

A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD:
Possibility or Pipe dream?



Mothers' Peace Day
2005 Honorees

COMMUNITY HONOREE

Grace Lee Boggs

Activist and Author
Co-founder of The Boggs Center

WAND/WILL HONOREE

The Honorable Dianne Byrum

Michigan House Democratic Leader

*Arise then, women of this day!
Arise all women who have hearts!
From the bosom of the devastated earth
a voice goes up with our own.
It says, 'Disarm, disarm!'*

Julia Ward Howe



invites you to commemorate
the 60th anniversary year of
the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

at

Mothers' Peace Day 2005

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Randall Caroline Forsberg
MOTHER OF THE NUCLEAR FREEZE MOVEMENT

Thursday Evening, May 12th

6:30pm

REGISTRATION and SOCIAL HOUR, CASH BAR

7:30 - 9:00pm

DINNER and PROGRAM

The Northfield Hilton

5500 CROOKS ROAD • TROY, MICHIGAN

What is Mothers' Peace Day?

In the beginning Mother's Day was not about hearts and flowers,
or a box of chocolates or gumpy sentiments from Hallmark.
It was about world peace.

Julia Ward Howe
wife, mother, poet, volunteer, early abolitionist and suffragette
called for the celebration of an annual "Mothers' Peace Day"
to dramatize the cause of world disarmament.

Howe wrote *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*
during the U.S. Civil War,
but she wanted the world to find an alternative to war.
A full century before the nuclear arms race,
she spoke to audiences all over the world about the irony
— and the folly —
of stockpiling weapons in the name of *peace*.
Howe correctly predicted that women as a bloc
would be more likely to support disarmament.

And so, today, we honor all mothers
— whether biological or spiritual —
all nurturing women, all people everywhere
who cherish the gift of peace as basic to all others —
in their homes and in the world.

