

SUNDAY August 2

Telling the Story of the Bomb

AN EVENING WITH GAR ALPEROVITZ

7:00pm
East Tennessee History Center Auditorium
600 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN



Telling the story of the Bomb will be a critical part of the Manhattan Project National Park established last year by Congress.

Gar Alperovitz, author of **The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb: The Architecture of an American Myth**, will present the historical context of the decision drawn from his decades-long research into the political and military record.

The presentation is free and open to the public and will be followed by a moderated discussion.

MONDAY August 3

Speaking of the Bomb Today

THE URGENCY OF NOW: A PASTORAL LETTER FROM RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN EAST TENNESSEE

1:00pm
Market Square
Knoxville, TN

The proposal to spend more than \$6 billion to build a new nuclear weapons production facility in Oak Ridge provides an opportunity for reflection and decision for people of faith.

Leaders from East Tennessee faith communities will release a Pastoral Letter addressing the continued production of nuclear weapons at the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, calling all people to consider their responsibility to address the existential threat of nuclear weapons and the moral dimension of participation in the production of weapons of mass destruction.

TUESDAY August 4

Creating the Dream of Peace

THE PROMISE OF A THOUSAND CRANES

10:00am
Market Square
Knoxville, TN

The origami crane has become the symbol of dreams of peace around the world—drawn from the story of Sadako Sasaki, survivor of the Hiroshima bombing, who developed leukemia when she was twelve years old.



According to custom, folding 1,000 cranes granted one's wish—Sadako died before completing her mission, but millions of people since have folded cranes to add their wishes for a world free of nuclear weapons to hers.

On August 4, OREPA members invite you to join us in Market Square to fold 1,000 cranes—we'll have paper and directions and offer hands-on help. All you need to do is bring your fingers. We'll start at 10:00am and fold for as long as it takes!

THURSDAY August 6

Remembering Hiroshima: Never Again!

NAMES AND REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

6:00 - 9:00am
East Bear Creek Entrance
Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex
Intersection of Scarboro & Bear Creek Road
Oak Ridge, TN

A solemn morning ceremony combines the reading of names of victims of the August 6, 1945 destruction of Hiroshima, Japan by the Little Boy atomic bomb—fueled with Highly Enriched Uranium produced at the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Plant in Oak Ridge—with first hand accounts of witnesses to the bomb along with poetry and readings reflecting the prayers of the hibakusha—*Never Again!*



Readings are punctuated by the tolling of a peace bell and tying cranes on the fence.

Everyone is welcome. Come when you can; read if you'd like; leave when you must.

FRIDAY August 7

Hungry for Disarmament

A DAY-LONG FAST FOR NUCLEAR ABOLITION

all day



Around the globe, people are renouncing food as part of a fast for nuclear abolition. Fasting is a discipline of self-denial that permits one to focus energy on something other than food—in this case the universal desire to live free from the threat posed by nuclear weapons.

The global fast for nuclear disarmament is being held from August 6 - 9. OREPA is encouraging people to observe the fast on Friday, August 7. Perhaps you could spend lunchtime writing and sending a letter to the editor of your local paper asking why billions are being spent on modernizing nuclear weapons while millions go hungry.

You can observe the fast wherever you are.

FRIDAY August 7

Creating the Peace We Seek

NONVIOLENCE WORKSHOP

1:00 - 5:00pm
Church of the Savior
934 N Weisgarber Rd
Knoxville, TN 37909

Brush up your nonviolence skills and enjoy an afternoon with a great group of people in preparation for the August 8 peace rally and action in Oak Ridge. Training for peacekeepers will be included.



FRIDAY August 7

Celebrating the Power Of Nonviolence

AN EVENING WITH TRANSFORM NOW PLOWSHARES

7:00pm
Church of the Savior
934 N Weisgarber Rd
Knoxville, TN 37909

Join Greg Boertje-Obed, Megan Rice and Michael Walli for an evening of celebration and conversation.

SATURDAY August 8

NO! to the UPF Bomb Plant

A RALLY FOR PEACE AND A MARCH AND ACTION FOR DISARMAMENT

11:00am
Amphitheater
Alvin K. Bissell Park
Corner of Tulane Avenue & Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN

Music by the Emancipators, a skit by the Catalystica Players, updates on nuclear plans for Oak Ridge, distinguished speakers, songs we'll all sing and more, beginning at the park at 11:00am. Bring your lunch, a chair or blanket if you want, sunscreen and maybe an umbrella.

Between 1:30 and 2:00, we will march from Bissell Park to the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex (1.75 miles) where we will demonstrate with peace cranes and say NO! to the \$6.5 billion Uranium Processing Facility proposed for Y12.

All OREPA events are free; everyone is welcome.

No drugs or alcohol.

Nonviolent in tone as well as action.

If you are not able to abide by these standards, please do not attend the event.

SUNDAY August 9

Remembering Nagasaki

PEACE LANTERN CEREMONY

8:15pm
Sequoyah Hills Park
west end parking lot,
Cherokee Drive
Knoxville, TN



Music, litanies, Buddhist drumming and chanting and peace lanterns—with traditional Japanese dancing if we can arrange it—close the commemorative week with a remembrance of the destruction of Nagasaki, Japan on August 9, 1945 by a second US atomic bomb.

Children will have a chance to decorate their own peace lantern and everyone will have an opportunity to launch a lantern into the Tennessee River in keeping with the Japanese tradition of honoring the dead and setting our dreams and hopes for a peaceful future afloat.