Pan-Australian Conference

This event, organised by the South Australian Mediterranean Garden Society, includes visits to more than six private and botanic gardens in and around the city of Mildura in north-west Victoria. The programme will also include lectures, wine tasting, a sunset paddle-steamer cruise, a special dinner with a menu created by the renowned chef, Stefano de Pieri and a walk through the Banrock Station wetlands.

A detailed programme can be found [here](#).

For more information and a booking form contact: [Sonia Green](#)

29 April - 6 May 2017, Evia, GREECE

Walks and endemic plants on the Greek island of Evia

Graham Kendall, who trained in horticulture in the UK, worked in the Athens as a gardener when a young man, and has enjoyed Greek wild flora for 40 years, will lead this tour. Evia is Greece's second largest island and home to some rare endemic plants, castles, monasteries, waterfalls and vineyards. The tour will include all of these, with plenty of time for plant-hunting, mountain and coastal walks and lunches in tavernas.

The exact itinerary of this Mediterranean Plants and Gardens trip will be finalised nearer the time, according to what is in flower. For a guide itinerary, contact Heather Martin hma@clara.net. For a booking form, click here: <http://www.medpag.org/evia-booking.html>.

For a full list of international events, go to the MGF website: <http://www.mediterraneangardeningfrance.org/baEvtInt.htm>

Other dates for your Diary

Plant fairs and open gardens

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| 16-18 September | SEVE : Oser son jardin. Domaine de Grammont | Montpellier |
| 17/18 September | Les Journées Européennes du Patrimoine | All over France |
| 17/18 September | La Soldanelle, Portes Ouvertes automnale | Rougiers, Var |
| 17/18 September | Le jardin de Gill Pound, 10.00 – 17.00 | Caunes-Minervois, Aude |
| 17/18 September | Le Jardin Champêtre and nursery, 10.00 – 17.00 | Caunes-Minervois, Aude |
| 23-25 September | Fête des plantes d'automne | Saint Jean de Beaugard (91) |
| 25 September | Fête d'automne au jardin | Sillans la Cascade, Var |
| 1/2 October | Gondwana, Domaine du Rayol Theme: The language of plants | Le Rayol- Canadel |
| 7-9 October | Orchidées à Fontfroide | Fontfroide, near Narbonne |
| 30 October | Marché des plantations et des terroirs | St-Gély-du-Fesc, Hérault |
| 26/27 November | Les Journées de l'Arbre de la Plante et du Fruit | St Jean du Gard |

Hortus Programme

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| 1 October | Visit to Pépinière Quissac and picnic. | Souvignargues, Gard |
| 22 October | Bourse aux plantes et photos de notre voyage en Italie | Clapiers, Hérault |
| 5 November | Les agrumes de Guy Roques | Teyran, Hérault |
| 3 or 10 December | Visit to Pépinières Riera | Venelles, Bouches-du-Rhone |

All MGF members are welcome to join Hortus activities. For more information about Hortus, go to the website <http://hortus.acl.free.fr>. To book a place for any of the events in the programme, contact Chantal Maurice at chantal.dania@wanadoo.fr.

Sète Côté Jardin

To see the programme of events organised by Sète Côté Jardin, go to its website: <http://setecotejardin.fr/scj/>

News and information

Mediterranean Gardening France website

The [WHAT'S NEW?](#) page has a summary of material added recently. In August:



Two articles by David Bracey, one on [pomegranates](#) and the other on [carrots](#), including their ornamental use in the garden.

Photo: *Punica granatum* 'Legrelliae'

Photo: *Daucus carota* 'Dara'



In the 'Past Activities' section, [reports of the visits](#) to the gardens of Chantal and André Guiraud, Eric Dubois, Henry Nardy and Olivier Filippi. These visits took place at the time of the 2016 AGM in Hérault.

Our reporters were Liz Godfrey, Chantal Maurice, Michèle Auvergne and Liliane and Roland Leclercq.

Photo: *Salvia regia*

Sowing seeds

Catriona Mclean draws our attention to an interesting on-line magazine:

"Do you follow Dan Pearson's excellent blog diary *Dig Delve*? In the summer edition there is a section on seed sowing and although we may think we know most of it already it is a good read with good photos."

<http://digdelve.com/sowing-seed/>

Best wishes
Christine