



Win a home visit by award-winning Australian garden designer Jim Fogarty

Singapore, 28 September 2007 – Home garden lovers alert! Participate in the “Garden Magic with Jim Fogarty” contest and stand a chance to win a home visit by international award-winning garden designer Jim Fogarty who will provide garden design tips and ideas exclusively for your home.

“Garden Magic with Jim Fogarty” is a contest organised by the Singapore Garden Festival (SGF) 2008. The Festival is the first garden show in the world to bring together top award-winning international garden and floral designers under one roof. The inaugural Festival in 2006 met with resounding success and saw more than 200,000 visitors. Next year, the Festival will return from 25 July to 1 August 2008.

Jim Fogarty is a multiple awards winner with several Best of Show and Gold medals at the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show. He was also the first Australian show garden designer to win an award at the acclaimed Chelsea Flower Show organised by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). Jim’s garden design titled *One Country* at SGF 2006 was also awarded Gold and the illustrious RHS Horticultural Award of Excellence. Jim has also hosted a number of gardening TV programmes in Sydney and Melbourne

There are three simple steps for you to participate in “Garden Magic with Jim Fogarty”:

1. SNAP a digital picture of your home garden;
2. CRAFT a brief 100-word writeup on “My Dream Garden”;
3. EMAIL both your picture and the writeup (together with full name, telephone/mobile contact, home address and approximate size of your home garden) to singaporegardenfestival@nparks.gov.sg by midnight on 14 October 2007.



The winner of the contest will gain garden design tips and ideas from Jim in the comfort of your own home. The visit is to be held on Thursday, 1 November 2007¹ during Jim's visit to Singapore in preparation for the 2008 Festival.

The next Festival will see more exhibits, creations and a new business and trade component known as the SGF Expo. More details on SGF 2008 will be provided later this year.

About Singapore Garden Festival 2008

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 geographic location makes the Festival an ideal platform to showcase horticultural and gardening products and services from the northern and southern hemispheres, as well as from Asia and New World nations.

SGF 2008 will see the launch of a trade component titled SGF Expo 2008. Organised as an integral part of the SGF, the SGF Expo will feature a trade exhibition as well as international conference for industry players. While the conference addresses the information needs of the industry players, the exhibition aims to provide an international platform that brings together influencers, buyers and sellers of landscape and horticulture products, equipment and services for the landscaping and horticulture industry.

SGF 2008 will take place at the Suntec City Convention Centre from 25 July to 1 August 2008. The inaugural festival in 2006 attracted 200,000 visitors. For more information on the Festival, visit the website www.singaporegardenfestival.com

National Parks Board (NParks) is responsible for providing and enhancing greenery of the Garden City. Beyond green infrastructure, NParks is committed to enhance the quality of life through creating memorable recreational experiences and lifestyles.

NParks manages more than 300 parks, the park connector network and the lush roadside greenery in Singapore. Some of the parks managed include Singapore Botanic Gardens, Fort Canning



Park, East Coast Park, Bishan Park, Telok Blangah Hill Park and Pulau Ubin Recreation Area. In addition, NParks manages nature reserves such as Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve and Bukit Timah Nature Reserve.

As the scientific authority on nature conservation, NParks monitors and coordinates measures to ensure the health of Singapore's biodiversity.

NParks is also the lead agency in the efforts to continually upgrade the Landscape and Horticulture Industry in Singapore. It works closely with industry partners to promote good work practices and create a thriving, innovative and professional industry that will support Singapore's aspirations of being a City in the Garden.

For more information, log on to: www.nparks.gov.sg

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ⁱ Winner to avail himself/herself on Thursday afternoon, 1 November, for home visit. Other terms and conditions apply. Log on to www.singaporegardenfestival.com for more information