

Opening of New Temple Gardens

Fulfilling the Promises of Our Faith

We are pleased to announce that four new gardens have recently been opened to the public at the Bahá'í House of Worship in Wilmette as a result of the generous support of the American Bahá'í community for the Kingdom Project, including the restoration and beautification of the Temple. The garden restoration plan includes designs for nine gardens to be restored around the House of Worship. Five of the new gardens will be completed and open to the public by the end of August this year.

Two of these new gardens were unveiled for the joyous festivities of Ridván this year, and an additional two opened at the end of June in conjunction with "Artisan's Appreciation Day" – a celebration hosted by the National Spiritual Assembly to honor the dedicated efforts of the House of Worship restoration team.

The design of each of these gardens is unique and follows the original landscaping plan of the House of Worship, which was never realized due to lack of resources – until today.

These gardens serve as a sanctuary for Bahá'ís and non-Bahá'ís alike – a place where people of all backgrounds and religions can be seen praying and meditating, day and night, in the shadow of our beloved silent teacher, the Mother Temple of the West.

The National Spiritual Assembly offers its deepest gratitude to all the friends who have been sharing in this monumental endeavor to restore what the Guardian deemed as the "holiest House of Worship ever to be raised by the followers of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh."