# Selangor & Federal Territory Gardening Society

(Persatuan Perkebunan Selangor dan Wilayah Persekutuan)

The Selangor and Federal Territory Gardening Society (SFTGS) is a non-profit organization run by volunteers to create and promote an interest in gardening and appreciation of our natural environment. The Society provides instruction in all aspects of gardening through talks, discussions, demonstrations and excursions. The Society also helps members in an advisory capacity.

# Historical perspective

The Selangor Gardening Society as it was then known was founded by expatriates long before Merdeka. It became defunct in 1950 due to a lack of local support.

In the late 1960s, a group of garden enthusiasts revived the society, starting off with a very small membership. Activities were then held at members' residences and at the Lake Garden nursery located directly below Carcosa in Swettenham Drive (now known as Persiaran Mahameru).

### Society's Activities

The Executive Committee of SFTGS tries to arrange an activity for every month of the year - sometimes even two in a month. These activities are in the form of talks and outings. For the former, subjects are varied, ranging from talks on various plants or groups of plants to basic gardening and landscaping, and even to floral workshops now and then. As for the outings, these have by far proven to be most popular. They can be one-day trips to visit various places of interest like MARDI, FRIM, nurseries or even gardens set up in complexes and at members' homes. For places further afield, including overseas, a weekend or a few days are normally set aside.

Most activities are held on Saturdays. The venue for talks is either in Petaling Jaya or in Kuala Lumpur. A nominal fee is usually charged to defray the costs of rental.

Other activities include dinners and lunches - e.g. the Annual Dinner and after the Annual General Meeting - and plant exchange or sales. These are organized to further promote the spirit of fellowship among members.

## Green Fingers

Three times a year the Society publishes its official periodical, Green Fingers. Articles are written by members, and include reports of the Society's activities in the past four months, information about certain plants, and tips on gardening. The articles are usually well-illustrated with photographs of flowers and plants.

#### Social Commitments

Every now and then, the Society assumes an advisory role, dispensing advice to independent organizations, NGOs and schools, e.g. on how to set up certain types of gardens. These services are usually rendered free of charge.

#### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee of the Society comprises the President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Programme Secretary and six committee members. Election of office bearers is held once in every two years during the AGM.

The Society welcomes all manner of help and suggestions from members as well as from non-members who are able to contribute towards the knowledge, art and science of gardening, as well as to promote greater interest in growing plants. For indeed:

All things grow with love .....

For more information on SFTGS, please visit our website: sftqs.org.my

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Membership form overleaf; also downloadable from website

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