

# How **YOU** can help to plant the seeds of peace at Ewam's Garden of One Thousand Buddhas

Saturday, May 24 & 31 and June 14 & 21 10am-5pm



## A Special Message from Tulku Sang-ngag Rinpoche on the Benefits of Offering Flowers:

"The offering of a single flower in the auspicious place of this Garden would be the same as offering to a thousand Buddhas and thus this simple action can definitely lead to the accumulation of great merit for every sentient being. Moreover, as the flowers will be planted very carefully, you have the chance of multiplying your merits when it grows back every year."

### Opportunities to Sponsor Flowers and Plants:

There are 4 horseshoe areas of flower beds inside the Garden surrounding the Buddha throne walls left to be sponsored and planted. If you look at the photo above, the 4 eastern quadrants are completed and the 4 western quadrants are yet to be planted. The total number of flowers and plants needed to fill these 4 areas is 4,800, or 1,200 per area. Sponsor an entire quadrant at \$8,000 and receive a plaque in your name. There are also 8 rim-of-the-wheel beds needing 100 plants each available to be sponsored at \$3,000 each. Total goal is 5,600 plants or \$56,000 to finish planting all the flowers. Sponsor at [www.ewambuddhagarden.org/donate/sponsor-a-tree](http://www.ewambuddhagarden.org/donate/sponsor-a-tree).

### Opportunities to Plant the Flowers and Plants in the Garden:

Join the Ewam volunteer team for four days of planting and teachings led by Namchak Khenpo and Khenpo Ugyen Wangchuk. Saturday May 24th & 31st and June 14th and 21st you are invited to enjoy free Buddhist teachings and be involved in planting the flower beds which line the throne walls of the Buddhas. There are so many ways to help:

- ❖ Sponsor any number of plants or flowers through the website or mail a check (memo: flowers).
- ❖ Offer flowers and plants from your own garden \*See BELOW for best types of flowers/plants.
- ❖ Bring your own plants and flowers and *plant them yourself* in the Garden.

*\*Medium to large, well rooted, low maintenance, full-sun plants, either from your own garden or purchased at a nursery, are very much appreciated! Native and near-natives are preferred, but we are happy to accept any healthy perennial plants and ground covers. Please avoid sending species that can be overly invasive, or plants that are too tender to tolerate our Zone 4-5 conditions. Some examples of plants to bring are gaillardia, iris-siberian, lupine, catmint, shasta daisy, columbine, bleeding heart, coreopsis, rudbeckia, and echinacea. Grasses needed include blue fescue. Shrubs include barberry (cherry bomb or golden) dwarf mugo pine and gold flame spirea.*

Bring a bagged lunch, sunscreen, water bottle, gloves & hat, and any hand tools you may have. Each day's schedule will begin at 10am with a short teaching by the Khenpos followed by a couple of hours of planting. After a quick lunch break, the Khenpos will offer a guided tour of the Garden from 1-2pm. Afterwards, another planting session will take place for a few hours. The day will conclude with a group meditation session and dedication of merit. Let us know you are coming and what flowers you will bring at [volunteer@ewam.org](mailto:volunteer@ewam.org).

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