

The summer has been very active to this point, kiteflyingwise, and it promises to get better - - ! Last Saturday, your Secretary went up to the Pilchuck Glass Works, as invited by their newsletter you all received, and found a gorgeous setting for kiting, friendly people & W.K.A. members Jim Carnwath, Harold Writer, newmember Fat Leza, Dave Van Zandt, Mara Parsons and their families. Pilchuck is delaying their next open house one day, to Sunday, July 28th, hoping that it will meet the schedule of more people. It's well worth the trip.

The next deadline is Wednesday, July 17th: Bellevue's Northwest Arts and Crafts Fair jurying of entrants. Kites are needed for display there. Bring them in to the Seattle Air Force Kite Store by 10 a.m. the 17th. They just want kites that you think would qualify as art objects -- because of color, line, shape, etc. But, because we explained to them that a kite hanging on a wall is akin to stuffed goose on a shelf -- nothing like the real object flying gracefully through the air -- they also have arranged for us to fly our kites off the heliport pad on top of Thompson's Pharmacy. If you would like to fly to an audience of literally tens-of-thousands, come on over there with us. We'll be on top of Thompson's from about 11 a.m. 'til sunset, Bellevue Square, Sat. & Sun., 27th & 28th.

There is a double-header next weekend, July 20 - 21st. The Fairhaven Kite Co. fly-in at Mirror Lake, at Mt. Baker on Sunday, the 21st. Beautiful spot. The night before, after dinner, at the Van Gilders', we're planning a kite-making bee. The plan: each person to make 8 to 12 small sled-kites, bridled to a main, heavy line. Then, at the various kite-flies, especially at Bellevue, we can clip the separate lines together and send up a 60 to 100-kite train! Saturday, the 20th, you bring one package of tissue paper,

any color, a roll of scotch tape and a pair of scissors. I'll supply the string and bamboo for spars. But if you do happen to have some strong BRAIDED line, bring it. I'll also supply a pattern which gets two kites per sheet of 20 x 30" paper.

Note who is making this mailing -- paying postage -- the Capitol Hill C.ofC. They graciously let us put our newsletter in with their announcement of their big kite festival at Volunteer Park. Remember the dates -- during Seafair -- young people on Wed., the 31st and us oldsters on Thursday, Aug. 1st. If it's anything like last year, this is a BIGGIE, People!

Next month, the big deal is Fort Worden in Port Townsend. Sponsored by the Washington State Arts Commission, this one will emphasize kites as Things-Of-Beauty. But it is so unstructured and the parade ground they fly from is so beautiful that it is really thrilling fun. Their mailing will be out soon to all of us, telling about August 17th and 18th. They have a new gimmick: they have buildings available, so are turning one of them in to a sleeping-bag dormitory for kilters. How 'bout that?

Your WKA president, Dave Checkley, just received a clipping from an English-language newspaper in Tokyo telling and showing 204 kites on one string. He sez they looked like two-stickers.

Your secretary just got back from a week in Los Angeles, where he was treated royally by the Long Beach International Kite Club. It cost him three kites, but he came home with four, after the trading was all done. Plus a bit of cash from the Ice Follies. If you go see them next season and they are towing kites around the ice behind pretty girls, look in the program booklet for credit given to the Washington Kiteflyers! Disneyland is next.

See you at Green Lake -- or Golden Gardens -- or Discovery Park!