



One Sunny Day Initiatives

*Working toward a nuclear weapons-free world through education;
promoting peace, hope & reconciliation.*

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI BOMBINGS FAST APPROACHES – WITH IMPORTANT MEMORIAL EVENTS

Dear OSDI Friends and Supporters,

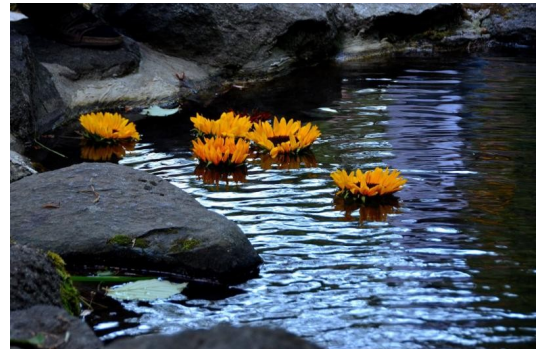
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Seventy-five years ago, events of unimaginable destruction occurred on our planet. The United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and a new era was ushered in. Hundreds of thousands of civilians were either killed or wounded, with effects continuing through generations to this day.

Spiritual teacher and healer Carolyn Myss likens these events to the unleashing of Prometheus' fire. We created a stunningly powerful weapon, but we still lack the advanced maturity and spirituality we need – to survive it. This threat has hung over us for 75 years, although sometimes fading into the background. The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists warned us in January when they reset the Doomsday Clock to 100 Seconds to Midnight, that we are dangerously closer than ever to catastrophe.

We would like to invite you to participate in some of the many local, national and global events commemorating the 75th anniversary and calling us to work ever more diligently in reducing and then eliminating these threats to life as we know it. Attention and advocacy are sorely needed.

Locally, there will be one public, in-person ceremony of remembrance and re-dedication on Thursday, August 6 at 8 a.m. on the entrance lawn of Lithia Park in Ashland. There will be ample space for physical distancing, and attendees are requested to wear masks. All victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings will be commemorated, as well as those from nuclear testing, production, mining and contamination. More information is available on the Peace House [calendar](#) and website at [peacehouse.net](#).



OSDI has joined with numerous community and faith organizations to cosponsor this 35th annual event, and provide resources for online opportunities for education and action. Peace and nuclear disarmament activities will continue locally through October 24, the 75th anniversary of United Nations Day. The press release may be found [here](#).



A national coalition has come together to share and promote online speaker-events on August 6 and 9 at the *Still Here* website [www.hiroshimanagasaki75.org](#). There will be highlights from local events, stories of survivors and a look toward a future free from nuclear threats. You can register there to receive an invitation to join, see the speaker list, and sign the Hibakusha Appeal. **OSDI Founder**

Hideko Tamura Snider will be speaking on Sunday August 9 at 3 pm PST.

Note: online events are listed for Eastern Standard Time (EST), so adjust for your local time.

The **Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility** (Portland) will livestream their annual event on August 6 at 6 p.m. “75 Years Later Is Now: Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Ending the Nuclear Threat” https://www.oregonpsr.org/save_the_date_august_6th_hiroshima_nagasaki_75th_anniversary_memorial

Ceremonies in Hiroshima and Nagasaki will also be livestreamed. (Time difference of 16 hours between Japan Time and Pacific Standard Time.)

For **Hiroshima**, on **August 5 at 4 p.m PST**, go to <https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/english/175828.html>

For **Nagasaki**, on **August 8 at 7 p.m. PST**, go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDNGH88Z8fcQ-OH5VA6yIVg>

Hideko's 2020 Journeys

Despite the onset of the epidemic and her advancing age, Hideko braved two trips to fulfill speaking commitments made last year. In March, she flew to Washington D.C. and faced her demon: *the Enola Gay*, the plane that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima. Last fall, Pulitzer Prize author Mitch Weiss interviewed her for inclusion in his new book *Countdown 1945* and requested her winter appearance in a promotional documentary. Just before, she learned Weiss' had a co-author, Chris Wallace, who would be interviewing her and broadcasting the program on Fox News.



Open to reaching new and wider audiences, she participated, only to learn afterwards that the authors had ignored many original source documents and much historical analysis, repeating misleading information about the use of atomic weapons.

Later in March, Hideko traveled to Indiana University to speak at the Hiroshima Symposium 2020. Engaged participation by students made it one of the most gratifying experiences in which she has engaged. Her talk “Hibakusha Testimony: Hiroshima 1945 to the U.S. 2020” can be found at the [Indiana Universities site](#). Other presentations by Hideko can be found at [our site](#).

Green Legacy Hiroshima Project

As we reported in our [January newsletter](#), we were so excited anticipating the plantings and dedications of over 100 of our Green Legacy Hiroshima Peace Trees in 2020! These are the now 3 year old saplings germinated from seed gathered from legacy trees that survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Unfortunately, the pandemic required the postponement of most dedications.



Over 45 ginkgos and persimmons have been planted (or soon will be) across the state of Oregon in 31 different communities, by 40 sponsoring groups. A similar number of camphors have been planted in central and northern California. Another 25 were sent to Georgia for distribution, and other GLH trees found homes in Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Wisconsin.



*Skyrman Arboretum
Central Point, OR*

Locally, Mike Oxendine will plant Ashland's special ginkgo on August 6 near the Eternal Flame at the Thalden Peace Pavilion. The public will be invited to a future dedication and plaque unveiling when it is safe. Talent likewise hopes to plant a ginkgo and persimmon in October at Chuck Roberts Park; a public ceremony will be announced when that becomes possible.

Many trees have already been planted in the Rogue Valley, awaiting public dedications: at Skyrman Arboretum and Crater High School Land Lab in Central Point, at Klamath Union High School in Klamath Falls, at Medford Congregational Church of Christ in Medford, and at John F. Fleming Memorial Park in Rogue River. You can share in our excitement by checking out photos, videos and news articles of many of these celebrations on [our website](#) and at the Oregon Department of Forestry's [Urban Forestry page](#).

We want to thank [Oregon Community Trees](#) members and Oregon Department of Forestry colleagues for their tremendous help caring for, distributing and tracking so many of the trees placed in Oregon. OCT also provided OSDI a generous grant. Working with Tree Cities USA, they found sponsors from the Pacific coast to eastern Oregon, and from the Columbia River south to the California border. Using the ODF map, residents and travelers will be able to view these living ambassadors of resilience and hope. Though these sites are public, please observe any restrictions local institutions or jurisdictions might have, especially during this time of COVID-19.

We wish for you good health and resilience in these challenging times. There are many pathways to creating a world free of nuclear weapons – we appreciate what each of you is doing. Thank you for your continuing support.



*Medford Congregational United Church of Christ
Medford, OR*

Sincerely,

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