



# Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

## FORT WORDEN DELIVERS...AGAIN!

by Rod Beamguard

The 13th Annual Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference proved to be another winner. Once again there was too much to do in the time available. Many in attendance hope that quite a few of the sessions will be repeated at a future conference. There is a great possibility of repeating course offerings if conference attendees mention the course on their conference evaluation forms.

I had a great time in **Sam Huston's** no-sew class constructing a Peter Lynn Tri-D box. Sam builds a great kite! A person has to be very meticulous to build a great-looking kite with adhesive and Icarex. This was an all-day project (and into the night for many) but I have had many very complimentary admirers for the kite when I have flown it. Sam was really happy to see so many people finish their kite at the conference.

I almost finished ruining my eyes on **Tom McAlister's** miniature box (9" tall x 4" square). I am legally partially blind anyway so trying to cut a "V" notch on each end of 8 spreader bars 1/16" square was a real challenge. I am sure that more practice would produce better results. The kite does fly well in steady winds. Miniatures could become addictive. I would recommend taking a class from Tom if you have the opportunity.

I also did **Scobie Puchtler's** Palindrome on Sunday. The Palindrome is a single cell variant of A. G. Bell's tetrahedral kite. Built of mylar with carbon rods, it is a great looking little kite. Scobie said it was "very active" at low winds. What an understatement!

There were 14 other classes offered that I was interested in taking. Perhaps some other time I'll have the opportunity. You can be assured that I will plan on being at Fort Worden next year.

I have not received any other impressions of Fort Worden by any of this year's attendees. Drop me a line so we can share your thoughts with other WKA members.



Kitemakers hard at work in Tom McAlister's miniature box kite class at Fort Worden.

Dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly kites!

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The next WKA Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM April ??th at Softchec, 12515 Willows Road, Kirkland, WA. For more information contact: Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103



# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Dave Christenson

WOW, another Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference has come and gone already. If you missed it you missed a great weekend. One highlight for me was the impromptu auction of Peter Lynn's hat. After much heated bidding between an Oregon group and a Washington group with an occasional bid from California, Ken Conrad of Seattle was the final bidder at \$125. Another highlight was being able to sit outdoors on the ground and listen to Peter Lynn's lectures. Although some of the technology was over my head, it was fun to listen to Peter and Dave Lord have their point/counterpoint discussions. If you missed this event this year, by all means make sure it is on your calendar for next year.

There have been a lot of flyers and builders in the area asking if I would put on a single line comprehensive judging class. A lot of the builders especially wanted to know what to expect when they submit a kite for judging. I will be teaching the basics at a class in Ocean Shores at the North Coast Sky Painters meeting. See the calendar for the time and place. (Also see the article on page 7. -Ed.)

This is a reminder for everyone to check your mailing label. On it is the expiration date of your membership. If yours is past due or incorrect, get in touch with Sylvia Bernauer, our membership director, to get current. We will not be mailing newsletters to expired memberships after this newsletter. So check your label and membership card now.

Please check the Kite Calendar for some new dates. We will be having a few fun flies on Kite Hill at Magnuson Park in Seattle this summer. If you know of dates not on the calendar, send them to Rod.

I have been seeing a few new creations showing up on the flying fields lately. I hope that more of you will be showing off your new stuff at the upcoming festivals and fun flies.

Best Winds,  
Dave



## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED!

Effective with this issue of the *WKA Newsletter*, the WKA will recognize all kitefliers who have joined our ranks since the publication of the last newsletter. Let's all make an effort to introduce ourselves whenever possible and make our newest members welcome!

Wayne Binkley	Methow	WA
Dennis & Jodie DeMuth	Bellevue	WA
Steve Dentz	Carnation	WA
Daniel DeWitt	Sequim	WA
Dan Kurahashi	Vancouver	BC, Canada
Carol Landis	Seattle	WA
David, Cindy, & Bradley Mortenson	Shelton	WA
Frank & Bonnie Seevers	Suquamish	WA
Guy, Pat, & Crystal Skeer	Gig Harbor	WA
Jerry Wood	Everett	WA

## WKA Newsletter 1996

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The Editor encourages your participation in your newsletter, and requests that you send your contributions pertaining to kiteflying. Submissions that illustrate how much fun it is to fly a kite will be given priority for publication. Mail submissions and photographs (include the name, address and telephone number of the source) along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope of sufficient size and postage for return (if you want your photographs back) to:

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You may try to FAX Rod at 360-574-8050 Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 8 PM. Check your FAX log for a successful transmission.

The deadline for all submissions is January 20, March 20, May 20, July 20, September 20, or November 20. Material received by these dates will be published in the following issue as space allows. All submissions will be considered for publication.

## Membership

To become a member of the WKA, send your name(s), address and telephone number, along with a check for \$15 per family (outside the U.S., please add \$5(US) additional for postage) to Washington Kitefliers Association, Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, Washington 98109. Membership includes an official WKA membership card entitling the bearer to discounts at certain kite shops and a one-year subscription to the WKA Newsletter.

## MARGARET GREGER NAMED "KITE PERSON OF THE YEAR"

-adapted from an *American Kite* article  
by Tim Devaney

The congratulations of the entire WKA membership go to Washington's own **Margaret Greger** for her selection as "Kite Person of the Year" by *American Kite* magazine.

For those of you who are not yet acquainted with Margaret, she has been teaching people of all ages the rudiments of kitemaking for many years. The number of students who have been introduced to kitemaking by Margaret are beyond counting. Tom Sisson estimates that over a quarter million students have made kites with Margaret.

Her experiences have led to the publication of four books over the years: *Blown Sky High* (1977), *More Simple Kites* (1979), *Simple Fabric Kites* (1982), and *Kites for Everyone* (1984). *Kites for Everyone* is currently going through a third revision. All four publications contain a wealth of information for any kitemaker, especially those interested in group kitemaking with relatively inexpensive materials.

Margaret's attitudes are very well stated in a quote from *Kites for Everyone*. "My real goal in all this is not more kites or even better kites but competent kids, people who know that the work of their hands will fly." This shows what a truly great teacher Margaret is.

Again, our congratulations go to Margaret along with our hopes for another 25 years of great workshops for all ages.

(Ed. note: I am among the many that got their rebirth into kiting through one of Margaret's workshops, an Aerospace Education workshop in 1974. I still have that kite.)

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In his Education report, Tom said he has received mail from Germany concerning a 1909 French kite. Tom is working on drawing the plans. **Sophie Twiggs** from England requested help with painting techniques for Japanese kites. **Dan Kurahashi** has volunteered to help.

There was discussion on the idea that perhaps the timing of voting for WKA officers by the membership is being done at the wrong time of year. Should the voting coincide with Fort Worden? No decision was reached but it is hoped there will be further discussion throughout the year.

**Elliott Cowden** has volunteered the donation of a complete set of WKA rosters, etc., from the founding of the WKA to the present. Tom has volunteered to pick them up and take them to **Ken Conrad** for inclusion in the WKA archives.

Discussion of running a coffee station at a rest area along I-5 was tabled for further investigation. This activity was proposed as a fund-raising mechanism for the WKA treasury.

Some concern was expressed about divorcing Fort Worden and the WKA. This item will be under informal discussion for some time. Any thoughts from the membership will be appreciated by the Board of Directors. Apparently there are tax concerns with WKA's non-profit status.

Dave noted that there are many WKA memberships overdue. All members are encouraged to check their mailing labels for the expiration date so that they may stay current. Any member three months overdue will be dropped from the mailing list and no longer receive WKA benefits until their membership dues have been paid and they have been reinstated. It is an unnecessary financial drain on the WKA to continue to send the *Newsletter* to non-members.



## W.K.A. ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT FORT WORDEN

The 1996 WKA Annual Meeting was held in an uncrowded room at Fort Worden during the Kitemaker's Conference at 5:00 PM Friday, March 1st. Twelve members were in attendance. Action taken at the meeting included the following items:

**Stu Murphy** volunteered to continue in the position of Vice President, greatly relieving **Tom Sisson** who had agreed to do double duty as Education Committee Chairman and VP.

**Dave Weigand** resigned as Secretary, leaving that position open. It was unanimously approved to buy a good tape recorder to tape the meetings. Minutes will then be transcribed (by some volunteer) and published in this newsletter. **Dave Christenson** has agreed to coordinate the purchase of the tape recorder.

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# CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY AT THE 8th ANNUAL SEATTLE KITE FESTIVAL

June 16, 1996, Father's Day, marks the celebration of the 8th Annual Seattle Kite Festival. What better way to make Dad feel special?

This festival is unique in that its' purpose is not for commercial profit but to raise money for the Northwest Brainchild Foundation, an organization devoted to furthering brain tumor research in children. The proceeds of the raffle (in itself an unusual festival feature) go directly to the Foundation.

This is a fun fly; no competition will be held. Sponsored by Gasworks Park Kite Shop, many items are given away to the 2,000 to 3,000 people in attendance.

Bring some loose change for the raffle and plan on spending Father's Day at Magnuson Park Kite Hill from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Have fun and contribute to a very worthwhile organization.

For more information, contact **Kathy Goodwind** at Gasworks Park Kite Shop (206) 633-4780.

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## ELMER WHARTON LOST TO CANCER

The latest issue of *Kiting*, the AKA journal, reports the death of Chicago's **Elmer Wharton** in late February. Elmer was a featured guest at 1992's Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference where he shared his expertise in making centipede kites using bamboo framing. A long-time attraction at kite festivals, we will miss this friendly and very witty kite personality.

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## THE EDITOR'S ECHO

Ah, Spring!! It's great to get winds with a little warmth to them for a change. I've really been appreciating the sunshine also.

Fort Worden was a real treat this year. Went to some great classes and talked with some wonderful people. I think this is the first year that my raffle winnings have not exceeded the amount I've spent on tickets. The Law of Averages finally caught up with me!!

With the flying season about to get off the ground (Is that a pun?) I've been thinking more about the diverse groups of kite interests we find on the beach anymore. With the addition of more specialized interests we all need to take several moments and reflect on our own individual actions on the beach. Are we being courteous to other flyers and beach people? Are we willing to share our knowledge or be helpful to newcomers to kiting? Are we taking a hand in keeping our great flying areas (i.e., the beaches) free from litter? Are we willing to compromise on use of available flying areas with other kites with different needs? Everyone in the kiting community needs to occasionally think about these things.

When we have a kite in the air, we are a spokesperson, perhaps silently, for the kiting community. Everyone wants to have a great time at this fantastic vocation. That can only happen if we are courteous and considerate to others. We here in the USA have much to learn about how to be more considerate to others in crowded situations.

Hopefully you will consciously take action when flying to make the flying experience as great for others as it is for you. Give it some thought!

See you on the beach!!



Rod

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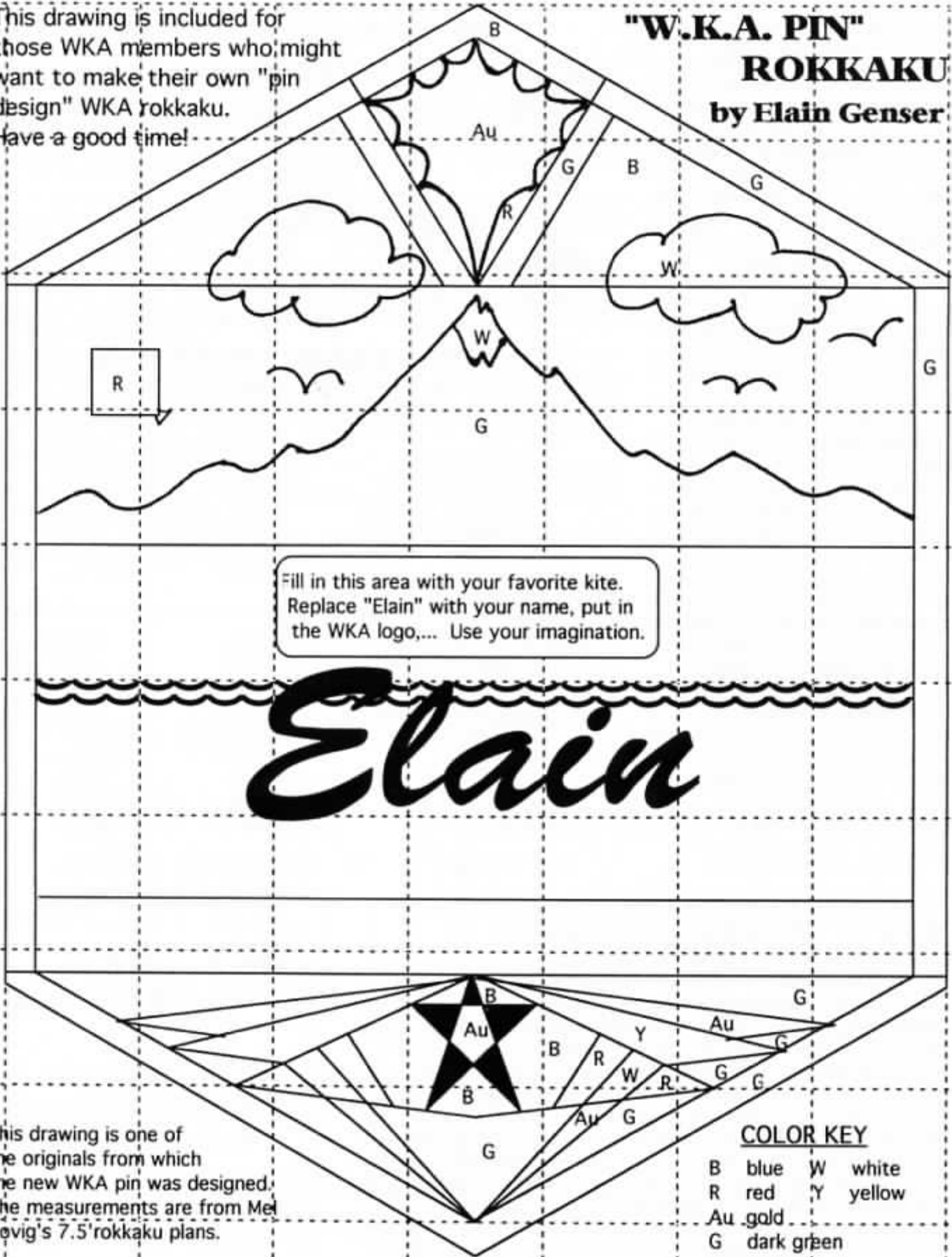
### Products

Susie Christenson  
(206) 471-9103



This drawing is included for those WKA members who might want to make their own "pin design" WKA rokkaku. Have a good time!

# "W.K.A. PIN" ROKKAKU by Elain Genser



Fill in this area with your favorite kite. Replace "Elain" with your name, put in the WKA logo,... Use your imagination.

*Elain*

This drawing is one of the originals from which the new WKA pin was designed. The measurements are from Mel Gevig's 7.5' rokkaku plans.

**COLOR KEY**

- B blue
- R red
- Au gold
- G dark green
- W white
- Y yellow

## PUFFIN KITE FESTIVAL APPROACHES

The Surfsand Resort in Cannon Beach, Or, will host the 9th Annual Puffin Kite Festival "Paint the Sky" April 27 & 28. The festival is sponsored by the Steve Martin Management Co., the Surfsand Resort, and several other local businesses.

Workshops and special activities will be offered both days. Demonstrations, exhibitions, and competitions for both single and dual line kites will be held.

Activities for children include workshops and contests with many prizes and surprises! A hot dog roast and ice cream social will be provided for everyone attending. A kite parade will be held on the beach.

Everyone is welcome! Discover the beauty and excitement which comes from watching the colorful kites soar through the air and *paint the sky!*

For more information, contact Stephanie Martin or Ryan Snyder, Co-Chairmen, at (800) 547-6100.

## BEARLY LITERATE

by Horace



## WKA BALANCE SHEET

As of February 27, 1996

### ASSETS

Checking/Savings	
SEAFIRST/REG	4,125.19
SEAFIRST/SAVING	<u>3,273.10</u>

Total Assets \$7,398.29

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity	
NET INCOME	446.07
EQUITY	<u>6,952.22</u>

Total Liabilities & Equity \$7,398.29

## WKA PROFIT AND LOSS COMPARISON

January 1 through February 27, 1996

	1996	1995
<b>Income</b>		
DUES INCOME	678.75	405.00
GRANTS	0.00	680.00
INTEREST INCOME	6.17	6.05
NEWSLETTER ADS	0.00	5.00
PRODUCT SALES	<u>120.00</u>	<u>265.00</u>
Total Income	804.92	1361.05
<b>Expense</b>		
BANK CHARGES	3.64	4.71
CLUBHOUSE RENT	-130.00	0.00
MISC. EXPENSE	10.00	0.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.00	7.53
POSTAGE	180.95	326.97
PRINTING	190.85	440.84
SUPPLIES	82.20	0.00
TELEPHONE	<u>21.21</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>358.85</u>	<u>780.05</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$446.07</b>	<b>\$581.00</b>

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## W.K.A. MEMBER CLUBS:

The calendar of kite events kept here in the newsletter has not been keeping abreast of the regularly scheduled club activities. For instance, the SCI-FI club has regularly scheduled events yet none are listed in the calendar in this issue.

As editor, I would like to ask each clubs' cooperation in bringing the information in the calendar up to date. If each club would be so kind as to give me a listing of regularly scheduled monthly events, they will be placed in the next newsletter. You may get this information to me by FAX, mail, or phone (see page 2).

I would also appreciate it greatly if WKA members would check phone numbers, contact people, etc., listed in this newsletter for accuracy. If changes need to be made, please let me know.

I appreciate your help in trying to keep current.

Rod

## HEY YOU!!

## RIGHT NOW!

Turn to the back cover  
and check the date on  
your mailing label.

If you are past due, renew today.  
You heard Dave: No current  
membership, no Newsletter.

## 3rd ANNUAL OCEAN SHORES INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL COMING SOON

June 7, 8, and 9 will see a lot of activity in Ocean Shores for this popular festival. Official action starts at 9:00 AM all days and culminates in a night fly on Friday and an awards dinner held at the Ocean Shores Convention Center at 7:00 PM Saturday.

Sponsored by the North Coast Sky Painters Kite Club, the festival has been sanctioned by the American Kitefliers Association and the Western Sport Kite League.

Competitions will include handcrafted kites (2:00 PM Saturday, \$10.00 fee), sport kite competitions (\$20.00 fee), family fun contests, and other open contests (\$5.00 each) including fighter kite competition and a rokkaku challenge.

Many demonstrations will also be given. Manufacturers will give demonstrations of their products, **Captain Dick** is scheduled for bear and candy drops, and **Art Ross** will likely have his 1200 square foot "Apocalypse" flowform in the air. **Ray Bethel's** appearance flying multiple sport kites is a possibility.

Other activities will include a fly for handicapped children on Friday, kite lessons for beginners, helicopter rides, a treasure hunt for kids, and free kites for the kids.

For more information contact either **Eric Halverson** (503) 537-0817 or **Marlin Gilbert** at (206) 432-2387.

## LINCOLN CITY KITE FESTIVAL SERIES

As the Lincoln City Kite Friendship Association as done for the last two years, the theme "Call of the Wild" will be featured at all three festivals held in Lincoln City during 1996. (See calendar for dates and contacts.) "Call of the Wild" follows "Aquarium in the Sky" and "Birds of a Feather" as themes.

Kites entered in competition will receive extra consideration if they are inspired by this theme. Festival organizer **Steve Lamb** says "Interpretation is wide open. The important thing is to use your imagination."

During last years' festivals, **Deb Cooley** was the top point winner and **Chris Bradley** the top high school point winner. The points won were the sum from the three festivals. Both are on their way this month at LCKFA expense to visit the Weifang, China, International Kite Festival as members of the US kite team organized by **David and Sue Gomberg**.

Get your sewing machine tuned up! Make those theme kites. The 1996 winners will be sent to the International Kite Festival in Berck, France, in March of 1997 as guests of the LCKFA.



## NORTH COAST SKY PAINTERS OFFER CLASSES

Last month's *Newsletter* contained information on the April 13-14 class on edo kites, knots, and bridling by **J. R. Tolman**.

New from the NCSP is a class "Basic Competition Judging for Hand Crafted Kites" to be taught by **Dave Christenson**. This class, being offered at no charge to participants (except \$7.50 for the AKA handbook, if needed), will be held May 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the VFW Hall at Hogan's Corner, near Ocean Shores. The purpose of the class is two-fold. Judges are needed at all festivals where there will be competitive judging. Also, kitemakers have requested a course which will help them become familiar with what the judges look for in judging a contest entry. Dave hopes to serve both purposes with this class.

For more information, contact **Eric Halverson** at (503) 537-0817. (Note that this is a new phone number for Eric.)

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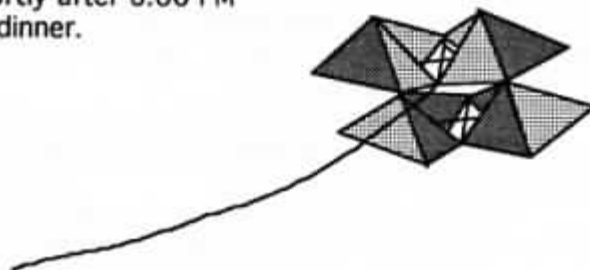
"WOULD YOU HOLD MY KITE, MR. WILSON?  
I GOTTA GO TO LUNCH."

**Sylvia Bernauer** mentioned that a nurse at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle is organizing a summer camp for children of the Northwest Burn Foundation to be held at Camp Waskowitz near North Bend. She is looking for volunteers to lead workshops with kites for the children, apparently in a one-day situation. The camp is tentatively scheduled for July 13 - 19 and will have children ages 7 - 18. Anyone interested should contact **Tom Sisson**.

**Rod Beamguard**, *WKA Newsletter* editor, requested help in correcting any misspelled names, phone numbers, contact persons, etc., listed in the Newsletter. Get in touch with Rod if you have any corrections.

A question was asked about the possibility of a series of WKA-sponsored fun flies/potlucks during this summer. Dave said he would look into the possibility.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 6:00 PM in favor of dinner.



**REGIONAL CLUBS**

**ASSOCIATED OREGON KITERS**

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**BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY**

Contact Greg or Margaret Greger at (509) 943-3951.

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**CAPITOL CITY FLYERS**

Contact Leroy Peoples ((360) 456-4156.

**kgb - KITE GROUP of BOISE**

Gary Self, 5403 Paulson Circle, Boise, ID 83704. Individual membership \$7.00 includes a quarterly (?) newsletter.

**LILAC CITY WIND CHASERS**

Meets every Tuesday, 5:00 PM, Friendship Park, 7200 block of N. Standard. Contact Bill or Connie Lester, 3524 W Kiernan, Spokane, WA 99205 or (509) 327-2829.

**NORTH BEACH SKY PAINTERS  
KITE CLUB**

Contact Eric Halverson (503) 537-0817. Fun fly and potluck dinner on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

**NORTHWEST BUGGY PILOTS ASSN.**

Contact Morrie Williams (206) 788-6355. Meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month, usually at Washaway Beach, Grayland. Check with Morrie for current location.

**PCKA - PIERCE COUNTY  
KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION**

Contact Penny Anderson (360)895-3672. Meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Call for details.

**SCI-FI - SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
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Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206) 339-9334.

**SQUALICUM KITE FLYERS**

Contact Don or Shirley Allen (360) 733-3777. 505 West Bakerview #114, Bellingham, WA 98226.

**YAKIMA VALLEY KITE FLYERS**

Contact Rod Yarger (509) 453-4679. 209 N 24th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902.

**WESTPORT WINDRIDERS**

Contact Bob Alford (206) 888-2812. Funfly and meeting/potluck dinner on the fourth Sunday of each month. Call for location and details.

**REVISED**

**NEW INFO!**

## **WORLD KITE MUSEUM OFFERS SPRING CLASSES**

The World Kite Museum & Hall of Fame is offering an outstanding group of classes this spring. "Getting Ready for Battle / Fighter Kites" will be the topic on April 20-21. On Saturday **Don Mock** will teach his class on building a ripstop nylon rokkaku. Bring your sewing machine and \$28.00 for this class which will take most of the day. Sunday's class will feature **Brian Johnson**. Brian will demonstrate and teach bamboo shaping and individual fighter kite building. For \$3.00 you get the materials for a fighter kite and flying lessons. It's a great opportunity to learn another phase of kiting good for very light wind days.

A "Chinese Extravaganza" will be held on May 18-19. This special class, possibly one of a kind, will teach the Ha family's specialty, the rigid wing sand swallow. **Ken Conrad**, using bamboo frames made by Ha and silk, will teach the class on Saturday. Cost will be \$10.00 to cover materials. At 10:00 AM Sunday, Ken will fly his 450 foot Chinese dragon.

The weekend of June 8-9 will find **Scott Skinner** guiding kitemakers through the making of a 48" x 70" woodpecker kite. Attendees will learn quilting techniques and will get a fantastic kite! Cost is \$30.00.

These activities will take place at a variety of locations close to the Museum in Long Beach. Pre-registration guarantees participation and materials. Registering at the door means you take your chances at gaining a spot in a class. For more information, call the Museum at (360) 642-4020.

**NOW HEAR THIS!!**

**Kite Train Competition**

@

**Washington State  
International Kite Festival**

*has been changed to*

**Monday, 10:00 AM  
August 19, 1996**

## **ADVERTISEMENTS**

For items relating to kites or kitefliers. Charge is 10 cents a word (\$3 minimum) per issue. Lost, Found, Stolen, or Free items will be listed free if under 30 words. Make checks payable to WKA.

### **WKA Pins at Special Price**

1993 WKA pins, featuring WKA logo, \$4 each or \$30 for a lot of 10 pins. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

### **WKA Banners**

Banner kits by Carla Fox containing precut material and instructions to sew a 12' WKA banner, \$35 each. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E St, Tacoma, WA 98404.

### **New WKA Pins Are In**

The new WKA pins are a 3 pin set that, when put together, form a rokkaku. The center pin lists all of the kite clubs in the WKA. The three pin set is priced at \$15 including postage (\$16 outside the US). Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

### **Estate Sale**

Flexifoils (6) with all lines, stunt kites, box, parafoil, fighter kites with lines and tails. All mint condition. One price for all or sold separately. Please call Frank at (206) 778-5537.

**PLEASE:** Send kite pictures, technique articles, kite plans, etc., for publication in YOUR newsletter. We need more material and will gratefully accept anything you can spare.

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## Kite Calendar

Event organizers: Please think ahead. **Contact Rod Beamguard at (360) 574-8050** with Kite Calendar information. Please include, as a minimum, the date, time, place, contact person and phone number.

## APRIL

### APRIL 13-14, 1996

J.R. Tolman class, Edo kites, knots and bridling, 8 AM - 5 PM Sat and 8 AM - 2 PM Sun, VFW Hall, Ocean Shores, WA. \$20 fee. Sponsored by North Coast Sky Painters and Pierce County Kitefliers Assoc. Contact Barbra Gilbert (206) 782-2922 or (206) 432-2387.

### APRIL 13, 1996

North Coast Sky Painters Fun Fly and Potluck, fly from 9 AM - 6 PM with potluck following in VFW Hall at Hogan's Corner, Ocean Shores, WA. Contact Eric Halverson (503) 537-0817.

### APRIL 14, 1996

16th Annual Spring Kite Fly, 11 AM - 5 PM, Leslie Greves Park, Richland, WA. A fun fly sponsored by the City of Richland and The Ben Franklin Kite Society. Contact Greg Gregor (509) 943-3951.

### APRIL 20-21, 1996

Getting Ready for Battle: Don Mock's fabric Rokkaku and Fighter Kite Techniques by Brian Johnson. Sponsored by the World Kite Museum. Contact Kay Buesing (360) 642-4020.

### APRIL 21, 1996

WKA Fun Fly, Noon til ?? at Magnuson Park Kite Hill, Seattle. Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103.

### APRIL 27-28, 1996

11th Annual Kiona Winery Barrel Tasting and Kite Fly, 10 AM - 5 PM, Kiona Winery, Sunset Road, Benton City, WA. Contact Marleen Zilar (509) 627-6404.

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

**OCEAN SHORES, North Coast Sky Painters.** Meet and fly the 2nd weekend of every month (except December). Fly at Illahee Beach. Potluck following on Saturday night at the VFW Hall at Hogan's Corner. Ask for directions at local kite shops or contact Dee/Eric Halverson (503) 537-0817.

DO ANY OTHER CLUBS HAVE REGULARLY SCHEDULED (MONTHLY/BI-MONTHLY) EVENTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO LIST?

Club meetings? Potlucks? Fun Flies? \_\_\_\_\_ ?

If so, send the information to the *WKA Newsletter* (address on page 2).

### APRIL 27-28, 1996

9th Annual Puffin Kite Festival *Paint the Sky*, Cannon Beach, OR. See Article on Page 6. Contact Ryan Snyder or Stephanie Martin (800) 547-6100.

## MAY

### MAY 4-5, 1996

8th Annual Preston Winery Wine Tasting and Kite Fly, 10 AM - 5 PM, Preston Winery, Hwy 395, 4 miles north of Pasco, WA. This is a fun fly sponsored by Preston Winery and Ben Franklin Kite Society. Contact Marleen Zilar (509) 627-6404.

### MAY 11, 1996

"Basic Competition Judging for Hand-Crafted Kites" taught by Dave Christenson and sponsored by North Coast Sky Painters from 1 - 3 PM at the VFW Hall at Hogan's Corner, Ocean Shores, WA. Contact Eric Halverson (503) 537-0817 or Marlin Gilbert (206) 432-3287.

### MAY 11, 1996

North Coast Sky Painters Fun Fly and Potluck, fly from 9 AM - 6 PM with potluck following in VFW Hall at Hogan's Corner, Ocean Shores, WA. Contact Eric Halverson (503) 537-0817.

### MAY 11, 1996

3rd Annual Kites & Kreations in Connell, WA. 9:00 AM start with judging and trophies. Kites to make. Contact Mary Young (509) 266-4901 for more info.

### MAY 11-12, 1996

Lincoln City *Call of the Wild* Spring Kite Festival, D River Wayside, Lincoln City, OR. Contact Steve Lamb (541) 994-9500 or Don Redfield (541) 996-6800.

### MAY 18-19, 1996

Chinese Extravaganza, sponsored by the World Kite Museum. Contact Kay Buesing (360) 642-4020.

### MAY 18-19, 1996

7th Annual Fun Fly on the Sunshine Coast, Davis Bay Beach, Sechelt, BC, Canada. Single line kites only due to small beach size. Sponsored by CAN KYT. Contact Leigh or Lee (604) 885-1921.

### MAY 18-19, 1996

Maritime Week activities, including a possible kitefly, on the Seattle Waterfront. Contact Phyllis at OmniDome (206) 622-1869.

### MAY 19, 1996

WKA Fun Fly, Noon til ?? at Magnuson Park Kite Hill, Seattle. Contact Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103.

## JUNE

### JUNE 7-9, 1996

3rd Annual Ocean Shores International Kite Challenge. Sponsored by North Coast Sky Painters. Contact Eric or Dee Halverson (503) 537-0817 or Marlin Gilbert (206) 432-2387.

*The WKA attempts to provide accurate and timely kite calendar information for its members. However, all listings are subject to change. We recommend that you call the contact listed to verify details.*

**JUNE 8-9, 1996**

A Big Bird Week, Scott Skinner's quilted woodpecker, sponsored by the World Kite Museum. Contact Kay Buesing (360) 642-4020.

**JUNE 16, 1996**

The 8th Annual Seattle Kite Festival, 11 AM - 5 PM, Magnuson Park, Seattle, WA. Sponsored by Gasworks Kite Shop. Contact Kathy Goodwind (206) 633-4780.

**JUNE 23, 1996**

WKA Fun Fly, Noon til ?? at Magnuson Park Kite Hill, Seattle. Contact Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103.

**JUNE 29-30, 1996**

Northwest Sport Kite Competition, Long Beach.

**JULY**

**JULY 4-7, 1996**

Beach Party '96, the Westport Kite Festival, Bongee Road

Kite event reports are needed for publication. There are many events that go unreported since I get to very few events. If the WKA membership is to be kept aware of the activities of our organization, someone needs to take time to submit a short article.

**Please consider dropping me a note if you attend an event.** The form, spelling, etc. doesn't matter. That's what an editor is for, right? I appreciate your consideration.

-Rod

approach, Westport, WA. Competition (and prizes) in many categories. Contact Creda Axton (360) 491-3229 or Pic-A-Patch Kites (360) 268-0877.

**JULY 6-7, 1996**

Lincoln City *Call of the Wild* Summer Kite Festival, D River Wayside, Lincoln City, OR. Contact Steve Lamb (541)994-9500 or Don Redfield (541) 996-6800.

**JULY 6-7, 1996**

North Coast Challenge, Lincoln City, OR.

**JULY 21, 1996**

WKA Fun Fly, Noon til ?? at Magnuson Park Kite Hill, Seattle. Contact Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103.

**AUGUST**

**AUGUST 11, 1996**

WKA Fun Fly, Noon til ?? at Magnuson Park Kite Hill, Seattle. Contact Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103.

**AUGUST 18-25, 1996**

Washington State International Kite Festival, Long Beach. (800) 451-2542.

**SEPTEMBER**

**SEPTEMBER 6-8, 1996**

Up Your Wind Kite Festival, 9 AM - 10 PM Fri/Sat, 9 AM - 5 PM Sun, Pacific Beach State Park, Pacific Beach, WA. Sponsored by High Flyers Kite Shop and North Coast Sky Painters. Contact Margaret Robinson (360) 276-8377.

**Sept 28-29, 1996**

Lincoln City *Call of the Wild* Fall Kite Festival, D River Wayside, Lincoln City, OR. Contact Steve Lamb (541)994-9500 or Don Redfield (541) 996-6800.



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Join the WKA and share the fun! Find out more about the fastest growing popular pastime in the United States today. WKA meetings offer individuals and families the opportunity to participate in the administrative support and planning of local kite events and workshops. Fill out this application and return it with a check or money order for \$15.00 (US) to:

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