

## **Hiroshima Nagasaki Commemoration Wednesday, August 9, Victoria**

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Event: - Esquimalt Gorge Park,

The Vancouver Island Peace and Disarmament Network and the Physicians for Global Survival present Victoria's annual commemoration of the horrors perpetrated by nuclear arms in Hiroshima and Nagasaki 72 years ago.

The Hon. Judith Guichon will be present and introduce special guest speaker RUDI HOENSON, a well-known Nagasaki survivor and local philanthropist, who will read his poem, "Atomic Lament".

Mere weeks ago, on July 7, 122 countries adopted the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in New York, its goal a total worldwide elimination of nuclear weapons. It is a profound demonstration of the increasing global discontent with the existence of nuclear weapons.

The Hiroshima Nagasaki Commemoration is a free family event featuring lantern – making, all materials supplied, from 6:30-7:00pm. The Hiroshima/Nagasaki Art Exhibition; performances by the Nikkei Society-Furusato Dancers and the Getting Higher Choir; and culminating with the traditional release of lanterns as a prayer for peace.

For decades, the Victoria Raging Grannies have conducted the Hiroshima Commemoration and shared their irreverent wit and compassionate purpose with thousands. This year, they graciously passed the baton to the Vancouver Island Peace and Disarmament Network to carry their cause forward.

### **HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI REMEMBERED**

Wednesday, August 9 6:30 PM – 9 PM

Esquimalt Gorge Park

1070 Tillicum Rd., Esquimalt, Coast Salish

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