



5th Annual Parade & Festival For the United Nations International Day of Peace September 18, 2011

CHILDREN'S PEACE POSTER EXHIBIT AT WAILOA ART & CULTURAL CENTER, HILO
September 2-29, 2011

HAWAII-THE BIG ISLAND—The Wailoa Art & Cultural Center in Hilo will open a colorful new exhibit of creative children's Peace Posters on Friday, September 2, in its Fountain Gallery. Selected from hundreds of entries from previous years, the collection is provided by the Peace Committee of Honokaa Honpa Hongwanji as an outreach for their annual Parade & Festival for the United Nations International Day of Peace (taking place this year on Sunday, September 18).

An opening reception on September 2 kicks off the exhibit, from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited to come and enjoy the children's posters and meet some of the artists and their families. Afterwards, their work will be on display from September 2-29, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday from noon to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. (For additional information about the Center please call 933-0416 or email wailoa@yahoo.com).

This year's 2011 Peace Poster Contest welcomes entries from students in grades kindergarten through 12, willing to take time to express their thoughts on the theme "Peace means..." by Friday, September 9, 2011. The contest is free to enter, and cash prizes are awarded to the winners in several categories. Detailed information is available at: www.peacedayparade.org On Sunday, September 18, the Peace Day Parade steps off at 11 a.m. from Honokaa High School and down Mamane Street. A "moving stage" of music, dance and entertainment with a message, the parade features taiko drums, marching bands, bon dance, jazz, rock & roll, hula and more.

Concurrently, a Peace Day Festival takes place at the Honokaa Sports Complex from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with great local and ethnic foods, artists and crafters, live entertainment and a large community Bon Dance for everyone to join.

The Peace Committee is also planning its first ever 5K "Peace Run," (Details coming soon to www.peacedayparade.org), support programs for the Carteret Atoll education projects, and other peace-related events continuing throughout the month of September.

On Thursday, September 22, the Sakura Ensemble will perform a concert of peace music at Honokaa Library at 6 p.m., sponsored by the Friends of Hamakua Libraries and the Peace Committee.

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For more information visit www.PeaceDayParade.org or email info@peacedayparade.org

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