

La Selva Beach peace monument dedication set

LA SELVA BEACH — The work of a group of La Selva Beach residents has reached fruition with the completion and dedication of the Peace Monument in Triangle Park in La Selva Beach. The dedication, scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 16, will begin with a 10 a.m. interfaith worship service at the La Selva Community Church. The service will include prayers, scripture, traditions, and music of many faiths celebrating the common desire for peace.

Following the service, lunch and refreshments will be provided, along with Taiko drumming, music, and other activities leading up to the dedication of the peace monument and the recognition of community

individuals involved in peacemaking.

The concept of the monument was created by Sylvia Gerbl, who for many years planned and organized the Peace Day Commemoration in La Selva Beach on Hiroshima Day each August. This event was inspired by the true story of "Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes," a valiant young Japanese girl who died from leukemia as a result of the bombing of Hiroshima.

Benches in Triangle Park around the monument will provide a quiet place for visitors. The monument will serve as a reminder the importance of spiritual and political peace to our children and the world.