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OP-ED: Hiroshima's Trees of Peace By Rebecca Glasscock

Seventy-five years ago, on August 6, 1945, a 9,000-pound U-235 bomb was dropped over the city of Hiroshima from a U.S. B-29 plane christened the Enola Gay. This city, 500 miles from Tokyo, had a population of 350,000. The nuclear bomb exploded 2,000' over the ground, destroying five square miles of the city. Ninety percent of the city was destroyed, and 80,000 people died immediately. Thousands more died later.

Non-human survivors included 170 trees in 55 locations, within about 1¼ miles of ground zero. Most of the trees and other vegetation were destroyed however, so in 1951, the first president of Hiroshima University sent a letter to universities in Europe, the United States, and Asia asking to be sent tree seeds and seedlings to replant their campus. He said that "Green is the color of vividness, the color of hope, the color of peace." The response was great, and the burned-out grounds were replanted.

Over the ensuing years, the City of Hiroshima, tree experts, and citizen volunteers have lovingly tended the trees that survived the bomb. Each bears a nameplate reading Hibakujumoku (survivor tree).

In 2011, Nassrine Azimi, the former Director of the Hiroshima Office of the UN Institute for Training and Research, thought back to 1951, when the global community sent seeds to Hiroshima. Was now the time to have seeds travel in the other direction? After discussing the idea of sharing A-bomb tree seeds with botanical gardens, universities, and others with strong commitments to trees and to peace, her idea became a reality. Green Legacy Hiroshima, an initiative of UNITAR and the Asian Network of Trust (ANT) Hiroshima with support from the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and the University of Hiroshima, was born.



A few years prior to the creation of this initiative, Jake Gibbs, Carol Hunt, and I established the Peace Studies program at BCTC. Jake wrote the description of one of the courses and I wrote the other. Included in the course description was a look at the impact on Hiroshima of the bombing and the people's response: a genuine commitment to forgiveness and global peace building. In 2013, I learned of Green Legacy Hiroshima and applied for seeds. In August of 2014, Lexington received its shipment of ginkgo seeds from Hiroshima's historical Shukkeien Garden.

Probably unsurprisingly, not many of the seeds germinated. I tended two seedlings for three years, until they were large and sturdy enough to be planted out. One now graces UK's campus near the Student Center.

These trees of peace symbolize regeneration and reconciliation. As Ms. Azimi said, "While silently testifying to the inhumanity of nuclear weapons, they also tell us of the importance of resilience, tolerance and living in harmony with nature."

Perhaps a Hiroshima tree of peace could be planted in our Goodrich park to honor Jake Gibbs' commitment to tolerance, peace, and nature? I'll happily apply for more seeds, and tend the seedlings, if there's interest.

To see a map of the Hibakujumoku trees, go to http://www.greengreetings.com/en/map/h_map/index.html

National Register of Historic Places Update:

On June 22, 2020, Pensacola Park was officially added to the National Register of Historic Places! The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. The National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources. In next month's newsletter (September) we will expand upon what it means to be in the registry, and how to apply for the tax incentives.

Are Your Neighbors in Compliance?

While we have received many inquiries on how to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness (C.O.A.) within our historic neighborhood, some of you have reached out asking how to tell if your neighborhood is in compliance or not?


Anyone who has applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness and been approved to proceed with their renovations will have a YELLOW certificate, like the one shown here (in B&W). It is to be hung in a visible location on the front of their home so people know that they have followed the necessary steps of compliance. Though to be fair, sometimes people have forgotten to hang these up, so if you do not see a sign, but you know work is being done, the best course of action is to contact the historic staff about the address in question at:


AARMSTRO@LEXINGTONKY.GOV (for Amelia Armstrong).

They may take a day or two to get back to you, but they will know if the property in question is in compliance or not, and will take the necessary steps to address any issues. Amelia is also a good resource if you have generic questions about what you want to have done with your home and what the necessary steps are. You can also reach out to us at PENSACOLAPARK@GMAIL.COM if you just want to discuss the historic process before going down the C.O.A route, though we will not be able to guide you on whether or not your neighbor is in compliance or not, that is up to the LFUCG Historic Staff.

THE PENSACOLA
PARK GARDEN

Heat lovers don't
disappoint. Some tried
-and-true favorites are
peppers (edible and
ornamental), sedum
(lots to choose), sage
(herbal and flowering),
catmint,
lamb's ears, &
coneflower.
They're
perfect for
these hot
summer days.





CERTIFICATE OF
APPROPRIATENESS

To alter property within a historic district. This certificate has been issued for the following work at ADDRESS in the Pensacola Park Historic District Historic District

1.
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WORK TO BE DONE

The approved work has been found to be in compliance with the Board of Architectural Review Local History District and Landmark Design Guidelines and all other requirements set forth by the Board of Architectural Review. This Certificate of Appropriateness is issued as prescribed under Section 13 of the Lexington-Fayette county Zoning Code.

The plans and specifications for this work are on file at the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Division of Historic Preservation, 200 East Main Street, Lexington Kentucky 40507. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Division of Historic Preservation at 258-3265.

This notice must be posted before work commences and must remain posted during the duration of the project. Notice is to be posted in a location visible to the public.

Case Number:

CASE NUMBER

Date Issued:

DATES

Date Expires:


What's Happening on Rosemont:

If you've been out and about, you may have noticed the young trees planted within the Rosemont verge along the sidewalk. At the beginning of the year Pensacola Park was awarded a tree grant to plant trees along the Rosemont corridor. We reached out to the homeowners who qualified and had the space for a street tree; 15 homeowners responded that they'd like a tree planted. You can now check out many new trees planted in the verge. Different species include: Dogwoods (Kousa, Cloud 9, Cherokee Princess), Cherry Trees (Kwanzan, Okame, and Yoshino), Tulip poplars, a Smoke tree, a Northern Red Oak, a Lilac, a Yellowwood, a Sugar Maple, and a Hornbeam. Thank you to all the neighborhood volunteers who helped plant the trees!


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All donations to Pensacola Park Neighborhood Preservation Society go 100% back into the community and are tax deductible! We also receive donations from Amazon Smile and Kroger Community Rewards if you choose us as your charity! We accept donations 1 of 3 ways:

- Cash or Check (which you can drop off to our GREEN mailbox at 107 Lackavanna Rd.)
- Paypal. We have a paypal link on our website at pensacolapark.org. Or you can send it through your paypal to: pensacolapark@gmail.com
- Venmo. We have a venmo link on our website at pensacolapark.org. Or you can send it through your venmo to: @Pensacola-Park

ABOUT PENSACOLA PARK PRESERVATION SOCIETY



Pensacola Park Preservation Society is a non-profit 501(c)3, formed to bring together residents and businesses located in the Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association for the common good of (1) preserving the historic integrity and resources of the area; (2) creating an environment that promotes sustainable and appropriate growth for the neighborhood; and (3) providing historic education and assistance to those in the Pensacola Park Neighborhood for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic homes, structures, and landscapes. Also check us out online at www.pensacolapark.org, and follow us on Facebook @ Pensacola Park Preservation Society.

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