

Sask Power WINDSCAPE Kite Festival

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June 21 & 22, 2025
10am - 5pm

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A World Class Family Festival!



Don & Alice Guick Kite Hospital

Kite take a nose dive? Unsure how to put things all together? Drop into our Kite Hospital by the Flyer's Tent for free help from our experts on all kite shapes and sizes! While you're there, collect a few signatures for your passport and enter to win great prizes.



50/50 Draw

Support the Windscape Kite Festival by purchasing 50/50 tickets! The funds stay within the festival to ensure it continues as a free festival, accessible to all!



1 Ticket

\$5



5 Tickets

\$10



20 Tickets

\$20

Watch for roaming ticket sellers or buy online!

Dorothy Guch & Andrei Chichak - Edmonton, AB

Dorothy and Andrei started flying kites in 1985, and building them a few years later. For quite a while Dorothy was content to fly and photograph these skyward art exhibits, then in 2008 she joined Andrei in attending the Fort Worden Kite Makers Conference in Washington State as there was far too many neat kites, and there was no way Andrei could build them all. Now they faithfully attend this annual kitemakers conference.



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Andrew Chichak - Edmonton, AB

Andrew, attended his first kite festival when he was 5 weeks old. Now, Over two decades later, he enjoys flying single, dual and quadline kites. He, and his parents, enjoy all aspects of building, flying and attending festivals. You meet the neatest, nicest people on the kite field.



Autograph:

Anne Clements - Montreal, QC

Anne was a kindergarten teacher and it's on a kite workshop that she met Yves. 34 years later they are still together. Anne is more on the small and medium single line kites and "sky junk"; she's the one who fills the space between the ground and the kites! She's the one who leads the kite's workshops with children. She had a chance to travel for 7 years with Yves on a few international festivals like Berk sur Mer in France.



Autograph:

Yves Laforest - Montreal, QC

Kite flying started around the age of 10, when my father tried to make me a kite. It didn't fly... Stopping at nothing, he bought me my first single line delta kite with a 5-foot wingspan; my first steps in the world of kite flying. I flew it a lot. I still have it.

During a kite-making workshop that I led in Lachute, Quebec, I met Anne who would become my wife. Together, we founded the company Vent en Fête and organized kite festivals, kite demonstrations, kite workshops, kite exhibitions, etc.



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Brian & Debbie David - Long Beach, WA

Debbie and Brian have been flying kites for about 25 years and building them for about 9 years. They spend a portion of their time going to and helping out at kite events here in Washington. As an event coordinator for the Foster Grandparents fun fly at the Washington State International Kite Festival in Long Beach WA, they sew along with other kite makers, in preparing and appliqueing the 200 kites that are given out to kids.



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Craig Wilson - Madison, WI

In 1983 I received a 2-line kite as a birthday present. That gift set me on a path of kite flying and kite making. Each new kite I made was bigger than the last and in 1986 I built a 20-foot wide delta shaped kite. On that kite's first test flight I felt its mighty power and stability. As I took a photo of that kite in flight I had the thought that the next step in my kite career should be to figure out a way to lift my camera with that kite to make aerial photos. Within a few months I had created a rig that attached to the kite line. It held the camera and triggered the shutter to make my first kite aerial photos. I have been hooked by that art form ever since.

Autograph:



David Tuttle - Swift Current, SK

David Tuttle has been interested in kites since the late 1970s when at the Ontario College of Art he was assigned a kite design project. This piqued his interest and he eventually became totally involved in kites and kite flying. After a move to Vancouver in 1981 he began working at High as a Kite in Gastown and joined the British Columbia Kitefliers Association where he fulfilled various executive positions in the club structure over the years. He is currently a member of the B.C.K.A and the A.K.A.

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David Butler - Tigard, ON

Dave and his late wife Diane made their kites together. Their combined efforts of painting and construction have produced unique art kites. We worked on compositions together, then Diane paints designs on fabric, such as silk, cotton, and uncoated rip-stop. Dave is the kite maker and primary kite flyer. His creative sparing keeps the painted fabrics from stretching when he flies the kites. They felt that their kites are a combination of all they have learned from their kite making friends around the world. Dave and Diane have won many awards, and in 2011 they were honored with the AKA's "Lee Toy Award" for kite art.

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Bud Taylor - Bentley, AB

Bud was introduced to building and flying kites by his dad, Dusty Taylor, even before he entered elementary school (using newspaper, wooden sticks, binder twine, bed sheets and mom's old stockings). Look for Bud zipping around the field in his kite buggy, powered by a large power-foil kite, or spot him flying large spectacular show kites from his vast collection of mega kites.

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Gary Mark - Toronto, ON

Gary Mark is an avid flyer and enthusiast, who has fully immersed himself into the kiting world, having an extensive collection of fascinating kites from around the world. He is the owner of Blue Sky Kites, and organizes kiting events all over Canada. Almost three decades of kite flying has given Gary many international opportunities, as well as provided him with many cherished relationships, knowledge and experience. He is the Region 13 American Kitefliers Association Director, the president of the Toronto Kite Fliers, and the Windscape master of ceremonies.

Autograph:



Glenda & Monty Davenport - Gig Harbor, WA

Glenda and Monty have been flying kites for over 18 years and making kites for the past 12 years. We attend several kite events on the Washington coast, where we volunteer and support the events where needed. Both are volunteers at Washington State International Kite Festival. Glenda is known as the "Kite Fairy" as the event coordinator for Kid Kamps, Top Kid/ Super Senior, Where is the Kite Fairy.

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Team Island Quad - Victoria, BC

The group has developed a casual and inclusive approach to their particular style of performing. Working on a freeform type of format instead of choreographed routines, the team leader puts together a performance using commands like a caller in traditional square dancing. With music, good wind, and the crowds' enthusiasm, Island Quad always succeeds in thrilling and entertaining festival goers. Flying quad line kites and practicing at Clover Point in Victoria, BC, the team is constantly working on improving their piloting abilities. The flyers possess a passion to share techniques, encouraging others to join in and to just have fun flying kites. The team skills include quad and dual line kites, indoor flying, night flying with illuminated kites, and kite flying clinics and workshops.



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Dave Van Lingen - Swift Current, SK

Dave has been a resident of Saskatchewan over the past 12 yrs, moving to Swift Current 5 years ago. He is a fellow kite enthusiast that has volunteered and flown his kites with Windscape over the last few years, sharing his large anchored octopuses and power sled among others.



Autograph:

Joe Saville - Swift Current, SK

We are happy to have Joe with us as a local kite flyer that loves to share the art of flying. This is his second year he has been sharing his passion for flying with Windscape and helping our team with the festival owned kites.



Autograph:

Lance Kryger - Delta, BC

Lance Kryger lives in Delta, British Columbia. Professional mechanic for over 28 years. While on vacation he saw his first kite festival and was hooked. He builds and flies large show kites and is always up for an adventure.



Autograph:

Max Plisskin - Los Angeles, CA

Max Plisskin is the founder of the LA kite group which seeks to further and share the joy of kite flying in Los Angeles. Max specializes in flying tricks with dual line sport kites and is one of the few "Pan Ying" eagle glider pilots in the area. In recent years Max has also begun building kites and developing his sewing and appliqué designs.



Autograph:

Orlando Ongkingco - Philippines

Founding President of the Kite Association of the Philippines Kite making and kite flying are both his passion. As a child, the wind was a mystery to him. Complement-ed by his consciousness of the environment, he pursued the outdoors to find answers as to how this force of nature can be utilized into a positive activity. This led him to discover kite flying and kite making at an early age. Professionally, he is a qualified medical technologist and has worked as a senior medical representative in a major multinational corporation for several years until his retirement.



Autograph:

Quad Squad North West - Delta, BC

Quad Squad North West is a four line kite flying performance team featuring pilots from the Pacific Northwest, USA, and British Columbia. This unique team features 11 veteran flyers. Due to the depth and experience of the team, QSNW is always able to provide a diverse and entertaining performance. Members have flown in kite festivals around the world, from France to Australia and even the Middle East. Attendees at this year's festival will be Terry Rowley, Sandra Letson, Tim Albee, Lisa Willoughby, Robert Shimada Gillash, and Akemi Gillcash.



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Ray Gowan - Swift Current, SK

Ray Gowan is straight out of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, and has been flying and building kites for many years. He has since become our resident Stunt Kite Expert, and you might be able to catch him around the festival giving lessons and flying this stunt kite train in the dual line field. He regularly organizes kite flies out at his farm, inviting new and experienced level flyers to enjoy the winds of the prairies.



Autograph:

Ron Bohart - Tigard, OR

Ron is an accomplished and award winning watercolor painter and portrait artist. His love of building kites started when he built stunt kites for family members as Christmas presents and found his love for kite building. His kite design ability and interest in appliqué made for a perfect transition into unique large heavily appliquéd soft kites. His portrait Rokkaku kites are well known all over the world.



Autograph:

Sharon Musto - Bentley, AB

Sharon Musto started building and flying kites in 1995. Back then she lived in Manitoba, was a full-time mom, a teacher of students with exceptional needs and a bit of a part-time artist; kites quickly became a huge part of her life -- an activity that she loved AND could include in both family life and professional life.



Autograph:

Stephen Childers - Long Beach, WA

Steven Childers is a kite builder and flyer with over 25 years of experience. He has competed and flown in many events and enjoys the camaraderie of the WSIKF held each year the third week of August in Long Beach Washington. He truly enjoys the opportunity to teach new flyers about the sport and building kites for his customers. The science of kites are complex but an ongoing passion to pursue.



Autograph:

Tory Bliss - Edmonton, AB

Windscape 2022 was Tory's first kite Festival. Having flown for 5-6 years, his speciality is kite aerobatics utilizing two-line Parafoil Stunt Kites of up to three meters in wingspan and often with three 30 meter long tails in tow. From Edmonton, Tory is really looking forward to meeting his fellow kite fliers and flying in front of the Windscape Kite Festival Spectators.



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Dr. Raj Hathiramani - Battleford, SK

Raj grew up flying kites where kite flying was especially celebrated at Easter. He was exposed to a tradition of kite flying, not only as a recreational activity but as a form of leisure which brought friends and family together. In his adult years, as he had the opportunity to travel to various countries, he longed to have that sense of comradeship, not only on the ground, but in the wind where one can join with other kites to paint an array of colours in the sky.

Raj recalls with deep sentiment when his mother said to him that once her father taught her how to fly single lined kites when she was a child. And then with a smile on her face she said, "Now my son is teaching me how to fly dual-lined kites."

Autograph:



Team Gibian - Chile, Oregon, Colorado

Eric Wiseman is an avid kite collector, he's thrilled to be flying on a team representing one of his favorite kite designers and the opportunity to paint the skies with two of his best loved brothers from the global kite community.

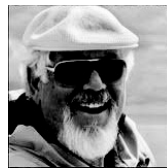
Ron Gibian's large body of work recognized around the world runs the full gamut of kite design that includes many of existing shapes that have been modified as well as many original designs in figure kites in particular. Awards abroad and with the American Kite Fliers Association have been numerous throughout the years but most important and satisfying to Ron has been watching new people advance in their kite building skills via his video tutorials but also by the teachings of others as well.

Thad Walton is a kite enthusiast and collector from Loveland, Colorado. His first memory of kiting is as an eight year old flying dime store kites with the other neighborhood kids. He fondly remembers buying multiple spools of line, tying them all together, and then flying the kite until it was no longer visible.

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THANK YOU

**To all of our kites from near and far.
We appreciate your passion and your enduring friendship
this year and every year.**

Sincerely,
The Windscape Team and Swift Current, SK

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Join our free cultural exchange with Dale Mosquito and other Nekaneet First Nation Knowledge Keepers.

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