

Weaving for Peace **May 1- 31, 2007**

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Salt Spring Island – An opportunity on Salt Spring Island to weave a banner of peace to be shared with the people of Hiroshima and around the world.

During the month of May, Terri Bibby is inviting the people of Salt Spring to help weave banners for peace. Terri will be taking these banners to Japan for an exhibition in Hiroshima at the Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum called “SAORI Peace Weave 2007”. The exhibit will be on display from August 7 – 12, 2007 during their annual commemorative event.

A SAORI loom will be set up with many colours of yarn. As each person chooses threads and yarns and weaves a portion of the banner along with their thoughts, hopes, dreams and prayers for peace, a beautiful and colourful peace banner will be created.

SAORI weaving is very simple and no experience in weaving is required. People of all ages and abilities are invited to participate. This style of weaving originated in Japan – the 'SA' is from a Zen word meaning 'everything has its own individual dignity' and 'ORI' means weaving.

“The SAORI way is to weave friendships as we weave fabric. SAORI bridges differences between people, and celebrates both our variety and our common humanity.”

Terri facilitated the weaving of a 30-foot long SAORI peace banner last year at the World Peace Forum in Vancouver, where over 100 people contributed to the weaving. This Peace Banner is now on display at the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre in Vancouver.

Terri will be at the new Sustainability Centre & I-SEA office in downtown Ganges (124 Lower Ganges Road) from 10-2 on Wednesdays throughout the month of May. Terri will also be taking her SAORI loom to meetings of island groups who have expressed interest in participating. Please contact Terri if you are interested in having your group participate.

The banner project will be on-going until the end May and the finished banner(s) will delivered to Hiroshima, Japan in June. SAORI studios around the world are participating in this exhibition and this is a chance for Salt Spring to be part of this expression of peace.

Who Should Attend?

Parents, children, families, groups and individuals - anyone who believes there is a need for peace in our world.

Terri's SAORI Salt Spring Studio is a certified SAORI Pioneer Coaching Site where she offers weaving workshops, classes and retreats. You can reach Terri at terri@saltspringweaving.com or 537-8813.

For more information on dates and times check her website at: www.saltspringweaving.com.