



REVISITING THE GARDEN

Months ago, we unveiled a plan for the new garden. It's time to see the progress.

Harvest season incoming

The garden was no longer the freshly tilled soil from months ago. Green plants sprout from the surface, some laden with leaves and flower buds.

"It's one month before the final harvesting season," said Patrick, the Gardening IGL, "Every crop has different harvesting time ... bell pepper came first - in fact, we have harvested most of the bell pepper grown."

Bell pepper was the earliest harvested among the array of crops grown, including chili, kangkung, okra, eggplants and many more. The landscape of the garden has also been changed, including a transplant of the durian sapling to allow more space for growth and expansion of the garden.

Man's best friend: worms?

When discussing about the interest group's first activity, vermicomposting workshop, I couldn't help but ask: what's "vermicomposting"? Tapasya explained, "Vermi" means worms, so 'vermicomposting' means to compost soil with the help of earthworms."

Indeed, earthworms are a common sight in the weekly gardening sessions - and in fact, a signifier for healthy soil. Yet, most people remain squeamish when handling worms, and that was one of the concerns the interest group had for the activity. However, the turnout was encouraging, with near 20 participants joining the interest group for a session of vermicomposting, and to a hearty bowl of fruit salad too!



Unripe green bell peppers grown in the garden. Few flower buds can be seen round the stem of the plant. (Photo: Patrick)



Engaging with people

“Engagement” was the word used by Tapasya, Publicity Representative of the Gardening IG Exco, when describing the interest group’s activities for this semester.

While the crops continue to grow in the garden, the interest group has indeed not been idle. Spearheading ‘first’s in the semester, from hosting a vermicomposting workshop to starting a radish competition, the interest group is determined to make use of this time to hold activities for residents.

The interest group strives to engage with residents in the PH community, welcoming amateurs and professional gardeners alike, to join in the gardening cause and leave their own, unique mark at the garden.



Participant scooping up a handful of freshly composted soil in the workshop. (Photo: Tapasya)

A month in pictures: Beaches and Islands

In February, F&S hosted two events, the Pasir Ris Clean Up Event on 17th February and the Pulau Ubin Cycling Trip on 26th February. In pictures, we reminisce these moments, in which a total of around 40 participants joined us on nature excursions round the east coast of the nation.



A team of participants at Pasir Ris Beach Clean Up Event. (Photo: Zhijing)



First moments at Pulau Ubin: participants with their bikes, right before the cycling journey. (Photo: Brian)



Participants, armed with tongs and gloves, picked up trash during the Pasir Ris Beach Clean Up Event. (Photo: Zhijing)



Group shot in front of Chek Jawa Wetlands, Pulau Ubin. (Photo: Brian)



Fashion Swap is back - physically!

Didn't have the chance to get new clothes through our virtual F&S clothes swapping channel? No worries, we've got your back - Fashion Swap is going physical on 20th March to 21st March 2024, right at PH Foyer!

Expect an array of male and female clothes, complete with a variety of sizes for you to choose from. We have also prepared a fitting room and mirrors, so don't fret on swapping clothes that may not fit you.

At the meantime, in anticipation of the physical event, if you wish to swap any clothes in your closet, do join us at @phfashionswap to put your clothes up for swapping in our virtual channel.

What are you waiting for? Grab your calendars, mark the dates, get your clothes ready - your wardrobe is ready for a brand new makeover!

Sustainability events this month

Event

World Wildlife Day

Date

3 March

Find out more:

<https://wildlifeday.org/en>

Untamed Paths - Pulau Hantu
Evening Exploration

10 March

<https://theuntamedpaths.com/i-e-o/>

Hydrogen Innovation Challenge

11 Mar - 5 Apr

<https://hydrogen.nus.edu.sg/hydrogen-innovation-challenge/>

Singapore Garden Festival
Prelude

14-17 Mar

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

Deep Time Walk

17 March

<https://www.deeptimewalk.org/>

PH Physical Fashion Swap

20 & 21 March

<https://t.me/phfashionswap>