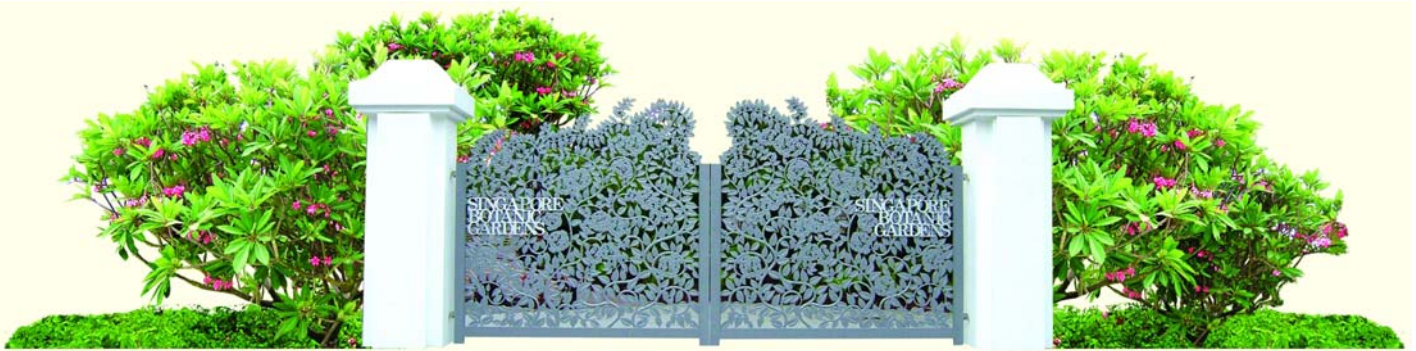


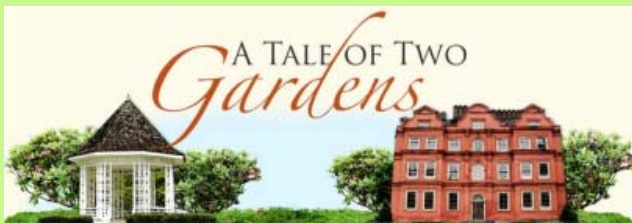
# CELEBRATING SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS' 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN 2009



Throughout its long and illustrious history, the Singapore Botanic Gardens (SBG) has played an integral role in Singapore's cultural, social and economic development. While the Gardens remains true to its original purpose as an institution for botanical and horticultural research and education, it has also evolved into a much-loved civic space and one of Singapore's top attractions. Recent international accolades such as Time Magazine's choice of the Gardens as "Asia's Best Urban Jungle" and a three Michelin Star rating by the Michelin Green Guide bear testimony to the Gardens' enduring charm.

In line with the Gardens' mission of connecting plants and people, we have developed an exciting year-long programme that will provide opportunities for family and community bonding. The programme line-up brings together a diverse range of fun-filled events and activities aimed at providing Singaporeans with opportunities to reminisce, re-connect as well as celebrate.

## April



**A Tale of Two Gardens: Simultaneous Tree Planting Ceremony SBG & the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew**  
3 Apr (Fri), 5.30pm @ SBG and 9.30am @ Kew Gardens

A celebration to mark SBG's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Kew Gardens' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,

**SBG 150th Anniversary Commemorative Book Launch "Gardens of Perpetual Summer"**  
3 Apr (Fri), 5pm, Botany Centre Function Hall

A commemorative publication celebrating the Botanic Gardens and its legacy of accumulated achievements of 150 years. This is made possible by the kind support of Lady Yuen Peng McNeice.

**"The Seed that Changed the World"**  
3 (Fri) – 30 (Thu) Apr, Botany Centre

A public exhibition illustrating the seminal role that the Gardens played in pioneering an industry that forever changed the economic landscape of the region. This exhibition would not have been possible without the generous support of the Singapore Commodity Exchange and Mr Tan Jiew Hoe, President of Singapore Gardening Society.

## May

**An Open Conversation with Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew: Greening of A Nation**

The Garden City would not have been realised without the vision and commitment of Minister Mentor and the early pioneers. Moderated by Ambassador Tommy Koh, this is a unique opportunity to hear Minister Mentor's thoughts on the inspiration, challenges and potential for Singapore as a Garden City.

## June

**Conservation Forum**

Gathering experts to address the current concerns on climate change & conservation issues, and the roles botanic gardens can play to help.

**Green Generation Concert**

Featuring a mixture of performances from local secondary schools and other local talents, with the intention to spread the message of conservation to youths and empower them to make a difference for the future. Organised in conjunction with the Jane Goodall Institute of Singapore (JGIS).

**Launch of SBG 150th Anniversary Stamp Series**

Singapore Post will be launching a First Day Cover stamp series featuring iconic landmarks and features of the Gardens. These familiar favourites include the Bandstand, the 5-dollar note Tembusu Tree, the Girl-on-a Swing sculpture and Singapore's National Flower, *Vanda Miss Joaquim*. The stamps are illustrated by Mr Eng Siak Loy, a well-known local designer and artist who has done many works on the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

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## July

### Garden stars

Bringing together 40 students who will be guided by award-winning designers to design and build a permanent garden in SBG, the project aims to send a message of hope and inspiration to the students that with hard work, commitment and passion they can be a "star" in an industry. The students will also be introduced to horticulture as a potential career path.

### Darwin & Wallace : Their Stories & Their Expeditions

2009 is the 200<sup>th</sup> birth-anniversary of Charles Darwin. The theory of evolution that changed the scientific world was simultaneously developed by Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace. Wallace had visited Singapore and developed his ideas while on expeditions to this part of the world. This exhibition will tell their stories.

## September

### Blissful Beginnings: A Mass Wedding Celebration

As a People's Garden, SBG has long been the venue of choice for courting couples and wedding nuptials. To commemorate its special role for the many visitors who mark the start of their wedded life with a visit to the Gardens, the Gardens in partnership with Singapore Press Holdings will bring together 150 couples in a mass wedding ceremony.

### "Romancing Kangkong & its Relatives"

A culinary experience featuring celebrity chefs who would be volunteering to do cooking demos for kangkong & related vegetables.

### International Meeting on "*Convolvulaceae*"

Hosted by SBG, this International Meeting will bring to our shores top botanists in the plant family of *Convolvulaceae*. It will kick start a global project to establish the World Checklist of *Convolvulaceae*.

## October

### Launch of SBG Calendar 2010

An eagerly anticipated annual event, this will be our 8th calendar produced in partnership with ExxonMobil Asia Pacific. This year's calendar will feature botanical illustrations from the Gardens' archives. All proceeds from the sale of the calendar will go towards the SBG Exhibition Fund in support of its public exhibition programme.

## November



### "The Children Celebrate!"

A celebration specially dedicated to children! Bond with your family over exciting games, rides and food. Get your children acquainted with nature and discover the fascinating world of plants in the stimulating and interactive garden setting.

## December

### "Trees of the World" Light-up

An event involving embassies and schools, where the local and expatriate communities will be invited to participate in this light-up by decorating trees for the festive season.

### "Rainforests - the Human Challenge"

SBG, in a tri-partite partnership with Kew Gardens and the Prince's Trust, will be hosting this worldwide touring photo exhibition of international rainforests sponsored by Sony.