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## BLOSSOM KITE FESTIVAL 2024 KITEMAKERS' COMPETITION

Saturday, March 30th, 2024

(Raindate: Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024)



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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, 2024 (Raindate: Sunday, March 31, 2024) 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 at the Registration Tent located at the north side of the Competition and Demonstration field.

### ADULT COMPETITION

The Adult Kitemakers' Competition will be held from 1:00 pm to 2:00 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 2024 theme is **Colors of the Wind**.

#### Categories:

- Best in Show (Grand Prize)
- Greatest Visual Appeal
- Most Impressive Flight
- Most Original Design
- Best Craftsmanship
- 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 will be announced in the afternoon at the conclusion of the Blossom Kite Festival around 4:00 pm. Winners in each category will receive prizes.

### YOUTH COMPETITION

The Youth Kitemakers' Competition will occur on the Family Field from 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm. Prior to the Competition, participating youth may practice flying on the Family Field from 10:45 to 11:45 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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place) – Hand-made kites only, flown by the maker.  
*\*Please note: A small amount of adult assistance is permissible.*

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

### IMPORTANT:

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

## REGISTRATION

Adults who wish to participate must register their kites 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 – 12:00 PM  
10:15 AM – 11:45 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)).

## ABOUT THE 2024 BLOSSOM KITE FESTIVAL

Held on the grounds of the Washington Monument near **15<sup>th</sup> - 17<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 Jon Burkhardt, Jim Cosca, Val Deale, Paul Dugard, Chris Schultz, Will Smoot, Cliff Quinn, and Maria Cosca-Cribbs.



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