

Love, Hope and New Life

50 X 50 TEXTILE ART WORKSHOP

Remember - Learn - Participate

Celebrate the incredible resiliency of the Japanese people and the way the world has helped, especially their close neighbor Taiwan, and friends in Canada.

Everyone is invited to participate in the 50X50 cm Textile Art Workshop at Hewett Centre, UCV on March 8th from 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Erika Shiomi will talk about the rescue of kimonos and fabrics from a historic shop, KAMESHICHI in Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture, north of Fukushima, flooded by the tsunami. She will describe the cleaning and recycling process, bringing garments to show and sell made from the precious fabric. Thousands of 50cmX50cm squares have already been made in Japan and around the world to be displayed during music performances organized by renowned clarinetist Keiichi Hashizume from Japan.

Participants are encouraged to think about their memories of the tsunami disaster and make a personal image using a scrap of the kimono fabric that Erika will bring from Japan. Add your own fabrics or use some that will be supplied. Embellishments and special threads may be incorporated. Stitch by hand or machine or don't stitch at all! Images may be applied using iron-on fusible web - no sewing. No experience required!

Sharing materials and skills is encouraged. Several irons and sewing machines will be available, or you may bring your own machine with extension cord.

The finished 50 cm X 50 cm pieces will be donated by participants, either left at the end of the workshop or brought early the evening of the closing concert. All of the pieces will be safety-pinned together to provide a heartfelt back-drop for the talks and musical performance that are part of this memorial event.

Your work will then return to Japan to be part of the ever-growing collection from all over the world to be displayed in the new Culture Centre that is currently under consideration in Ishinomaki.

A light Japanese and Taiwanese lunch will be provided during the workshop.

Participants are encouraged to bring family and friends to attend the opening talks on Wednesday evening and a very special finale concert on Friday evening to see your work and more than one hundred 50X50 textiles brought from Japan.

For more information and to register for the 50X50 Textile Art Workshop please contact Judy Villett: jvillett@hotmail.com 604-521-1191

PARTICIPATION BY DONATION

