**Interviewee: My landlord**

**1. What do you usually do in the garden? What gardening activities do you enjoy the most? What challenges or difficulties do you face in managing the garden? In your opinion, what is the most important thing about maintaining a garden?**

I usually weed, water, fertilize, pick vegetables, and clean the yard. I also pull out wild weeds. I mostly plant flowers and vegetables, nothing particularly special about gardening, it's just a way to pass the time. I think the main difficulties are pest control and weed removal, as they are harmful to the flowers and vegetables I grow. Also, I lived in an apartment in China, so I didn’t have a garden, nor much experience in maintaining one. I just do it casually here. I think the most important thing is keeping the garden tidy and not letting it get too messy. I don't have high expectations for the garden.

**2. What tools or resources do you use for gardening? (e.g., books, websites, advice from neighbors, etc.) If you need to learn new gardening techniques, how do you usually go about it? (trial and error, advice from friends, online resources, etc.)**

I mainly use a hoe, broom, and bucket to manage the garden. I’m not much of a reader, so I mostly go online to find information, usually on Baidu and Google. There's a local neighbor whose garden looks really nice, and she often comes over to help me. I mostly learn online, and occasionally my neighbor, who is white, will come over and teach me how to manage it. I occasionally exchange tips with nearby neighbors. I just do gardening for my own enjoyment.

**3. Have you ever collaborated with neighbors or friends on garden management? If yes, what was that collaboration like? Do you think sharing gardening experiences or managing gardens together in the community is a meaningful activity? Why?**

No, because gardening is just a hobby for me. The most I do is ask my neighbor to take a look, but they aren’t professionals. We just take care of the garden for fun. I think it’s meaningful, though. I see many locals making their gardens look as beautiful as a park, and it’s nice to look at. I’ve seen those beautiful gardens online, and I’d love to visit them. But I’m older, and I don’t have the energy to make my garden fancy. It’s just my husband and me at home, so we don’t have much motivation to put in the effort.

**4. Do you use your phone or computer to access gardening-related information? If so, what type of information do you usually search for? How do you think technology (like mobile apps) can help with garden management or learning gardening skills?**

Yes, I use Baidu and Google to look up information, and sometimes I browse Douyin (TikTok). I see how other people make their gardens look beautiful, and I’m quite envious, but I don’t have the energy. I mainly look up how to make gardens look nice and tips on pest control and weed removal. I think the online tutorials are quite helpful. They teach me some scientific methods for garden maintenance because a garden can’t be managed as roughly as farming was in the past.

**5. If you had the opportunity, how would you change or improve your garden? How do you think garden management will change in the future?**

If I had more money, I’d like to create a themed garden, like making it lively in spring, full of fruits in autumn, a cool retreat in summer, and clearing weeds in winter. Of course, I’d love to have a beautiful garden. Also, I’ve planted some flowers and plants that I could exchange with neighbors or friends for fruits and vegetables, saving me from having to buy them. I don’t think garden management will change much in the future. Maybe in big farms and gardens in the U.S., management will be more mechanized, but for our backyard gardens, we’ll still have to manage them ourselves. The most I can see is buying more tools or hiring someone to help.