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**Syracuse Peace Council, 914Works, and Bishop Harrison Center Announce
August Events for a Nuclear Free World**

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Current threats of nuclear war emphasize the importance of remembering the atrocities of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, initiating this age of nuclear terror. Current weapons are hundreds of times more powerful than the Hiroshima and Nagasaki weapons. We must work for a nuclear free future if we are to have a future at all.

The August events listed below increase awareness, commitment and action toward this goal:

Sunday August 6, 2017 (Hiroshima Day):

Family Potluck Picnic with crafts, dance lessons, and lantern floating
Bring a dish to share; thanks also to With Love Burma Restaurant and Wegmans for donations
Thornden Park Lily Pond, Syracuse
Free, All are invited.
5pm to dusk

Weds. Aug. 9, 2017 (Nagasaki Day)

Solemn Procession with props
Everyone is invited to join in.
Start behind City Hall Commons, Washington and Warren Streets, Syracuse
11:30 gather; 12pm step off. About 1pm end at Everson Plaza.

***Present tense: Selections from “The A-Bomb and Humanity”**

This exhibit will begin divided in two locations (see below). After August 23 the full exhibit will continue at the Bishop Harrison Center until September 8. Exhibits free and open to the public

Weds. Aug 9

***Present tense: Selections from “The A-Bomb and Humanity”**

Photo and art exhibit
Opening at Bishop Harrison Center. Refreshments served.
1342 Lancaster Ave, Syracuse
1pm – 6pm: Opens following downtown procession. Drop in when you can
Exhibit continues until September 8, 2017

Thursday, August 10

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Photo and art opening at 914Works

914 E. Genesee St, Syracuse

6-8pm. Refreshments served; Introduction by Diane Grimes and Diane Swords

The exhibit continues from Aug. 10 to Aug. 19, 1-4pm Tuesday through Saturday

Tuesday, August 15

Don't Bank on the Bomb

914Works at 914 E. Genesee St.

7-9pm. Free. All are invited.

Presentation by Syracuse Cooperative Federal Credit Union and Hansen's Advisory Service:
How to move your money from banks or investments that support nuclear weapons

Wednesday, August 16

The Atomic Bombing Exposed (videos)

914Works at 914 E. Genesee St.

7-9pm. Free. All are invited.

4 brief videos followed by discussion

Interviews with Hibakusha (Bomb survivors)

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"The A-Bomb and Humanity" is a set of 40 panels which depict in photographs and drawings the reality of human suffering created when the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were destroyed by atomic bombs at the end of World War II. In an effort to promote peace and move public opinion towards the elimination of nuclear weapons, a survivors' (Hibakusha) organization* produced the panels and Japanese consumer co-op unions** have disseminated them throughout Japan and the world.

*Nihon Hidankyo is the national organization of A-bomb survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (Hibakusha) in Japan. Founded in 1956, it is dedicated to the elimination of nuclear weapons and prevention of a nuclear war; it brings together Hibakusha organizations from all 47 Japanese prefectures.

**This particular set of panels was given by the Japanese Consumer Co-operative Union to University of Kentucky professor Andrew Grimes who was researching co-ops and had visited Japan. The panels were shown in Lexington Kentucky in the 1990s and Grimes brought them out of retirement as their message is especially relevant in 2017. Diane Grimes, who teaches in SU's Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies, brought the panels to be shown in Syracuse.

See events on Syracuse Peace Council Facebook page.