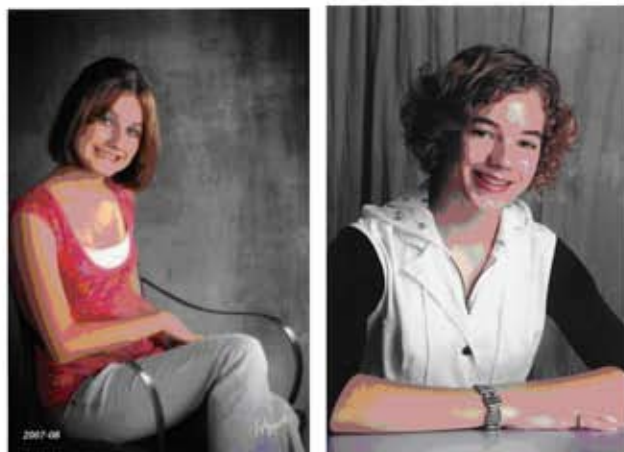


# Peace Memorial for Japanese Americans Interned During WWII

Michelle Reed and Carly Guzman, 15 years old, established the Paper Crane Peace Memorial Project. The goal of the project is to have one origami paper crane for each of the 120,313 Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II. You can help them reach their goal by making a crane in the Museum's Reading the Walls exhibit. Instructions and paper are provided along with a video made by Michelle and Carly just for the exhibit .



Our names are Michelle Reed and Carly Gutzmann and we are fifteen years old.

There is a quote by Yehuda Bauer that is inscribed at the National Holocaust Memorial in Washington, D.C. that reads:

"Thou shalt not be a victim.  
Thou shalt not be perpetrator.  
Above all, thou shalt not be a bystander."

We have never been victims and we have certainly never been perpetrators. Now is our chance to no longer be bystanders.

In 2006/2007, we worked together on a project for National History Day. We chose to make a documentary about the art school at Topaz Relocation Center. After eight months of researching Japanese American internment camps, we came to love the quiet strength and serenity of the internees. We were sad to discover that most of our classmates and many adults had no idea about the internment camps in America during World War II!

We've chosen to make a memorial to the Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II. This project will take many months to complete, but our hope is that it will create an awareness of how we must create peace and tolerance in our world. This will only happen if, as individuals, we take the time to understand people who are different from us.

Our goal is to have one origami paper crane for each of the 120,313 Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II.

You can help us by making one or more paper cranes. Please make three-inch or smaller cranes. Also, send us your internment stories. You can mail them to us at:

Paper Cranes  
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We would like to thank Silicon Graphics for graciously allowing us to use their resources to receive the parcels and letters containing the paper cranes.  
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