



Roots Of Knowledge At SBG: Free Botanical Art Gallery Exhibition Guide

Description

Roots of Knowledge at the Singapore Botanic Gardens's Botanical Art Gallery is a free exhibition that connects the dots between indigenous plant knowledge and modern botany. It is the kind of show that turns a Sunday wander through SBG into a quietly educational afternoon.

The Botanical Art Gallery is one of the underrated stops inside SBG – air-conditioned, calm, and free to enter.



Source: NParks / Singapore Botanic Gardens

Roots of Knowledge at a glance

- **Venue:** Botanical Art Gallery, Singapore Botanic Gardens.

- **Focus:** The intersection of indigenous plant knowledge and modern botanical research.
- **Format:** Mixed art, specimens and storytelling panels.
- **Cost:** Free entry.
- **Best for:** Curious adults, secondary-school students, casual museum visitors.

Why this exhibition is worth a slow read

Modern botany sits on a long history of plant knowledge held by traditional healers, foragers and farmers across Southeast Asia. Roots of Knowledge maps those connections — naming the people, the practices and the plants that contributed to what we now consider scientific knowledge.

It is a reminder that the field is still learning — and still has things to learn from communities outside the lab.

What to look out for

- **Traditional plant uses** — across medicinal, culinary and craft applications.
- **Modern science crossovers** — pharmacology, conservation, ethnobotany.
- **Regional voices** — Southeast Asian communities and practitioners.
- **Visual material** — botanical illustrations and reference photographs.

Plan the visit

- **MRT:** Botanic Gardens (CC19/DT9) — Tanglin Gate.
- **Combine with:** In Green — Asuka Hishiki, Pressing Plants Matters, Healing Garden, Centre for Ethnobotany.
- **Sketching:** Welcomed.
- **Time needed:** 30-45 minutes.

Add Roots of Knowledge to your next SBG morning — it is one of the most thoughtful free exhibitions in the city.

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