

An invitation to bring healing and community change in response to tragedy

Making the Dream a Reality



Give to the Max Day is Thursday, November 16

Give to the Max Day is Thursday, November 16. With your generous contributions, the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden continues to thrive and be a place for all to honor Philando and keep his legacy alive! If you weren't able to volunteer or make contributions earlier this year, now is your chance to join the movement for peace! Giving is as easy as clicking this link!
www.givemn.org/story/Philando-Castile-Peace-Garden

Botany and Entomology in the Philando Castile Peace Garden



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University of MN Department of Entomology

Fall season is definitely upon us with cold temperatures drawing near. During the dormant months of the garden you can think warm weather by remembering that the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden is not only a wonderful place for reflection, it is a great place to observe your own community ecosystem of plants and insects.

Dr. Elaine Evans, University of Minnesota Extension Educator and Bee Researcher set-up an iNaturalist website so that the community can begin tracking the ecological system in the Garden. When visiting the garden, snap a photo of any plants, pollinators, birds, or other creatures you see using the space. Share your observations on iNaturalist through their app or website and your observations will automatically become part of the Philando Castile Peace Garden record!

Sign up today at iNaturalist and start following the observations, or be one of the first to post your observations!
https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/philando-castile-peace-garden

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Rivers Toward Healing the Hurt

On September 9, 2023, Public Art Saint Paul and the Wakpa Triennial in cooperative support with Valerie Castile, hosted the River Toward Healing the Hurt event at the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden.

Artists Jordan Hamilton and Jayanthi Rajas along with other local artists offered visitors music, poetry, open mic and the opportunity to consider how stronger “networks of mutuality” can help to prevent police violence against African-American men.

The event marked 7 years since Philando Castile was killed, and the number 7 symbolizes restoration and completion.









The Meaning Behind the Sculptures

Have you walked through the Philando Castile Peace Garden and noticed the large metal sculptures? These sculptures are actually West African Adinkra symbols. Each symbol represents its own guiding principle, and most commonly signify a tribute to Philando. Here are two examples, and more will be featured in future newsletters.





Each symbol, carefully selected and constructed holds a powerful message of healing and unity, the mission of the garden.

Follow the Peace Garden on Social Media

Are you following us on social media? You can find the Philando Castile Peace Garden on Facebook and Instagram @philandocastilepeacegarden. Please accept your invitation to these platforms to help bring healing, community change and peace. Learn more about the Peace Garden and get information on upcoming events.

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