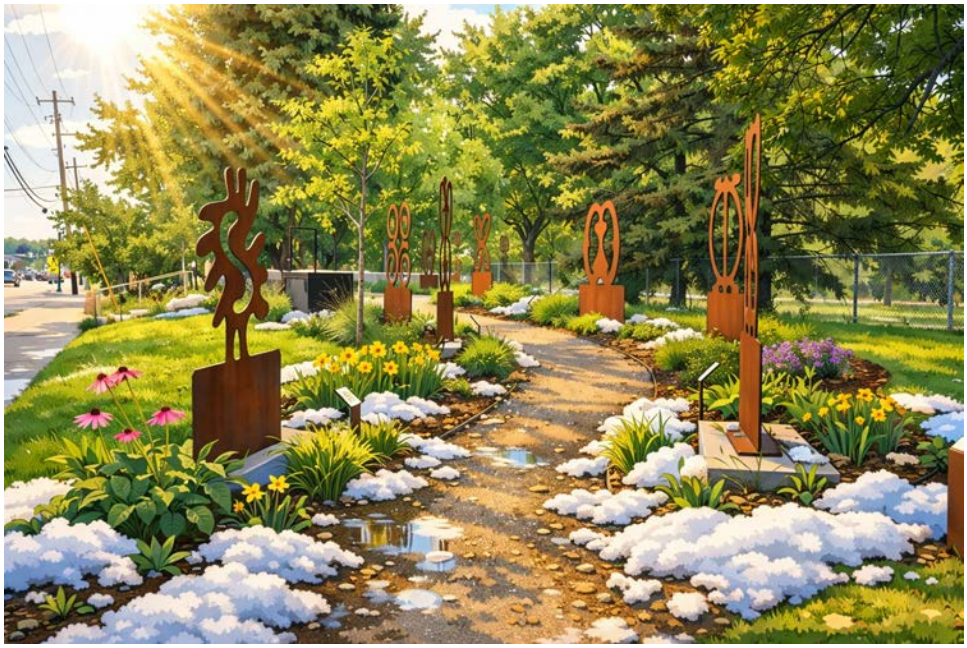


An invitation to bring healing and community change in response to tragedy

Making the Dream a Reality

“In every seed we plant, we choose hope over despair.”
— Anonymous

March at the Peace Garden: Growth, Gathering & Community Care



As winter begins to loosen its grip, March brings a sense of quiet anticipation. Beneath the frozen ground, new growth is already preparing to emerge—just as our community continues to gather, reflect, and move forward together.

This month, we're focusing on preparation and connection: planning for the upcoming growing season, organizing volunteer efforts, and creating space for learning, remembrance, and collective care. Whether you're joining us in the garden, attending an event, or supporting from afar, your presence and support continue to make this space one of healing, resilience, and hope.

Thank you for being part of this community and helping the Peace Garden remain a living space of remembrance and renewal. We look forward to seeing many of you soon as the season shifts.

With gratitude,
The Peace Garden Team

"No Kings" Rally & March — March 28, 2026

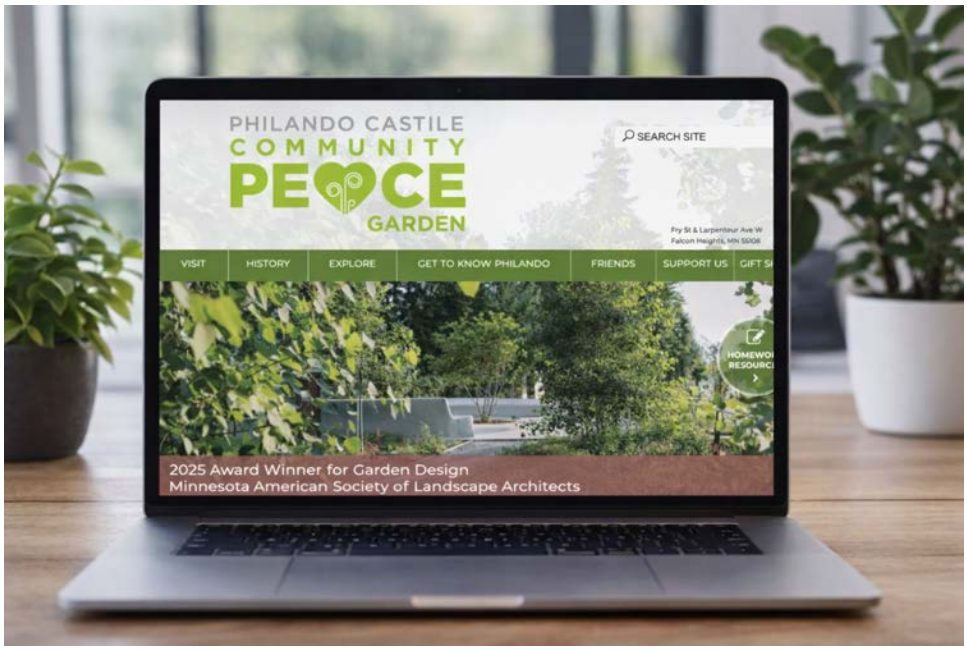


"No Kings Day" in Minnesota is a reminder of a core democratic principle: that power belongs to the people, not to any single authority. It is rooted in the protection of civil liberties — the freedoms of speech, assembly, and peaceful protest that allow communities to express their voices. In the spirit of the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden, this day reflects the importance of non-violent civic engagement, where dialogue, participation, and collective action strengthen a more just, equitable, and compassionate society.

To learn more about an event near you, visit: https://www.nokings.org

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New Philando Castile Community Peace Garden Website!



We're excited to share a preview of the newly updated Philando Castile Community Peace Garden website, currently still under development. We invite you to explore the site and help shape its final launch by sharing your feedback through our survey. Community input is invaluable — please submit your comments by March 31, 2026

View the site in development: https://philandocastile-peacegarden.org/modx

Share your feedback here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8895RY6

Community Volunteer Corner



"The Philando Castile Peace Garden provides an important spot for healing on

many levels. The garden provides a space to process the loss suffered with Philando's killing with layered meaning in the structures and artwork, supporting our community to heal. As the plants of the garden take root and thrive, the land heals and begins to support more diverse life. Bees support plants that feed caterpillars that feed birds. Help us document the natural diversity in the garden by taking photos of plants and animals and sharing them on iNaturalist." — Elaine Evans, Extension educator and Friends of the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden board member

To share images at iNaturalist, visit: https://www.inaturalist.org

If you're interested in being a Philando Castile Peace Garden volunteer, click here: **https://philandocastile-peacegarden.org/volunteer**

Ways to Support



As we head into spring, we invite you to support the continued growth and care of the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden. Your donation helps sustain the plants, programs, and spaces that make the garden a place of healing, education, and connection. Every contribution, large or small — directly nurtures this living memorial, ensuring it remains a vibrant, welcoming space for reflection and renewal. Thank you for helping us cultivate beauty, purpose, and community in the season of new beginnings.

https://philandocastile-peacegarden.org and click "Donate"

Stay Connected!



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

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

Submit your creative expression—art, reflections, or poems, for future display or online media. Help shape how the garden continues to spread the word of peace and justice.

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

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