

TEXT for a WILPF eALERT : WILPFers will never forget the dreadful bombings of HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI . Branches commemorate the 76th anniversaries with virtual and in-person events.

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Last August 2020 **many WILPF branches** held events and did activities to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the A-bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. WILPFers will continue this sad tradition around the 6th and 9th of August this year, as a way of reminding ourselves why we work so hard to abolish nuclear weapons.

Here is a link to last year's resource materials with 3 ideas that can help you plan for activities this year - https://wilpfus.org/sites/default/files/docs/3-ActivitiesCommemorateH%26NBombs6_9Aug.pdf

We note these 2021 WILPF branch actions and events that have come to our attention, by State.

CALIFORNIA

Fresno, CA. WILPF Fresno: 8am 6th August at the Peace Garden, CA State University Fresno with speakers & 11am 9th August at the Shinzen Friendship Garden, Woodward Park, Fresno, with speakers

17th Annual Hiroshima-Nagasaki Remembrance and Peace Lantern Ceremony Sat, Aug 7, 2021, 7pm-9pm Pacific Time Lovers Point Beach Cove, **Pacific Grove, CA**, Keynote speaker, Joe Aki Ouye, artist, hibakusha. **WILPF Monterey County.** PDF flyer: <https://peacecentral.files.wordpress.com/2021/06/2021-peace-lantern-event-flyer.pdf>

Co-sponsored by **WILPF :** <http://www.trivalleycares.org/new/Save-the-Date-Aug-6-and-9-2021-FNL.pdf> Gather outside main gate **Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Livermore CA** at 9am PDT on 6 & 9 August, featuring nuclear analyst and whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, Nagasaki A-bomb survivor Nobu Hanaoka, and an amazing line-up of speakers and musicians dedicated to the abolition of nuclear weapons.

The WILPF **Humboldt** branch is again joining the city of Arcata, Humboldt Buddhist peace fellowship, Vets for Peace, and more in a lantern floating ceremony on Saturday August 7 starting at 7pm. See <https://arcatalanternfloatingceremony.org/>. We will be particularly remembering our member Jene McCovey, Yurok, who was an activist many causes and who spoke at our ceremony last year.

Peninsula/Palo Alto CA WILPF members and community peace activists vigil with signs and banners at the busy intersection of El Camino and Embarcadero in Palo Alto every Friday from noon-1pm, and on August 6 we stand in silent vigil from noon to 2pm commemorating the Hiroshima/Nagasaki bombings, and our signs urge the U.S. and other nuclear powers to sign the TPNW and transfer funds from the military to human needs. We will be displaying some of the 1000 remaining paper cranes from our July/August 2020 installation of 2080 paper peace cranes outside a local art gallery. We will garland trees and crossing poles at the busy corner with cranes and hand others out to pedestrians with a flyer about WILPF. Watch this video to learn how 2080 cranes were made and displayed by local residents: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkWL_AnePpQ

IOWA

Friday, Aug. 6; 7:00 PM at the Japanese Bell (just south of Capitol in **Des Moines**) *Moving Beyond Suffering to Hope- No More Nukes*. A remembrance & memorial service co-sponsored by WILPF, to include reflections, poetry, music, and the traditional ringing of the bell & placement of flowers. Please bring your own flower & chair. Rain location is Wesley United Methodist Church, 800 E. 12 Des Moines. Sun. Aug. 8; 1:30- 3:00 PM *Teach-in & Action session* First Unitarian Church, 1800 Bell Ave. DM. Zoom presentations to be followed by local responses. *Global Zero* will share their campaign to secure international commitments to a *No First Strike* policy. The *National Iranian American Council* will present an update on the status of the reinstatement efforts of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The presentation will include information about the impact of sanctions on the Iranian people.

MAINE

In commemoration of Hiroshima/Nagasaki (From Hiroshima to Fukushima) WILPF's **MAINE** branch offers, online, the movie *The Atom: A Love Affair*, exploring the Legacy of the Nuclear Industry. Answering Gensuikin's call for #PeaceWave2021, http://www.antiatom.org/english/world_conference/peacewave.html, the screening will be held Aug. 2 - Aug 9. During these days of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games this documentary is particularly timely. In the face of an unchecked, devastating Covid-19 outbreak and amidst local protests, Tokyo is 200 miles south of a wasted Fukushima plant and 500 miles north of Hiroshima.

A sweeping story of technological obsession, political imperatives and powerful, conflicting passions, *'The Atom: A Love Affair'* is an ambitious international feature documentary spanning more than 7 decades and 5 different countries, exploring the West's rollercoaster love-hate relationship with nuclear power since the end of World War 2. Directed by Vicki Lesley and narrated by Lily Cole, this important feature documentary explores the history of arguably the most controversial energy source of the 20th century. Please join us to screen this 90 min. film in your home. The ticket fee is covered by Maine WILPF members (we suggest a donation of any size to support the remarkable filmmaker.) Available from Aug. 2-9. Register and view on your own time: <https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/atom-film-maine>. (<https://fb.me/e/1yC0tZBUP>)

NORTH CAROLINA

Vigil to Commemorate the Victims of the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Sponsored by **WILPF** and the Western NC Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility

When: Friday, August 6th, 4:00 - 6:00pm Location: site of Vance Monument In Downtown Asheville

VERMONT

The WILPF **Burlington** Branch, Vermont International Film Festival, and Burlington City Arts is sponsoring a Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorative event on Thursday, August 5th at the City Hall Park between College St. and Main St. in Burlington, VT. The event will start at 1 pm, and there will be activities for both youth and adults, including painting for peace, origami crane folding, sidewalk chalk drawing, a penny spending survey, the telling of the Sadako story, and information & resources table. At 7:30pm Dr. John Reuwer will lead a discussion on the risks of nuclear weapons and the possibilities for eliminating them. From 8:15 to 10:00 pm, we will show the classic film, *Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*.

An action all WILPFers can do no matter where you live: HOPE is encouraging organizations, high-profile individuals, and families around the world to honor victims and demonstrate support for a world without nuclear weapons by folding a paper crane and sharing photo of it on your social media August 6-9 with the hashtag #CranesForOurFuture. The Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture and President of HOPE Hidehiko Yuzaki announces the campaign to the Japanese media here <https://hiroshimaforpeace.com/en/cranesforourfuture/> before the opening of the Tokyo Olympics. **If you're interested in joining the effort, [please fill out this form](#).**

ONLINE CALENDARS WHERE YOU WILL FIND MANY OTHER EVENTS SPONSORED BY OUR ALLIES

The national **Physicians for Social Responsibility website** is hosting a calendar of events all over the USA to commemorate the 76th anniversaries of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, go here https://www.psr.org/calendar/tag_ids~111/ to see the latest list, and to post your event.

The Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance (OREPA) is hosting a site for resources about the TPNW: <https://orepa.org/resources-for-actions-in-the-age-of-the-ban-treaty/> Resources being added daily.