



Mediterranean Gardening France

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November 2017

Dear members and friends

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE

Monday 6 November, 10.00, Cagnes-sur-Mer, Alpes-Maritimes

Visit to the Renoir Museum

June Grindley writes:

"We are stretching the idea of a 'garden visit' a little for our year-end happening. On November 6, we are organising a tour of the Renoir Museum in Cagnes-sur-Mer. The museum is in the house where Auguste Renoir spent the last years of his life, from 1908 to 1919. It is also where his son, Jean Renoir, the film maker, fell for Auguste Renoir's model, Andrée Heuschling, who later became Jean's first wife. The museum is set in the heart of a magnificent estate with views over Cagnes and to Cap d'Antibes. The garden is filled with 300 year old olive trees which were painted by Renoir. After the tour, in English, we shall have lunch at a restaurant at the beach."

To book a place, please contact June: jngrindley@btinternet.com.

Tuesday 5 December, 14.00, Montpellier, Hérault

Christmas wreath workshop



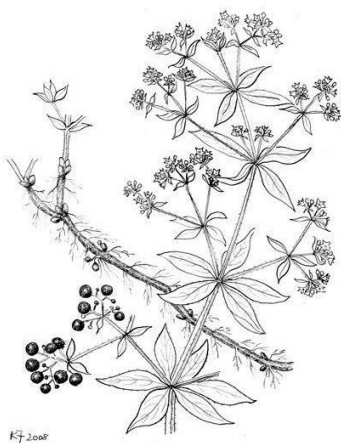
Chantal Guiraud will organize this Christmas wreath workshop. Christmas wreaths can be hung on an outdoor or indoor entrance door, for example, a wreath of aromatic herbs for the kitchen, a wreath of beautiful evergreen leaves, a seed wreath with poppy and other seeds. Chantal will provide materials, plants and accessories such as ribbons, Christmas decorations, glue, etc. and will ask you to contribute 8/10 € according to the size of the wreath you make.

To book, contact Chantal: chantal.gouverner@gmail.com, before November 15th, to allow time to organise the materials.

Further information will be supplied to those who book a few days before the workshop.

Wednesday and Thursday 4/5 April 2018, Fressac, Gard

A drawing class by Katharine Fedden



Many members will be familiar with Katharine Fedden's delightful plant drawings and after much persuasion she has agreed to hold a two day class at her home in Fressac. Weather permitting, drawing will be done outside, otherwise in her house. Participants can bring a picnic lunch for the first day and Katharine will provide lunch on the second. Overnight accommodation will be B&B, either chez Katharine or locally.

Katharine writes:

"This class will help you to look carefully and see the essential elements of a plant in order to translate it onto paper, to compose the drawing and eventually to bring out the character of the plant and to explore the different effects one can obtain using pencil, ink and charcoal."

Class size limited to 12 participants.

For more information and to book contact Katharine Fedden

katharine.fedden@wanadoo.fr

Thursday and Friday 17/18 May, Fayence, Var MGF Annual General Meeting 2018 and garden visits

Next year's AGM will be held on 17 May in the picturesque perched village of Fayence, which lies on the D562 between Draguignan and Grasse. It has an old town of steep, winding streets and stairways clustered round the 18th century Église St-Jean-Baptiste, and overlooks typical Provencal countryside. The AGM will be held in the early evening of Thursday 17 May. June Grindley and Nicola D'Annunzio are coordinating a team of local members who are putting together a programme of activities for the two days. As usual, this will include a dinner, which will be held after the AGM on the Thursday evening, and visits to local gardens. More information soon, together with suggestions for overnight accommodation.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES



PLANTS AND GARDENS IN THE PROVINCE OF ALICANTE, SPAIN, 15 - 22 APRIL 2018

One of our partner organisations, Mediterranean Plants and Gardens, will be organising this event in the province of Alicante. Members will see wild flowers, including orchids, near Javea and walk on the Montgó massif. There will be visits to a Moorish-style garden, the palm groves and Huerto del Cura garden of Elche, the Albarda gardens near Denia and a variety of private gardens. This will be a two-centre trip, staying the first nights in Elche and then moving on to Denia. For more information [click here](#). To reserve a place, contact the organiser, Heather Martin: hma@clara.net. Booking form [here](#).

For a full list of international events, go to the [MGF website](#).

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Plant fairs and open gardens

4 November	La division des pivoines herbacées – Pépinière La Soldanelle	Rougiers (83)
25/26 November	Les Journées de l'Arbre de la Plante et du Fruit	St Jean du Gard (30)

Hortus Programme

4 November	14h30 Plant exchange	Devezou (34)
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All MGF members are welcome to join Hortus activities. For more information about Hortus, go to the [website](#). To book a place for any of the events in the Hortus programme, contact Chantal Maurice at chantal.dania@wanadoo.fr.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Mediterranean Gardening France website

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

In October:



[A visit to Pépinière Quissac, Gard and a cuttings workshop](#)

A report by Roland Leclercq on our day at Pépinière Quissac, which included a tour of the nursery and experimental garden, all organised on ecological principles, and a workshop on taking cuttings.

Photos by Christine Savage.

(left) Catriona preparing her tray of cuttings, watched by Tilly

Chile

To mark the addition of our new partner association, Mediterranean Gardening Chile, our January 2018 newsletter will have a special emphasis on the plants and gardens of Chile. David Bracey is coordinating contributions, so if you have any plants of Chilean origin growing in your gardens, please write to David, bracey@wanadoo.fr, telling him a little bit about the plant and attaching a photograph.

Christine Savage writes:

Mediterranean Gardening International associations

Perhaps, with the longer evenings, you will have time to look at some of the fascinating information on the websites of our partner associations. [The Home page](#) of the MGI website has links to those of each of the six associations.

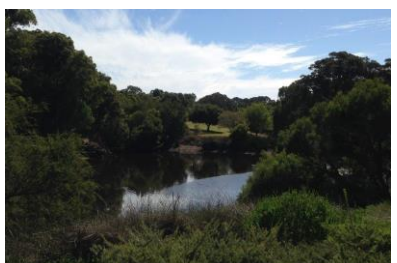
I would particularly draw your attention to the following:



[Mediterranean Gardening Association Portugal](#) has taken its first steps towards the establishment of a botanic garden in the Algarve. It's located in the Barrocal zone of the Iberian Peninsula, a biodiversity hotspot with a distinct plant community. It's hoped that a visit to the garden will be included as part of the programme for the 2019 MGI event. Website [here](#)



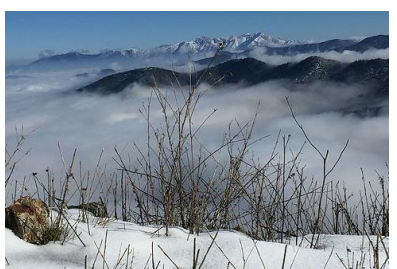
[Mediterranean Plants and Gardens](#) organizes two or three trips each year to Mediterranean-climate locations. This spring, members from several MGI associations went on a field trip to Jordan, led by Oron Peri. Jorun Tharaldsen's photo gallery and Juliet Walker's written report are wonderful. [Click here](#)



[Mediterranean Gardening Margaret River](#) based in Western Australia produces regular newsletters documenting its garden visits and walks. These are on the website, along with a new section called 'Plant Profiles' introducing new and interesting species. The garden pictured [here](#) is Heronsbrook, visited by MGMR in March this year.



The [Cape Horticultural Society](#) also produces regular newsletters, packed with [information](#) about South African plants. It's interesting to read the fascinating history of the society ([here](#)), which had its first meeting in 1903 and first flower show in 1913. The picture is of a flower show in the City Hall in October 1921.



[Mediterranean Gardening Chile](#) will be featured in the January 2018 newsletter, however it's worth a regular look at the [website's blog](#), where news items and photos are posted by members. I loved the pictures posted by Paola Santoro, entitled 'The night it snowed in La Aurora'. Photo: Cerro El Mauco

Best wishes
Roland Leclercq
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