

MEDIA RELEASE

LOCAL GARDENERS SHINE AT SINGAPORE GARDEN FESTIVAL, WITH CARNIVAL-INSPIRED GARDENS AND UNIQUE EDIBLES

- *Community gardeners from the West District take top honours at eighth edition of Singapore Gardeners' Cup*
 - *Over 440 fruits and vegetables grown by local gardeners submitted for Community Garden Edibles Competition*



The West District team crowned Best of Show 2026 with their "Quantum Fair 3026" display at the Singapore Gardeners' Cup.

Singapore, 4 July 2026 – The milestone 10th edition of the Singapore Garden Festival (SGF) opens to the public today at Gardens by the Bay. Among the exciting highlights of the SGF 2026 are carnival-inspired garden displays created by more than 300 community gardeners for the **Singapore Gardeners' Cup (SGC)**, and outstanding harvests, including uncommon or unique fruits and vegetables grown by local gardeners for the **Community Garden Edibles Competition (CGEC)**. Ms Indranee Rajah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Finance and National Development, presented the awards to the winners of both competitions earlier today.

The "Best of Show" award for the SGC was awarded to the West District for their garden display "Quantum Fair 3026", which features playful reinterpretations of retro rides, while offering a glimpse into carnivals of the future. The winners for CGEC across 10 "Best Edibles" category and the Open category were also recognised for their quality harvests. These include a chilli hybrid, a Tuscan rosemary plant, a cauliflower, and a cabbage. The champion chilli grower showcased his horticultural mastery with a hybrid created by crossing two chilli cultivars – 'Dreamcatcher' and 'White Thai'. To foster a greater interest in gardening and provide gardeners and those in the landscape and horticulture sectors in Singapore with more resources, NParks' most popular publication "*1001 Garden Plants in Singapore: A New Compendium*" is now available for download as a free digital book.

First published in 2003, this fourth edition features over 2,700 plants commonly found in Singapore, complete with care requirements and plant characteristics. The digital book can be downloaded on the Gardening SG website at go.gov.sg/1001-book.

Jointly organised by the National Parks Board (NParks) and Gardens by the Bay, SGF 2026 is held at Gardens by the Bay from 4 to 12 July 2026. The Festival celebrates its milestone 10th edition with the theme "*Carnival of Blooms*", showcasing the best of tropical landscape design and horticulture, alongside showstopping landscape and floral displays by leading local and international designers.

About the Competitions

Singapore Gardeners' Cup

Now in its eighth edition, the SGC showcases the creativity of local community gardeners, as they team up with landscape professionals to create a thematic garden display. This year's SGC brought together 36 gardening groups under NParks' Community in Bloom programme, spanning three districts: Central, East and West. Based on the theme "*Vintage Carnival*", the community gardeners collaborated with NParks staff and implementing partners from the local landscape sector to create garden displays that evoke the charm of old-fashioned fairgrounds while celebrating nature's vibrant spectacle.

For more information on the SGC results and garden displays, please refer to **Factsheet A**.

Community Garden Edibles Competition

First launched in 2015, the CGEC celebrates the dedication and ingenuity of Singapore's local gardeners, recognising their ability to grow and harvest exceptional edibles, including rare and uncommon varieties. This year, participants submitted entries as individuals or as gardening groups across 10 "Best Edibles" categories, including a new "Chilli/Capsicum" category, and an Open Category, showcasing the diversity of fruits and vegetables that can thrive in Singapore's urban environment.

For more information on the CGEC results, please refer to **Factsheet B**.

Other Competitive Displays at SGF 2026

Singapore Orchid Show

Organised in partnership with the Orchid Society of South East Asia (OSSEA), the Singapore Orchid Show brings together the region's best orchid plants, alongside rare and show-winning orchid varieties cultivated by hobbyists and industry players – all on display at the Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay. These orchids include warm- and cool-growing species and hybrids sourced from around the world.

Show Gardens: All-Stars Edition

The Show Gardens competition is SGF's hallmark event, featuring garden displays by award-winning local and international garden and landscape designers. With SGF marking its milestone 10th edition, this year's competition features an All-Stars Edition, with eight previous "Best of Show" winners presenting gardens that reflect their creativity, styles and cultural influences, with support from local implementing partners.

My Living Space Competition

The My Living Space Competition, a refreshed format of the Balcony Gardens Competition, challenges designers to showcase creative ways to incorporate greenery into daily living spaces, be it a balcony or a living room. Visitors can be inspired by innovative approaches to small-space garden design.

Landscape Design Challenge

The Landscape Design Challenge is a live competition where students from Singapore's Institutes of Higher Learning have four hours to transform a 3-metre by 3-metre plot into a creative, beautifully decorated garden, showcasing their landscaping skills.

14th International FDSS Cup Floral Designing Competition

Organised by the Floral Designers Society (Singapore) (FDSS), this is a live competition that champions artistry and professionalism in floral design through competition tasks that showcase and celebrate the fundamental elements that define exceptional floral artistry.

Penjing and Artistic Stone Exhibition and Competition

Organised by the Singapore Penjing and Stone Appreciation Society for bonsai artists of all skill levels, this exhibition showcases tropical bonsai species, including mature specimens of up to a century old, and a range of artistic and landscape stones.

Non-competitive Highlights of SGF 2026

Large-scale immersive floral installations

Bringing the festival theme "Carnival of Blooms" to life, this year's SGF features large-scale floral installations such as an eight-metre-high **Floral Roller Coaster**, as well as a **Floral Vortex**, **Floral Infinity Mirror**, and **Floral Mirror Maze**.

Interactive light installation

Designed by renowned Chinese landscape designer Hu Shiyang, the **Known by Flowers Light Installation** integrates larger-than-life floral blooms, dynamic lighting and technology, offering visitors an interactive experience from day to night.

Curated themed gardens and landscapes

Visitors can explore an array of immersive, nature-based experiences, with new curated themed gardens and landscapes spread across Gardens by the Bay, such as **Nature's Carousel Play Garden**, **Sensory Garden: Forest of Sweet Delights**, **Sunkissed: A Celebration of Sunflowers**, **Silver Garden**, **Fruit Orchard**, and **Wildflower Meadow**.

Orchid Extravaganza

Held at the Flower Dome in conjunction with SGF 2026, **Orchid Extravaganza: Rhythm of the Rainforest** spotlights the rich heritage and diversity of Indonesia. Featuring more than 7,000 orchids, including native species and varieties, the display is presented in partnership with the Ministry of Creative Economy of Indonesia and the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Singapore. Striking handwoven artworks and larger-than-life sculptural pieces, crafted using the traditional *anyaman* weaving technique with coconut leaves and bamboo, are showcased alongside architectural recreations of traditional Sumbanese houses with their soaring roofs and multi-tiered Balinese Meru towers. Traditional motifs inspired by Toba Batak patterns and intricate *ikat* designs are woven throughout the display, reflecting the stories, beliefs and craftsmanship of the Indonesian archipelago.

MarketPlace

Organised in partnership with Planters Market, the MarketPlace is a one-stop destination for plant lovers and home gardening enthusiasts to purchase plants, gardening wares, trinkets, collectibles and more. The MarketPlace is located at Bayfront Green (next to Bayfront MRT), with **free admission** daily from 10am to 8pm.

For more information, please visit:

Website: <https://sgf.nparks.gov.sg/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SGGardenFest

Instagram: www.instagram.com/SGGardenFest

To purchase SGF 2026 tickets: <https://sgf.nparks.gov.sg/tickets/>

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About Singapore Garden Festival

The Singapore Garden Festival (SGF) is a biennial event, positioned to be amongst the top flower and garden shows on the international calendar. SGF is the first show to bring together top international award-winning landscape and garden designers, florists and horticulturists from around the world who are invited to the Festival to work alongside Singapore's own talented horticulturists.

Singapore's strategic location makes the Festival an ideal platform to showcase horticultural products and services from various regions.

For more information on SGF, visit sgf.nparks.gov.sg, www.facebook.com/SGGardenFest and <https://www.instagram.com/sqgardenfest/>

About National Parks Board (NParks)

The National Parks Board (NParks) is Singapore's lead agency for greenery, biodiversity conservation, and wildlife and animal health, welfare, and management.

NParks manages parks, nature reserves, the Singapore Botanic Gardens, Pulau Ubin and Sisters' Islands Marine Park, as well as the island-wide network of Nature Ways and Park Connectors. We also manage millions of trees across roads, parks and state land.

Our urban biodiversity conservation model guides efforts to protect key ecosystems and strengthen biodiversity in our land-scarce city. The Animal & Veterinary Service (AVS), a cluster within NParks, is the main touchpoint for animal-related issues and works to uphold high standards of animal health and welfare in Singapore.

We work closely with the community and partners across the landscape, horticulture, veterinary and animal sectors to enhance our living environment, build industry capabilities, and achieve Singapore's City in Nature vision.

For more information, visit www.nparks.gov.sg and www.facebook.com/nparksbuzz

About Gardens by the Bay

An integral part of Singapore's "City in Nature" vision, Gardens by the Bay is a national garden and premier horticultural attraction that showcases the best of garden and floral artistry for all to enjoy. Spanning 101 hectares in the heart of Singapore's downtown Marina Bay, it comprises three waterfront gardens – Bay South, Bay East, and Bay Central. Bay South, the largest at 54 hectares, officially opened on 29 June 2012.

Guided by the vision to be a world of gardens for all to own, enjoy and cherish, the Gardens' extensive plant collection, ever-changing floral displays, and myriad of engaging programmes have captured the imagination of many, while its Gift of Gardens community initiative, with Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of the Republic of Singapore as Patron, reaches out to people from all walks of life.

Since opening, Gardens by the Bay has welcomed more than 115 million visitors and garnered numerous international accolades including the eighth top attraction in the world in Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards Best of the Best 2024, Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability at the Singapore Tourism Awards 2024, Best Theme Attraction at TTG Travel Awards 2022 and 2023, and Best Attraction Experience at the Singapore Tourism Awards 2019. The Gardens continues to refresh and refine its offerings, to be a place that everyone can enjoy – a garden where wonder blooms.

For more information, visit www.gardensbythebay.com.sg