

DECEMBER 1982



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Golden Gardens 12 noon.
- Jan. 12 WKA meeting: election of officers; planning for annual kite show. Pacific Science center Board Room, 7 pm.
- Feb. 8 WKA meeting: preparing for annual show. PSC Board Room, 7 pm.
- Feb. 9 Kitemaking Workshop
PSC Board Room, 7-9:30 pm.
- Feb. 10 Deadline for March newsletter copy.
- Feb. 16 Kitemaking Workshop
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- Feb. 23 " " " " " " " "
- Mar. 2 " " " " " " " "
- Mar. 9 Last WKA meeting before kite show!

And regular kiteflying at Gasworks Park every Sunday afternoon from 1:30 pm.



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10-15 Hunters Glen Drive
Painsboro, N.J. 08536

Jack Van Guilder and Larry Chin will be holding kite-making classes too, at schools in the Rainier Valley district, from mid-January to mid-February. This time the kids will have two chances to exhibit the kites they make: at WKA's annual Kite Show at the Science Center, and again at a kite festival/contest being planned for Seafair. Tom, Jack, and Dave will be meeting with Seafair p.r. director Sharon Hassan as this goes to copier, to plan that mid-summer event.



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KITE SHOW MEETINGS

W.K.A. MEETINGS TO PREPARE
FOR OUR 10th ANNUAL KITE SHOW:
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th 7:00
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th 7:00
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th 7:00

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE IN THE
BOARD ROOM OF THE PACIFIC
SCIENCE CENTER. AN ELECTION OF
OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THE
JANUARY 12th MEETING.
EVERYONE IS URGED TO ATTEND**
SEE YOU THERE!

WINTER GETTING YOU DOWN? SPRING'S COMING!

And preparations are under way for the Cherry Blossom Festival. There'll be a special treat this time: noted Hirosaki kitemaker Eihei Fukushi will head a group of Japanese kites who'll bring kites and demonstrate kitemaking at the Festival. The poster to advertise this year's Cherry Blossom Festival will feature one of his kites -- a tsugaryu, a rectangular type make in northern Japan, with spruce rather than bamboo bones. There'll also be demonstrations of neputa -- Japanese paper sculpture, an art allied to kitemaking. Watch for more on this in the next newsletter.



Shakib Gunn in Singapore

SINGAPORE, ANYONE?

Dave Checkley and Hugh Harrison -- maybe also Rick Kinniard -- are preparing for a trip to Singapore for the 2nd annual Singapore Kite Festival, taking place January 15-16. The first one, in February '82, brought a crowd of about 20,000, with kitefliers from all over eastern Asia. (See April '82 AKA News and Spring '82 Kitelines.) This time SKA president Sakib Gunn expects fliers from Holland, England, and the U.S. as well -- at least 10 countries altogether, a real world-class event.

Thai Airways International has a special \$1,244 round-trip fare from Seattle -- no minimum stay, stopovers in Bangkok to meet Thai fliers and get in on some traditional Thai kite-fighting. Dave's also planning a stopover in Japan. Anyone interested in joining the group may contact him, 678 W. Prospect, Seattle, WA, 98118, (206) 284-5350.

OR JAPAN?

Dave tells us there are only four spaces left for the spring kite tour of Japan and China — the one that takes in the Hammamatsu Festival and flying from the Great Wall! A 21-day tour crammed with kite events, entertainment, and sight-seeing. For more info or to reserve space, call Dave in a hurry.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The president says "HAPPY HOLIDAYS" and goodbye. I want to thank all of you who helped me so much during the last year. I could go into who, but might miss someone so I am thanking all of you again.

Remember the "New Year's Day" fly at Golden Gardens, it will be at 12:00 noon. See you there!

Tom Sisson
President, W.K.A.



Suzanne Sadow with THE picture

WKA SAW IT FIRST, BUT ...

A panoramic color picture 8" x 60" (5 (five!) feet folks!) is currently making the rounds of AKA-affiliated clubs. We saw it at our last Science Center meeting, where WKA members pictured autographed it before sending it on its way. This incredible group picture was taken at AKA's 1982 convention by Oscar Bailey, AKA member who is an instructor in

photography at a Florida college. The large antique camera he used is mounted on a tripod with a clockwork mechanism that rotated it some 180 degrees as the exposures were made. Such picture-taking is planned to be an annual event at future conventions. Prints of this first one are available for \$48 a piece from AKA, 113 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, MD 21202.

FLY IN THE NEW YEAR!

Improbable as this sounds, in the nine years WKA's held its annual New Year's Day fly at Golden Gardens, there's never been a rainstorm on January 1. Sometimes it's cold, sometimes there's ice underfoot, but we've never been rained out yet. So pull on your wool socks, lace up your winter boots, zip yourselves into your down parkas and come help your kites scare rain away from another New Year's Day.

With no U. Dub Rose Bowl game to get home to, we're starting later this year: 12:00 noon. If you've got a big thermos jug, fill it with something hot to bring along, and when we take a break from flying we can huddle around the tailgates — not quite as cozy as Huskies in Hawaii, but it beats diving into Puget Sound.

KITE WORKSHOPS

Kite workshops will be held in the board room of the Pacific Science Center on the following dates:

February 9th — 7:00 to 9:30 pm

16th — 7:00 to 9:30

23rd — 7:00 to 9:30

March 2nd — 7:00 to 9:30

cost of the workshops will be \$7.00 per person provided 15 people sign up. Materials cost will not go over \$3.15 unless you opt for more expensive stuff.


The kites we'll be building will be those described in the Educators' packet. We'll try to build the first two kites the first evening, the two deltas in the next session, and the cobra in the third. Hopefully we can finish the Cobra early enough to start the Delta-Conyne that evening, and finish it early enough on the last evening to have time to discuss kites and how to fly them. The following Saturday, March 5th, weather permitting, we'll all meet at Gasworks Park to fly our creations.

Deadline to sign up for classes is Jan. 24, '83. Checks may be sent to Tom Sisson, 4653 S. Chicago St., Seattle WA 98118. Classes are limited to the first 20 people who sign up, so that we can give each one plenty of individual instruction.

Tom Sisson.

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Thanks to everyone who wrote to credit Jon Burkhardt with the top kite picture of the two who were credited to the Hoskings in the last Newsletter.



New Year's Day '82
Line hummer (coffee Cup)