



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Foster Grandparent Fly - WSIKF 2006

by Glenda Kleppin

It's still cold outside and most of you are still making your new kites for the coming kite season. While you are at it, remember to make one; or a dozen; or even more extra kites to give away during the Foster Grandparent Fly at WSIKF. Many of the kids in the audience do not have kites and/or kites that are easy to fly well. Also, many of the kids do not have parents who know enough about kites to give them instructions that are clear and patient enough for the kids to experience success in flying them. This is your chance to make a difference!

For the past two years, generous kitemakers have led about 150 kids per year out on the flying field and have shown them the individual attention and patience often associated with grandparents. You all are invited to personally experience the joy that comes from watching the face of a child light up and say: "So that's what it is all about!" This year, let's think of warmer weather and double that number of kids on the field. Please, please do

not let the kids down and please do your part to help insure that no child leaves the area without a new kite to treasure. Even if you can't be on the field for this event, send your kites to me and I will see that someone uses them to teach a child to fly. Thank you.

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Kite Clubs

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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 e-mail:
bud@thehayesplace.com Calendar
at www.nwskl.org

Peninsula Breeze Blenders

Contact Bill Rogers or Lisa Ryan
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billrogers@earthlink.net meets the
2nd Wednesday every month at the
Fire Station on Loxie Egan Blvd.

Pierce County Kitefliers Assn.

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

Seattle Kitesurfing Association

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Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contact Mike Button
360-733-7380 Fly Sunday after-
noon in the park at Squalicum Har-
bor

Whidbey Island Kite Flyers

Contact Allen or Marjorie Taylor
360-678-9358 meets the 3rd
Saturday every month call for
location.

Westport Windriders

Contact Bary Crites
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Saturday every month at Grayland
Beach, followed by potluck at
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Dear Kite Museum Friends,

With the help of members and supporters like you, 2005 has been a **banner** year for the World Kite Museum & Hall of Fame. On September 1st we began moving into our new home on Sid Snyder Drive. This accomplishment marks the beginning of a very exciting period in the history of the World Kite Museum. This new building will provide new opportunities, accompanied, of course, by new challenges.

That's why I'm writing today - to ask you to help the Kite Museum in this next phase of its mission of promoting the fun, art, science and history of kiting worldwide. You can do this by making a special gift to the only kite museum in the Western Hemisphere (there are twelve in the "other" hemisphere).

As you consider this request, please consider what the World Kite Museum is to its members and friends:

- The Kite Museum intrigues the curious, who are amazed that kites from different cultures can be so unique.
- The Kite Museum draws in the history buffs, who marvel at the ingenious methods through which kites have solved scientific and lifting needs.
- The Kite Museum brings the enjoyment of kites and kiting to individuals of all ages, their families, friends and neighbors worldwide.

To help us continue to play this important role in the kiting world, I'm asking you to contribute again this year with a special year-end donation, one that will not only support our past programs, but will allow us to meet the increased expenses of the larger building and its potential. The important thing to remember is though our expenses have increased four times, our educational opportunities can increase twenty times. Only with your thoughtful and generous donations can both of these happen.

The generous support we have received from you, our valuable donors and members, has brought us to our handsome new building. Your annual membership and additional gifts have helped us create a Museum with programs that you and everyone can enjoy.

We face exciting challenges in 2006. I urge you to send a year-end donation to help us meet new expenses and to upgrade exhibits and programs.

With Best Regards,
(Signed)
Kay Buesing
Museum Director
World Kite Museum
Long Beach, Washington

The following events are currently scheduled for March/April/May:

- March 18-19 World Kite Museum workshop--Brian Champie's "Sentinels"
March 19 BCKA Spring Fun Fly <http://www.bcka.bc.ca/Events/Mar.htm>
March 24-26 Lincoln City Indoor Kite Festival and Competition
<http://www.oregoncoast.org/kite-festival/indoor-kite-2006.html>
Contact Ron Sears 541-557-1110
- April 1-30 National Kite Month <http://www.nationalkitemonth.org/>
April 8-9 World Kite Museum workshop--Sam Huston's "Kite Gypsy"
April 22-23 World Kite Museum workshop--John Barresi--stunt kite lessons
April 29-30 BCKA Festival of Wind, Waves, and Water
<http://www.bcka.bc.ca/Events/Apr.htm>
- May 14 BCKA May Fun Fly <http://www.bcka.bc.ca/Events/May.htm>

Other flying information:

PCKA has set the date for their 2006 PCKA Orting Kitefest for August 5-6. This event had to be canceled last year because of conflicting soccer games, so has been scheduled this year to take place before soccer season begins. There is free dry-camping at the site of the festival and pins, pins, pins, so be sure to add this event to your calendar! A map to the festival can be found on the club website at: <http://www.pcka.org/PCKAOrtingKitefest.html>

The traditional WKA "Seattle Festival of Kites" has been held on Father's Day. However, for the past two years, there have been other kite festivals that conflicted with that date. Additionally, several members have said that they prefer to spend Father's Day with extended family, and not all of their family members share their enthusiasm for kiteflying. Therefore, this year the WKA board decided to make this festival a part of the Seafair celebration and change the date to July 15. However, if you really, really want to fly kites at Kite Hill on Father's Day, feel free to do so. Several board members plan to be on hand to keep you company on that date.



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PLAN AHEAD...

What Are You Doing on Thursday, June 8, 2006? Or 9, or 10?

By Sylvia Bernauer

I know where I will be, and if you can come to help create Kite Festival atmosphere, it will be very much appreciated. Everybody loves to put on a kite show, especially for those that might not have seen one before!

The Place will be Ocean Shores, on the beach by the Shilo. The Purpose is an event on the schedule of activities for **Thursday, June 8**, for the Ladies whose husbands are attending the annual Washington state convention of lodges, otherwise known as the Masonic Grand Lodge of Washington. Ocean Shores was chosen this year as a destination place because of all the recreation opportunities, and a reason for more families to come to Grand Lodge.

All conventions have to be planned years ahead of time, and the same for activities. Four years ago, I was asked to coordinate a kite event on the beach, because of some stories that were going around that I flew kites! Wonder where they heard that? (My late husband Dave was a member of the fraternity and I am still involved. A short list of Masonic organizations includes the Lodges, Scottish Rite, Shriners, Eastern Star, and youth organizations of DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls.)

This event will be a **Fun Fly** and I will be providing a kite for the Ladies. Deciding on what to do, as kite making is not my forte' has been a story in itself. Years ago when we were planning table decorations for my husband's installation as Master of his lodge, we decided to work kites into the theme because that was a family activity that Dave, Dan and I enjoyed (and we were telling others about kiting). We fastened little blue cardboard kites on wires (at flight angles), stuck into a foam base, and one of those miniatures was decorated with a Masonic symbol. And now, 15 years later that is really going to happen! There will be Masonic kites in the sky.

At the convention when the men register, they are given a plastic bag to keep all their printed meeting schedules, dinner tickets, etc. together. This bag is always the same one, light blue with the symbol of the Square and Compasses, and name of the event. One thing or another, the inspiration came that maybe a kite could be made from that distinctive plastic bag. So after experimenting with a kite that I had from a PCKA kite making day at a school, this plan worked if the bag was cut open down the middle of the back and to the points to make it big enough for the 18" Eddy kite. Next needed was the approval from the Grand Lodge office to use their bag, and approval of the use of the symbol on the kite. These approvals were given, and a sample kite was shown to the Grand Master, Al Jorgensen, and his wife, Nancy, and they absolutely loved it!! Nancy said "And it flies!" as I walked it through part of the dining room before a District dinner.

At the conclusion of the dinner, Nancy announced that there will be an official "Masonic Kite" as part of the ladies activities, and several of the men attending the dinner said that this ladies' event sounded like a lot more fun, so I am sure that some of them will also be coming down to the beach some time during the three days of Grand Lodge, June 8-10. Weather permitting; I hope to spend part of Friday, and Saturday morning showing my Masonic friends (one is former WKA newsletter editor David Julian) the joys of flying kites. You are more than welcome to join me!

Grand Lodge will conclude this year at noon on Saturday with a PARADE by the new Ocean Shores Convention Center. Maybe we can add some color to that parade. I don't have approval of that yet, but I will work on it.

Just a quick note from the editor: We need volunteers to help with the Sea Fair kite fly. Don't wait till the last minute to say you will help. The earlier we get volunteers the easier setting things up will be so contact the Special Events Coordinators and let them know they can count on your help. Thanks

Washington Kitefliers Association
An affiliate of the American Kitefliers Association
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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