

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

Making the Dream a Reality

Welcome & Reflection



October brings shorter days and a shift toward introspection. The Philando Castile Peace Garden, a contemplative gathering site for peace, justice, and healing, remains an ever-present invitation for visitors to pause, reflect, and remember.

Located at the north entrance of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in Falcon Heights, it continues to provide solace through its thoughtful design—winding paths, a cosmogram, symbolic benches, trees, and African Adinkra symbols that speak to peace, unity, endurance, and love.

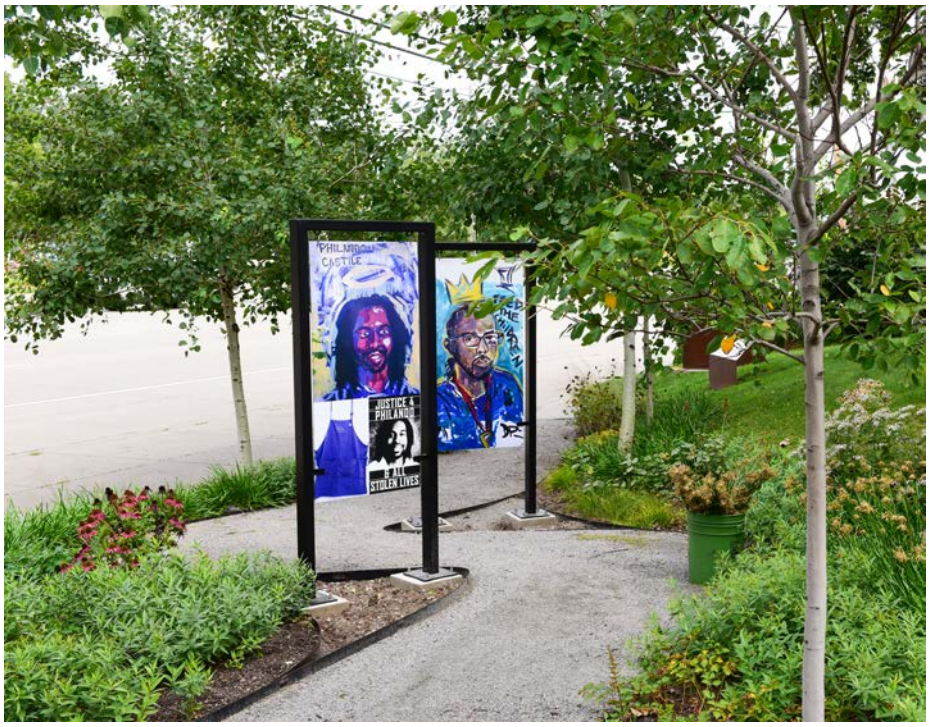
Plan Your Garden Visit

The Peace Garden is open year-round and accessible via Route 61 bus. Cooler

October days offer a peaceful time to visit and sit within the beauty and intention of the space.

Google Maps

ASLA Minnesota Merit Award



The Peace Garden has received a Merit Award in General Design from ASLA Minnesota. The space created in 2016 was to epitomize a sanctuary of reflection, healing and advocacy for justice, dedicated to Philando Castile. The coalition comprised of family and community with a design team transferred a scene of tragedy into a spot of peace that has been acknowledged by the ASLA. Currently selected artwork will be displayed in outdoor installation frames along the garden's pathway, creating a seasonal, evolving exhibition for passer-by and visitors alike.

https://aslamn.org/awards/philando-castile-peace-garden

Meet a Peace Garden Volunteer

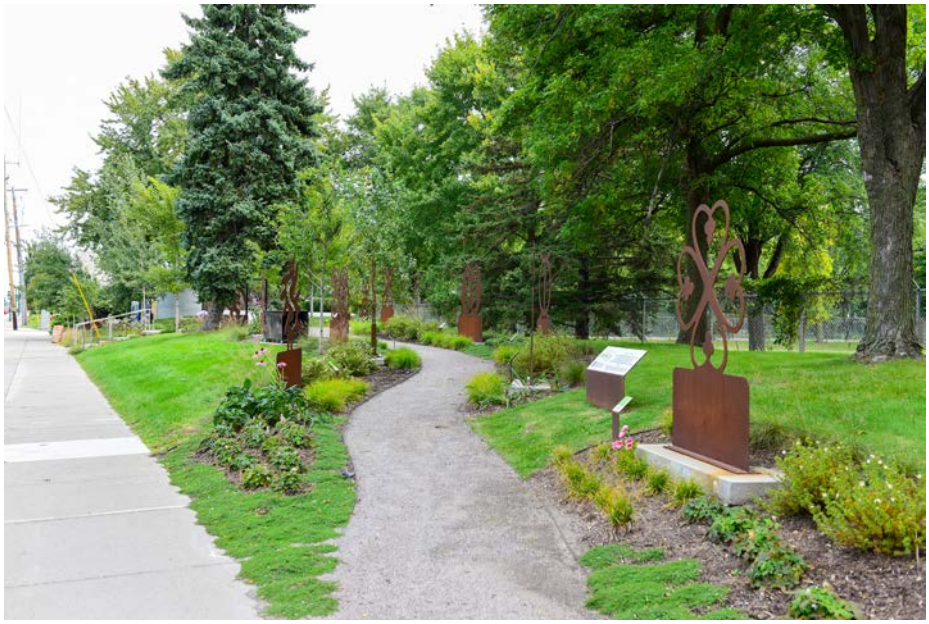


Meet Peace Garden volunteer Laura! From the very beginning, Laura has been a dedicated part of our community. Rain or shine, you'll find her tending the garden—pulling weeds and trimming back ornamental chives (which, if left unchecked, would quickly spread and crowd out other plants). Her skills as a landscaper and gardener help keep the Peace Garden thriving, ensuring every plant has space to grow in balance—just like our community. Thank you for all your hard work, Laura!

Sign up via the Peace Garden's site to help bring these initiatives to life.

https://philandocastile-peacegarden.org/volunteer

Gratitude and a Path Forward



We deeply appreciate all the community members, artists, volunteers, and

especially the cast and organizers—like Valerie Castile, Sue Gehrz, and Sharon Castle—who breathe life, purpose, and healing into this space.

May this October find you inspired to pause, share, and honor Philando's legacy through presence, reflection, and creativity. Thank you for supporting a space rooted in healing, memory, and creative expression. Wishing you warmth and reflection this autumn.

To donate towards the upkeep of the Peace Garden, please visit: https://www.givemn.org/organization/Friends-Of-The-Philando-Castile-Peace-Garden

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How to Stay Connected!

Find the Philando Castile Peace Garden on Facebook, Philando Castile Peace Garden, and Instagram @philandocastilepeacegarden.

Learn more about the Peace Garden and get information on upcoming events. Click here to get started:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/PhilandoCastilePeaceGarden

Share Your Voice

Submit your creative expression—art, reflections, or poems—for our October display. Help shape how the garden continues to speak to hearts.

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/philandocastilepeacegarden

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