Into the woods

When super Typhoon Mangkhut hit Hong Kong in September, the city’s trees suffered serious damage, with many beautiful species lost. The upside, perhaps, was a renewed awareness of the need to protect the environment and the importance of trees for biodiversity. Asia Society’s new exhibition is inspired by the loss of plant life due to natural disaster.

The interactive, cross-disciplinary summer show explores the importance of trees in Hong Kong’s environment, culture and history. The program includes an art exhibition, music performances, workshops and nature tours, all aimed at raising awareness of forestry and biodiversity. The two-month show opens with a family-oriented Environmental Fun Day on July 6. Various activities such as story-telling, scavenger hunt, origami workshop and wood-carving demonstration will be followed by a chamber music performance of Ode to Trees. Registration required.

IF YOU GO

Hidden Forests
Hosted by Asia Society Hong Kong
Dates: July 6 to Sept 8
Venue: Asia Society Hong Kong Center, 9 Justice Drive, Admiralty https://asiasonline.org

Body of work
An exhibition of drawings, paintings and notebooks of Lee Wen aims to shed light on how this recently deceased performance artist used drawing as the foundation of his art. Dated between 1978 and 2014, the exhibition provides a documentation of Lee’s idea of the body in performance as a political entity and the dynamic it shares with the natural and social world. Videos of Lee’s performances are also on show.

Form Colour Action: Sketchbooks and Notebooks of Lee Wen
Organized by Asia Art Archive
Dates: Until Sept 13

Neon in a new light
Hong Kong’s colorful neon signs are a long-loved feature of the city. Through the lens of photographer Romain Jacquet-Lagrèze, some of these have been transformed into poetry in neon. It’s as if an extra layer of meaning has been added to Chinese characters – an art form that combines visual imagery with language. The photographer’s wife helped him translate the signs to deepen his knowledge of the city and its Cantonese culture.

City Poetry by Romain Jacquet-Lagrèze
Organized by Blue Lotus Gallery
Dates: Until July 14

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