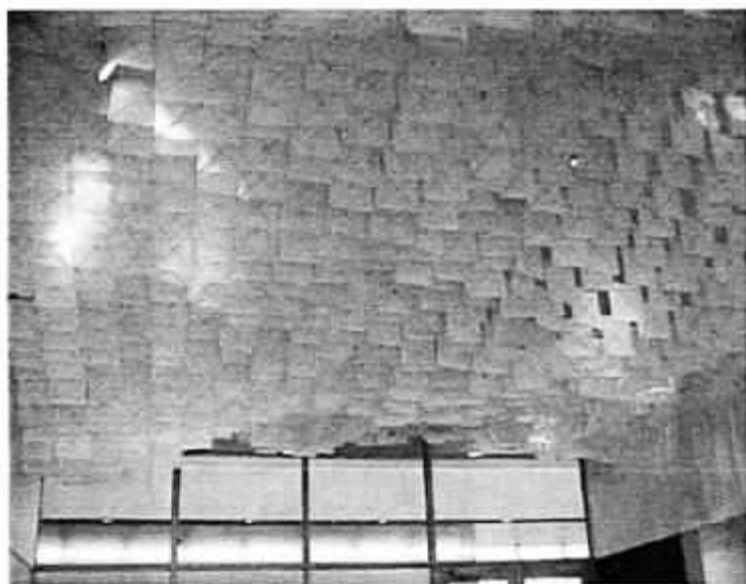




Newsletter

March - April 2005

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION



Tacoma Art Museum Kites

by Glenda Kleppin

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We recently went to the Tacoma Art Museum and found that they had a sculpture entitled "Altadena"—named for that California city. It was made up of 1100 rectangular miniature kites suspended by rows of strings, hung from the ceiling in their cafe. The kites, from the collection of the artist Jacob Hashimoto, were made of polyester, kozo, wood, nylon, and acrylic. He refers to his installation as a "skyscape" or a landscape of the heavens. The undulating banks of kites reminded us of clouds in the sky. Some of them were tinted yellow to represent smog. The thought and work that went into this presentation totally boggled our minds and emphasized the strong emotions that kites displays are able to elicit.

World Kite Museum Events

Plastic Bag Kite Art - February 28 & March 1 - 2005

A special treat from the Drachen Foundation and Fort Worden Kite Makers Conference, Marten Bondestam from Finland will make kites from plastic with 4th, 5th & 6th graders, with senior citizens and families. Using a wood burning knife he will show a technique for combining different colored plastic sacks into sky decorating kites.

Bary Crites Workshop - The Revolver - March 19, 20 - 2005

Bary Crites, a master of cellular kites, will teach how to make The Revolver, a kite that twirls in the sky. It is a revolving box kite, about 36 inches tall, takes a good 6-8 mph to fly and will fly in 35 mph winds on 50# line. Using complimentary colors, you'll make a flying kaleidoscope. Price and details will be available soon. Be sure to reserve your place early as class size is limited. Cost: \$65 For more details www.worldkitemuseum.com

Berlin Airplane Kite Workshop by Bob and Charmayne Umbowers - April 23, 24 - 2005

The airplane is a beautiful, elegant, low-wind kite. It is an old German design, which we believe is called "the Berlin Flyer". It is a fairly easy kite to cut out, sew, bridle, and assemble and is certainly easy to fly in gentle and moderate winds. Register your place early as class size is limited. For more details www.worldkitemuseum.com

Spirits of 1805 in the Sky - May 21 & 22

John Pollock, Grand Champion Winner of the American Kite Association's Comprehensive Kite Competition in 2004, has agreed to teach his technique of painting on ripstop nylon and make a kite. John's winning kite is a picture of the spirits of the Crow Indians symbolized as large black birds carrying the buffalo ponies that they stole from Lewis & Clark. The Museum hopes to attract kite makers and other artists to depict various images that represent Lewis & Clark's destination here at the Pacific. Those spirits can be plants, animals, canoes, longhouses, pots and baskets, head and other decoration, landscapes etc. If you are a kite maker and prefer a particular kite shape, that's

great. For those who are painters, we will help you get the kite made. Begin the creative thoughts, by March more details will be available. For more details www.worldkitemuseum.com

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The editor encourages your participation in your newsletter, and requests that you send your contributions pertaining to kite flying. Submissions that illustrate how much fun it is to fly a kite will be given priority for publication.

Mail submissions and photographs (including 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 photograph back) to:

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The deadline for all submissions is the 15th of February, April, June, August, October and December. Materials received by these dates will be published in the following issue as space allows. All submission will be considered for publication.



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Thanks from the WKM

December 11, 2004

Dear WKA,

The World Kite Museum acknowledges with appreciation your thoughtful donation. Your contribution nourishes and sustains the Museum's vitality and strength. Unrestricted donation \$130.00 To all you flighty folks in PCKA and WKA - The Kite Museum will put your donation to good use teaching people to make and love kites. We appreciate your confidence in our efforts.

Kay Buesing

December 13, 2004

Dear WKA Boosters,

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your financial support of the World Kite Museum. Your contribution brings us much closer to the establishment of a worldclass museum dedicated to the multi-cultural fun, history, science and art of kiting. Please visit us soon and often. Getting your second \$500.00 gave us another boost. Thank You, thank you.

Kay Buesing

WSIKF Scholarship

At WSIKF (Washington State International Kite Festival) in August 2004, the names of all Apprentice class winners of Thursdays handcrafted kite categories were entered into a drawing for a scholarship to the 2005 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference.

Congratulations to Butch Harviston for winning the scholarship!



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meets every Tuesday at 4pm in
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Standard(7200 block) Spokane, WA

Northwest Fighter Kite Association

meets 3rd weekend of every month,
location varies. For more info:
www.fighterkites.org

Northwest Sport Kite League

Contact Bud Hayes email:
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at www.nwskl.com

Peninsula Breeze Blenders

Contact Bill Rogers or Lisa Ryan
email: lisaryan@mail.com or
billrogers@earthlink.net meets the
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Fire Station on Loxie Egan Blvd.

Pierce County Kiteflyers Assn.

Contact Scott Davis email:
prez@pcka.org meets at Summit
Library in Tacoma, 7pm last
Thursday every month.
Calendar at www.pcka.org

Seattle Kitesurfing Association

Contact John Penxa
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www.seattlekitesurfing.org

Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contact Don or Shirley Allen
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Whidbey Island Kite Flyers

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360-678-9358 meets the 3rd
Saturday every month call for
location.

Westport Windriders

Contact Bary Crites
360-491-8605 or email:
bearkites@aol.com meets 4th
Saturday every month at Grayland
Beach, followed by potluck at
Willapa Grange Hall

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Alec Ross Marshall 1922 - 2005



Alec was born on August 29, 1922 in Nanaimo and died on February 9, 2005. He served as a Gunner and an artillery surveyor in the Canadian Army at home and in Holland during the war. On his retirement, he took up the sport of kite flying as both a judge and competitor and traveled widely in both capacities. Many children in Chilliwack knew him as a kite enthusiast since he was always willing and available to elementary school classes to demonstrate kite making and flying.

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Newsletter Thank You

January 9, 2004

To: wkaeditor
From: Vi Van Gilder
Subject: Thanks! Great Newsletter

Courtney Hansen, I hope that you are still on the receiving end of this e-mail, as I want to express my appreciation for the exceptional Jan-Feb. issue just received. The AMOEBA acronym, with fun description was most fun!! Also my THANKS for keeping me on your mailing list all these years. It is now 16 years since my husband, Jack Van Gilder, did his last kite flying at the Golden Gardens "Protest the Bowls" fly, as he lived only 3-1/2 months beyond that. That event has since then been my principal contact with the club. I was absent a year ago however, in the hospital getting a new hip. But this year I enjoyed getting down there and my new hip passed the test of hiking up all the steps and hillside to catch my bus up on 85th!

Now in memory of Jack, I wish to send donations both to the WKA, and to the World Kite Museum. That was started just before Jack died, and a number of his kites went there. I was glad to learn about its progress, outgrowing the tiny cottage on the Peninsula. Maybe someday I can even make it out to Long Beach again!

Happy New Year
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Kite Calendar:

Mar 4 - 6 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference
www.kitemakers.org
Mar 19 - 20 Kite Museum Work Shop, Long Beach
www.worldkitemuseum.com
Mar 20 BCKA Fun Fly Vancouver, BC, Canada
www.bcka.bc.ca/events/mar.htm
Mar 23 - 26 Lincoln City Indoor Kite Festival
541-996-1274 or 1-800-452-2151
Apr 23 - 24 BCKA Festival of Wind, Waves & Water, White Rock
www.bcka.ba.ca/events/apr.htm
Apr 23 - 24 Moses Lake Kite Festival
BKA@mlfloral.com

Classified

For Sale: 2 - six foot used stunt kites, 1 yellow Martin Lester Bird kite, 1 - 4' square Hata Style Log Cabin quilt kite, and other assorted kites. It is time to thin out the closet. Contact Dave Christenson, baysidetrader@comcast.net for more info.

Advertisement: For items relating to kites of kite fliers, charge is 10 cents a word (\$3.00 minimum) per issue. Lost, found, stolen or free items will be listed free if under 30 words. Make checks payable to WKA.

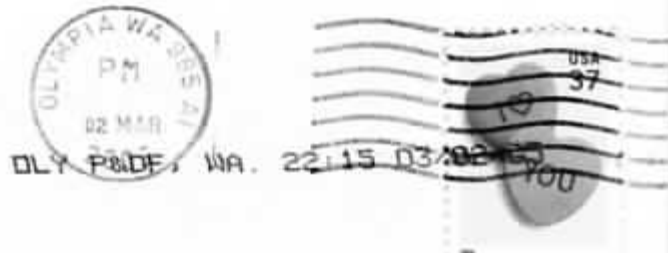
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Membership Application


By becoming a member of WKA, you receive the WKA Newsletter every other month for a year, a membership card which entitles you to discounts at some area kite stores, and a wealth of information about special events and goings-on in the Northwest kiting community.

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. Membership cost per household in the US or Canada is \$15.00. Fill out this application and return it with a check or money order payable in US funds.

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