



BLOSSOM KITE FESTIVAL 2022 KITEMAKERS COMPETITION

Saturday, March 26th, 2022

(Raindate: Sunday, March 27th, 2022)



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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 26, 2022 (Raindate: Sunday, March 27, 2022) 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.

COMPETITION DETAILS

The Festival will feature several categories of competition for youth and adults. Detailed rules and procedures are available online at <https://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/event/blossom-kite-festival/>

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 2022 theme will be announced on 18 February on the Blossom Kite Festival web page.

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 take place 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 am to 11:00 am. Winners will be announced shortly after the competition. Youth winners will receive prizes.

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

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

12 – 15 (1st, 2nd, 3rd 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

Participants must register their kites online or at the Blossom Kite Festival on the day of the event. Day of registration will take place at the Blossom Kite Festival's Registration Tent (Adults) and the Family Field (Youth).

Online registration: February 08 – March 24, 2022 @
<https://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/event/blossom-kite-festival/>

On-site day of hours of registration: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

KITE MAKING RESOURCES

Kite making information can be found through the American Kitefliers Association (aka.kite.org), Kitebuilder.com (kitebuilder.com), and Drachen Foundation (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). The Maryland Kite Society (mdkites.org) also hosts a kite retreat in the middle of February each year.

ABOUT THE 2022 BLOSSOM KITE FESTIVAL

Held on the grounds of the Washington Monument near **17th 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.



A full schedule of events will be available at nationalcherryblossomfestival.org

For questions, contact Daniela Torrealba at dtorrealba@ncbfdc.org



KITEMAKERS COMPETITION RULES

The National Cherry Blossom Festival (“NCBF”) welcomes you to the Blossom Kite Festival Kite Makers Competition. As a registered competitor, you agree to follow these rules (“Rules”).

You will:

1. **Complete a Registration form.**
2. **Enter only one kite into the Competition.** You must have made your kite and you must fly your own kite. Group entries are permissible if flown by members of the group making the kite. You may not enter kites or copies of kites that have won previous competitions at the Blossom Kite Festival or the Smithsonian Kite Festival.
 - a. Adult kitemakers are not permitted to enter kites that have been assembled from a kit or purchased.
 - b. Youth competitors may enter kites that have been assembled from a kit but may not enter kites that have been purchased. If a group entry, the majority of the kite building must have been done by youth.
3. **Wear appropriate protective clothing and footwear.**
4. **Be on the competition field (“Competition Field”) at your appointed heat time, or notify a Competition judge (“Judge”) if you are unable to compete when scheduled.** Judges may disqualify you if they cannot reschedule you or if your delay affects the overall Competition schedule.
5. **Fly your kite a minimum altitude of 100 feet for at least five minutes** to be eligible for a Competition award.
6. **Stay within the Competition Field during the Competition.**
7. **Follow all instructions of the Judges, Announcer, and Field Staff.**
8. **Remove your Kite and line promptly from the Competition Field** after you are finished competing.
9. **Ask for a Judge’s permission to repair your kite during the Competition.**
10. **File, if you feel that you have been improperly treated, a written protest to the Head Judge promptly after the incident that gives rise to the protest.** Your protest

must be specific and must not disrupt the Competition in process. You will accept as final the Head Judge’s decision on your protest.

11. **Remain responsible for your own person and equipment before, during and after the Competition.** You release NCBF, its officers, directors, employees, successors in interest and affiliated entities from any liability for loss or damage related to the Competition.
12. **Not a) intentionally come into physical contact with opposing fliers, kites, or lines; b) disrupt the Competition; c) intentionally or unintentionally threaten the safety of others contestants or spectators; d) seek influence over judges.**

The Judges may disqualify you for these infractions or if they believe that you are being unsafe or unsportsmanlike.

13. **Acknowledge that Judges:**
 - a. Will judge kites/present awards considering factors that may include, among other things, kite flight and handling, aesthetic visual appeal, originality, craftsmanship, and structural kite design, and award 1) first, second and third place in the Youth (11 & Under) and Youth (12 – 15) Kitemakers categories; 2) Grand Prize in the Adult Kite Makers category, 3) Theme Award in the Adult Kitemakers category, and 4) other prizes as announced before/at the Festival. The previous year’s Grand Prize winner is not eligible for this year’s Grand Prize.
 - b. **May suspend Competition based on wind conditions/safety considerations.**
 - c. **Have the final decision in any disputes or awards.**
14. **Indemnify and defend NCBF, its officers, directors, employees, successors in interest, and affiliated entities and Judges (each an “Indemnified Party”) from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, claims, and expenses,** including reasonable legal fees, that may be incurred or suffered by one or more Indemnified Parties and arising out of third party claims related to your obligations under these Rules, or your breach of the Rules, unless such liability, loss, damage, claim or expense is attributable to the Indemnified Party’s gross negligence or willful misconduct.



KITE TYPE DESCRIPTIONS

Flat Kite

The **flat kites** are the most common **kites** in the world; some bars build a geometric area overdrawn by fabric or paper, which builds the name giving **flat** form. They fly instable, therefore they need a stabilizing tail or something similar.



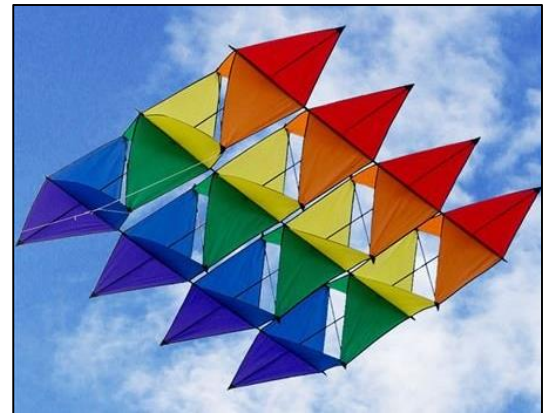
Bowed Kite

Bowed kites such as the Japanese rokkaku, and traditional versions of the more familiar "diamond" shaped kites such as the Malay or Eddy, are tensioned into a bow in order to improve their stability to the point where a tail often becomes unnecessary.



Cellular Kite

Everyone knows the basic box kites, but developments from them, known as cellular kites, come in a range of fascinating designs and in many sizes.



Soft & Flexible Kites (including Deltas)

These three-dimensional kites depend on the force of the wind on the kite, not on a rigid frame, to give the kite its shape. These kites may change their shape depending on the force of the wind. Soft kites have no spars. Flexible or semi-rigid kites may incorporate spars, with the spars going in one direction or one plane only.



Flat Kite

Kite with more than one line



Kite Train

Just like boxcars on a train, any number of similar kites can be flown together, one behind the other, to form a train of kites.

