



## Peace-building with visionary art

“Imagine all the people...” to quote John Lennon. Our imagination is the engine of our creativity. And peace-building is, in essence, a creative art.

Among Altai Mir University’s first offerings are workshops on “painting light”—in other words, channeling inspiration through average people and into their artwork.

Then, like a limitless battery, this visionary art can feed our creativity with the embedded inspiration. Most of us wish we had more access to our creativity. The experience of visionary art opens this internal potential.

The critical aspect of visionary art is in how we *feel* when we see it. And how we then want to *be* in the world.

For a gallery of the visionary art of Altai Mir University president Carol Hiltner, go to [www.AltaiBooks.com/gallery.htm](http://www.AltaiBooks.com/gallery.htm)

# New “Peace Quilts” Award from National Peace Foundation honors Altai Mir University founder

The National Peace Foundation ([www.nationalpeace.org](http://www.nationalpeace.org)) has announced the creation of the new “Peace Quilts” Awards, honoring “citizen diplomats”—ordinary citizens who take initiative to build world peace.

The idea was inspired by two powerful peace quilts made by Carol Hiltner of Seattle, now president of Altai Mir University, during the height of the Cold War in the mid-1980s, to symbolize a warm relationship between the peoples of the US and the USSR. One was signed by hundreds of American citizens, and the second was signed by State Governors, US Senators, Members of the 100<sup>th</sup> Congress, and Members of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

The first awards will be presented on January 10, 2009, at the Peace Murals Exhibition in Washington, DC, where the quilts will be exhibited during the preceding week. Ms. Hiltner will be a co-recipient of this first award with her daughter Sunny Gagliano. Other awardees will be Rabbi Jeremy Schneider of Temple Absalom in Dallas, Holly Redell Witte of Cornelius, Oregon, and Russian Olga Bessalova.

