



The 24th Peace Lantern Floating Ceremony Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki Aug. 1945

WHERE: East picnic shelter at Silver Lake

WHEN: Thursday, August 6th, 7pm

If heavy rain, Sunday, Aug. 9th

What: Gather to make lanterns. kits and instructions for making lanterns will be provided.

7:45pm: Ceremony and lantern floating at sunset

SPEAKERS: Mayor Ardell Brede & Richard Van Dellen, M.D.

MUSIC: Campfire II & Omni Drummers

Molly Kiley reading “Thousand Cranes”

Why: As it enters Hiroshima, the Ohta River splits into six fingers. It was to these waters that tens of thousands fled seeking shelter from the flames of the atomic bomb on August 6, 1945. It is here each August that people gather, as they do in Nagasaki three days later, to float lanterns and to remember: never again.

In Rochester we remember those days to remind ourselves of what we are capable of doing. Nuclear weapons are capable of destroying the world’s civilization. We are capable of preventing that destruction. We gather to remind ourselves that the choice is ours.

To do: The Hiroshima-Nagasaki Declaration of Nobel Peace Laureates:
“Eliminating nuclear weapons is indeed a possibility—more than that, it is a fundamental necessity in forging a more secure planet for us all.”(May 17, 2009)

http://www.jorpsjomapeacemedia.jp/mediacenter_d/en/hiroshima-nagasaki/

Dr. Joseph Gerson (Director of Program of the American Friends Service Committee in New England): “We need to help President Obama fulfill his stated commitment to abolition. Sunday, May 2, 2010 has been designated **International Action Day for a Nuclear Free World** and will feature a mass international demonstration and a rally in New York City,” (May 21, 2009)

<http://www.commondreams.org/view/2009/05/21-1>