

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

Making the Dream a Reality



Thank You Minnesota Humanities Center!

The Philando Castile Community Peace Garden received a grant from the Minnesota Humanities Center to plan and design a web-based exhibit. This project deepened the understanding of African American culture and provided various perspectives about injustice, promotion of peace, healing and placemaking for the planning team. The Peace Garden Renewal Committee sincerely thanks the Minnesota Humanities Center for the generous grant that has strengthened the Peace Garden's documented history and will greatly improve its visibility when the web-based exhibit goes live.



Upgraded Design & New Additions Coming Soon

The Philando Castile Community Peace Garden will be receiving some wonderful new updates! The Philando Castile Renewal Committee and the garden's pro-bono consultants are working with Mark Garland Studio to incorporate more seating, additional gardens, additional art displays, and a lighting plan to bring even more light - perfect for an evening stroll through the garden. As the Minnesota weather continues to warm up, those changes will be coming to the garden. Stay tuned!



A Day In History

On March 30, 1870, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was implemented, giving African American men the right to vote. Through peaceful protests, these men were able to overcome adversity and bring the African American community together to fight for freedom. It is on this day that we recognize the amazing sacrifice that the African American community made to ensure justice and secure lifelong voting rights for future generations.



Photo Credit: MN History Center (mnhs.org)

Event – “Franklin: The Legacy Of Peanuts’ First Black Character” Panel

On Saturday, March 2 at 1:00 PM, the Minnesota History Center will be hosting a panel with cartoonist Robb Armstrong, animator and director Raymond Persi, and Peanuts Worldwide Senior VP Melissa Menta to discuss the historical significance and legacy of the first Black character in Peanuts, Franklin. This bold addition in 1968, during a time of civil unrest, paved the way for inclusion and representation.

For more information on this event, please visit www.mnhs.org/events.



Event – Healing Fair For African Americans Or African Descent

The National Alliance on Mental Illness is hosting a healing fair on March 3 from 1:30-4:00 PM. The theme of the event is rest, and includes light refreshments, a panel discussion, and so much more!

For more information, please visit: www.nami.org

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.





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