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## BLOSSOM KITE FESTIVAL 2019 KITEMAKERS' COMPETITION

Saturday, March 30th, 2019

(Raindate: Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019)



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The National Cherry Blossom Festival invites public participation in the Kitemakers' Competitions held during the Blossom Kite Festival on Saturday, March 30, 2019 (Raindate: Sunday, March 31st, 2019) on the grounds of the Washington Monument. ALL ARE WELCOME! First-time and experienced kitemakers are encouraged to compete for a chance to win fabulous prizes provided by Samsung. Grand Prize is a Samsung Galaxy S10+ phone.

## COMPETITION DETAILS

The Festival will feature several categories of competition for youth and adults. Detailed rules and procedures are available at the Registration Tent.

### ADULT COMPETITION

The Adult Kitemakers' Competition will be held from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on the Competition and Demonstration field. To be eligible for this competition, all kites must be **hand-made and flown by the kitemaker**. The 2019 theme is **Spring Blossoms in the Air**.

**Categories:** Grand Prize  
Theme Award

Additional awards may be presented as follows when there are at least 3 entrants in a category; if fewer entrants, the consensus of the judges will determine if the award should be given.

Flat Kite	Bowed Kite
Cellular Kite	Soft & Flexible Kites
Multi-Line Kites	Train Kites
Special Recognition	

Awards for the Adult Kitemakers' Competition, including Theme Award and Grand Prize, will be announced in the afternoon at the conclusion of the Blossom Kite Festival. Winners in each category will receive prizes.

### YOUTH COMPETITION

The Youth Kitemakers' Competition will occur on the Family Field from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Prior to the Competition, participating youth may practice flying on the Family Field from 10:30 to 11:00 am. Winners will be announced shortly after the competition. Youth winners will receive prizes sponsored by Milk Bar.

Youth 16 and over may enter the Adult Kitemakers' Competition.

**Categories:** 11 & Under (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place) – Hand-made kites only, flown by the maker.

12 – 15 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place) – Hand-made kites only, flown by the maker.

Kit / Workshop Kite–

Enter a kite made from a kite kit or at a kite making workshop.

Group Entry – Hand-made kites only, flown by the maker.

Compete with a hand-made kite designed and built by multiple youth.

Please note: A small amount of adult assistance is permissible.

With the exception of the Youth category of Kit / Workshop Kite, all other kites must be hand-made and flown by the kitemaker during the competition.

### IMPORTANT:

The use of glass coated kite string is prohibited on National Park Service property.

## REGISTRATION

Adults who wish to participate must register their kite at the Blossom Kite Festival's Registration Tent on the day of the event. Youth Competition registration is on the Family Field.

Hours of registration: 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM  
10 AM – 11 AM

Adult Kitemakers' Competition  
Youth Kitemakers' Competition

## KITE MAKING RESOURCES

Kite making information can be found through the American Kitefliers Association ([aka.kite.org](http://aka.kite.org)), Kitebuilder.com ([kitebuilder.com](http://kitebuilder.com)), and Drachen Foundation ([drachen.org](http://drachen.org)).

To learn more about kite flying consider attending a First Sunday Fly on the first Sunday of each month with Wings Over Washington Kite Club ([wowkiteclub.com](http://wowkiteclub.com)). The Maryland Kite Society ([mdkites.org](http://mdkites.org)) also hosts a kite retreat in the middle of February each year.

## ABOUT THE 2019 BLOSSOM KITE FESTIVAL

Held on the grounds of the Washington Monument near **15<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue NW** in Washington, DC, the Blossom Kite Festival is family-friendly, free and open to the public. The Blossom Kite Festival is produced by the National Cherry Blossom Festival with the assistance of a Kite Advisory Committee consisting of Dave Ashworth, Jon Burkhardt, Jim Cosca, Val Deale and Mike Van Meers.



**A full schedule of events will be available at [nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org)**

**For questions, contact Event Manager, Diana Cirone at [dcirone@ncbfdc.org](mailto:dcirone@ncbfdc.org)**