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LBI AT ITS BEST

LBI INVITATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL MISSION: Our mission is to provide an experience where the focus is kite flier forward. Providing easy access to beautiful beaches while making it easy for you to enjoy your fellow fliers while sharing your beautiful ground displays, kites, and knowledge with the public.

The focus of this event, supported by the LBI Chamber of Commerce and its businesses, is to provide a truly unique and memorable experience for the kite fliers, resulting in a show that is nothing short of spectacular for the public.

This year's festival was truly breathtaking, as you can see from the photos in this article. The sky was a vibrant canvas each day, and spectators were left in awe. Families gathered at the Kids' Kite Making tent, the interactive field was



buzzing with kids enjoying the bubble blasts and displays, and they even had the opportunity to have their photos taken by Fair Winds Photography in front of the large inflatable kites free of charge.

Our list of invited kite fliers this year was nothing short of spectacular. We welcomed kite fliers from Germany, North and South Carolina, Colorado, Utah, California, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Alaska, New York, and Pennsylvania, each with their own unique and mesmerizing displays. Most of the kites at this festival were handmade by the kite fliers or were commissioned to have their custom kite made. The kite fliers enjoyed interacting with the public, sharing their craft, and allowing many of them to fly their kites.

The LBI Chamber of Commerce made the kite fliers feel special. Providing intimate breakfasts and wonderful lunches. Even an impromptu pizza party when the night fly pivoted from Long Beach Township to Ship Bottom. Guests and volunteers were supplied with custom LBI Fly welcome back pack bags that had their custom t-shirts and snacks in them.

The accommodations provided by the LBI Chamber of Commerce were outstanding. Our main base was at the Islander Motel, which is centrally located in Ship Bottom. We affectionately refer to it as our kite fliers' "Club House."









The owners, Joe and Annie Clarke, were fantastic hosts, ensuring that our accommodations were topnotch and assisting with the distribution of welcome bags to the rooms for our guests. They even stored some items we needed before the event started. Additionally, some of our kite fliers stayed at the Drifting Sands Hotel, just a few blocks from the "Club House."

The "Club House" is usually where it all happens! Gatherings before and after the day h<mark>as en</mark>ded is where magic happens. This is often where kite fliers and makers get together to plan out their next custom designed kite and even where kites are exchanged (see picture with Ron Gibian giving the kite he crafted to Tim Sorenson). This often happens when there are spirits in their glasses (for some).

We had many opportunities to join each other each day to break bread and share our stories of the day. Pizza party at the Gateway Restaurant, Breakfasts at Scojo's, LBI Pancake House and Wally's. It always felt like Thanksgiving as we were all together in a intimate setting enjoying each others company. All of the kite fliers interacted with each other, fostering a warm and friendly atmosphere. I'd say it was quite a "blessing." One I certainly hoped for.

We are excited for next year and we couldn't have done it without your support! We have formed an advisory

Photos taken by Danny Janelli, Photographer

group of kite fliers to help us improve the event and offer suggestions of possible kite fliers to invite. We would love to have 100's of kite fliers but there are limited resources. We learned a lot this year and know that the look and feel of this event is important to the LBI Chamber, the Townships and the selected kite fliers. Every year it seems to get more professional and tightened up. Here's to next year! Hugs to all!

















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WILDWOODS INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVALS' 40TH ANNIVERSARY



I can't begin to share with you how excited Sky Festival Productions (SFP), past and present, is for 2026's Wildwoods International Kite Festivals' 40th Anniversary! My comrade and SFP founder, Roger Chewning, and I have been speaking every couple of weeks, gathering pieces of a puzzle to determine how we'd like to shape this milestone.

One of the items Roger is working on is initiating a WIKF 40th Anniversary Facebook page for folks to post photos and memories of the past 40 years. There have certainly been - and will continue to be - some characters in this wonderful hobby that, whether involved on a near-daily basis or only once in a while, bring us all together. We can't wait to see everyone's contributions, which will no doubt touch all of us in different ways. As soon as that Facebook page is up and running, I'll be sure to share that with you. As a tease, I've included a few photos for this piece! It's always particularly interesting to me to hear how each of us got involved in kiting, and I love to listen to those stories. For me,

I stumbled upon WIKF in 2020 at a very introspective and challenging time in my life. Back then, no doubt, kiting absolutely 100% saved me—that's pretty strong. While it means something totally different to me now, and even when producing this event has its challenges, I am grateful for and humbled by what kiting has contributed to my life.

We're putting together an amazing lookback at WIKF throughout the years with tidbits of some behind-the-scenes intricate detail of this event, which we plan to bring to life as the event draws near and at the event, so stay tuned for the 40th Anniversary WIKF Facebook page - let us know how WIKF has shaped YOUR soul!



Ralph Ofredo &Ron Gibian



David Gomberg & Roger Chewning



Suzie Edison



Mike Carroll

WILDWOODS INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL - 40TH ANNIVERSAR)



I had all intentions of attending the 11th Annual Long Beach Island Invitational Kite Festival this year, but a last-minute medical problem and doctor's appointment made that impossible!

Talk about being sad as I was really counting on being there! It was decided that Gina would take my place, big shoes to fill if I do say so myself. I talked to Gina and Mike Jr, and they assured me that they would be fine, and Cel also agreed though I really hated not to be in attendance!! One of the things I did not miss was the intense winds that blew both days.

As was planned Cel would be handling Kids Kite Making with help from Donna, Mel, Dawn, and Nancy. Cel sold tickets and then the participants went under the SJKF Gazebos to build their kites. A final tally for the 2 days was 680 kite kits sold with \$1360.00 going back into the event and SJKF taking home \$4080.00. This money should cover the materials and kits for the year with some left over for SJKF treasury.

Thanks everyone for doing this and an especially Big THANK YOU goes out to Donna and Mel for pre-building most of the kites and Cel for doing what she does. They would have been busier, if that is possible, had the weather





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SJKF Holiday Party, December 7, 2025

SJKF is going to a new place since Randi's closed suddenly, it is Villa Catering Hall, 507
Williamstown RD., Suite 1, Sicklerville, NJ 08081, phone: (856) 728-1010 Website:
hpps://villdeliandcatering.com The party will start at noon on Sunday December 7th and will continue until 4pm. We will be dining on: Tossed Salad, Rolls, Butter, Italian Pastries, Cookies, Pepperoni & Cheese, Crackers, Homemade Assorted Stromboli, Filet Mignon, Fettuccine Alfredo, Chicken Cordon Blue, Parsley Potatoes,



Mixed Vegetables, and their famous Shrimp & Crab Salad. I believe we will also have Coffee and Soda. I will try for Iced Tea. No outside food is permitted, and they do not have a Liquor License. This menu may change without notice since this is our first time here.

The cost this year will be the same as in the last few years, \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. Children 12 - 3 years old \$5.00, under 3 free will be free.

Reservations are required and payment must be received by Monday, December 1, 2025. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Please send

payments to Cecilia Dallmer, 306 Friendship St, Phila., Pa 19111. If you have questions, please email Cel Dallmer at cdallmer@verizon.net or call 215-722-4092.

Extra Activities: Theme baskets will again be made this year by Donna and Mel. **This year's game** will be KITE BINGO again.

There may also be a few surprises!?!?!?!

Directions: From I95 North and South, take the Academy Road exit. Follow signs for Academy Road keep left at the fork and merge onto Academy Rd (0.8 mile), turn lleft on Willits Rd (1.4 mile), continue onto Welsh Rd (1.3 mile), turn rught onto Bustleton Ave (465 ft), turn left onto Grant Ave (0.2 mile). Enterance to Randi's Restaurant and Bar on right, head to rear of shopping center near movie theater, Randi's is in the left-hand corner.

If you are coming from New Jersey, go over the Betsy Ross Bridge or the Walt Whitman Bridge and take I-95 North. Follow the directions appearing in paragraph 1.

RSVP FORM:

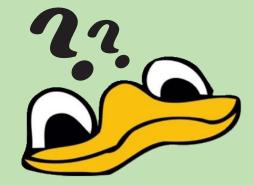
Please return all RSVPs with a check made out to South Jersey Kite Flyers by December 1, 2025, to: Cel Dallmer 306 Friendship St. Phila., Pa 19111 Venmo to Cecilia Dallmer is ok.

Reservations are required along with payment to ensure your seat, <u>no</u> exceptions.



Name			
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Adult's			
Name	Members \$15.00	Non-Members \$20.00	
Child's		Children 12 - 3, \$5.00	
Name		Under 3, free	
		Total Cost	

Scan this code to pay



Presidential Ponderings Duck Droppings

BY MIKE DALLMER SJKF PRESIDENT



PRESIDENT REPORT

Hello Kite Flyers, please stay vigilant, as COVID and measles cases remain present. Winter is approaching fast, and next week we will go below freezing in Philadelphia. This is the perfect time to go through your kite bags and repair any items that need fixing.

STATE OF SJKF CLUB

As reported by our Treasurer, Cel, as of August 31, 2025, there was \$4,550.78 in the bank and \$1,819.00 in cash, for a total of \$6,369.78.

However, since that report, our Anniversary Bash Auction has raised \$2,557.00, and the kite building at LBI has raised \$4,080.00. There were some expenses, but they totaled less than \$1,000.00.

Memberships are at 100, but 45 will expire 45 days after 10/1/2025. Membership renewal forms were mailed to those who need to renew, along with the Holiday Party invite and Election Ballots.

Elections: The ballots have been mailed, and you should have received them by now. If not, please let me know and I will get them out to you!! The ballot will be counted at the Holiday Party.

Holiday Party: This year's Holiday Party will be held at Villa Catering Hall, 507 Williamstown Road, Suite 1, Sicklerville, NJ 08081, phone: (856) 728-1010. hpps://villdeliandcatering.com is highly recommended; Donna even tested their food, which passed with flying colors.

The menu is different than Randi's Brunch menu, but it still sounds good. I want you all to be aware that you cannot bring in outside food, and the place **does not have a liquor license**, but you are free to bring your own within reason. **The reservation deadline is December 1**, **2025**.

Along with good company and food, we will also have beautiful baskets raffled off, a \$100 cash prize, Santa gifts for children under 12, Kite Bingo with Kite Prizes, and, of course, other surprises along the way. This is a event where SJKF gives back to its membership!

The February Winter Workshop will happen again this year, but I am still waiting for the Library to approve the date. Kevin Shannon has stepped up to redesign and present to us a kite he bought at last year's SJKF Auction, a Bed Sheet Kite. Also stepping up is Ben Huggett, who is supplying the fabric (red and blue 1 ½ ounce ripstop nylon) at a very reasonable price. Ben spent a day running around New York, then another hour and a half traveling northeast to pick up the fabric!! This is the first time in a long time that we will be doing a kite.

PRESIDENT REPORT

Regional Director: Ben has been elected to be our Region 2 Director!!

31st SJKF Anniversary Bash and Auction. As previously stated, the club raised \$2,557.00 in the sale of kites. Twenty-seven members attended and had a fun time, with fabulous food and drink. Many bargains were acquired at our auction, with some unbelievably valuable kites available. In addition, I'd like to congratulate Melanie Morgan as the, SJKF Flying Pig Award Winner for 2025!!



Melanie Morgan SJKF Volunteer Flying Pig Award Winner 2025

11th Annual Long Beach Island Invitation Kite Festival: for additional information, see the articles in this issue, but let me say that the organizers, Debra and Trip, did a fantastic job and made all the kite fliers feel important!! Thank you for everything you accomplished!

SJKF Calendar, I am looking for a volunteer to enter our events on the AKA Website. Please let me know if you are interested in keeping this calendar up to date. I will provide the events, so all you have to do is enter them on the website using the form.

Check us out on Facebook, South Jersey Kite Flyers, and on the web at sjkf.org

Finally, thank you, thank you, and thank you!! For being a member and making my job fulfilling by leading a great bunch of people!

I wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season!

11TH ANNUAL LONG BEACH ISLAND INVITATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL ... FROM HOME

forecast not kept people away.

Gina and Mike Jr did a fantastic job on the flying field. Gina ran the Interactive Field with 3 cars, the train and taking care of the ducks. Mike Jr flew kites, Jack Benny especially, and when he wasn't doing that, he was helping Gina with the crowd of people who wanted to interact with the stuff.

I was there in spirit and the photos that everyone was posting really made it easier to be at home. I also made a few FaceTime Video calls to Cel; it was almost impossible to talk with her as she was so busy selling the tickets!

Finally, another Big Thank You goes out to Ben, for setting up his and my banners each day, man, they looked fantastic!

Photo Credits: If you see your pictures







9TH ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD THE FLYING PIG FOR 2025

This year, we are going to honor a person we hardly see because they are too busy making us, especially Cel and me, look good. They are invisible, but we all benefit from their work. This person is always in the background.

This person is a significant asset to South Jersey Kite Flyers (SJKF), and I bet they do not think of themselves that way. This person not only helps at events but also does a lot of work at home for SJKF. If I were their spouse, I would wonder why they spent so much time working for SJKF. This person does this stuff at home to take their mind off other things in their lives.

I don't know if this person has ever flown a kite, but I do know they own kites, especially since they won a beautiful one at our Holiday Party. Speaking of the Holiday Party, this person helps there, too, by shopping and helping their cohort acquire and wrap the baskets. This person has attended many of SJKF's Workshops, completing a beach ball and dead cat sand anchor.

Heck, they even got their spouse to drive

them to kite-making, and the spouse spent most of the time in their car.

I cannot say enough about this person, especially their children's kite-making skills. How many have they built this year alone?

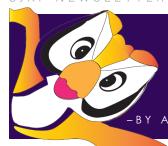
I am honored and pleased to present this person with the Flying Pig for 2025. If you

haven't figured it out yet, the person we are honoring this year is Donna's sidekick and sister, Melanie Morgan!!! Now she has a flying pig to fly off her winning kite!!!

Congratulations Mel!!!

PS: I did find a picture of her helping Jack Benny fly!!





PASSING THOUGHTS

Another great week at the LBI invitational fly. So many talented fliers and kite makers

sharing the skies to once again have an incredible experience together.

SJKF shined again with the interactive fields and kids kite making being so popular among families. Overheard someone say even Grumpy was smiling but still trying to get that confirmed.

Some of my favorite moments were from the top of the dunes looking down and listening to the spectators talk about their favorite kites. From Donald Duck to the Dragons to whatever that thing was Scott Hampton was flying. (My favorite)

There was also Ron Gibian flying many of his treasured kites and sharing them with the kite fliers during the week. I don't believe all of them made it back into Ron's bag, but I do believe Ron knows where they went.

Off the field is also where interesting events were occurring. On the Wednesday before festival watching Rolf Zimmermann add lights to our Star inside the Brant Beach police station meeting room. Many curious eyes walking by to see a thirty-foot inflated kite speaking German.

There was a spontaneous night fly in front of drifting sands Friday. I blame Tim Sorenson for that, but our group swelled to about a dozen borderline sober fliers enjoying a beautiful night.

Also exciting was the pivoted night fly Saturday on Ship Bottom beach. Where I heard Jeff King say the wind was as strong as he had ever flown in. Again, an amazing display by the fliers in those conditions and I would also like to thank the painkiller manufacturers for those anchors we dug and un-dug.

And lastly, there was the unveiling of the centennial celebration kite for Ship Bottom. The wind settled perfectly so we could float the kite over the town and chamber of commerce officials making for a very nice











moment on the beach. We are so grateful to them for supporting us and this wonderful event for 11 years. See you next year.



SECOND WORLD INDOOR KITE COMPETITION, WEIFANG CHINA

I had the opportunity of a lifetime to be invited and compete on an international level in China. The following provides an overview of my experience.

The process to be accepted and compete in the Second World Indoor Kite Competition in China requires one to fill out an application and submit a video. This turned out to be harder than you would expect. Because of the Chinese security requirements, they could not accept a link to a Cloud Drive or YouTube link. The quality of videos are large for a typical 4-minute indoor kite performance, so I couldn't email the file. I edited the length of the video to be shorter and saved the video file in the lowest resolution possible. That still didn't work. It took several rounds of decrease the size of the video until it was small enough to send. The quality was poor, but it was what I should send to China.

After a few weeks, I received an email indicating the video was received and under review by their event panel. Finally, I was sent an email indicated that I was invited to compete and was sent a letter so that I would qualify for a Visa. I hired a Visa company to do the work for me. It wasn't cheap, but well worth the money because I couldn't do it myself, since the Visa application was in Chinese. I also had to receive the

required vaccinations, which was not inexpensive. My family decided that they would travel with me to support this kiting adventure, so they also needed to obtain Visas and receive the required vaccinations. During this period of time, I emailed the event the songs that I was considering for my indoor kite performances.

The China event paid for my expenses, which included my flights, hotel, meals, transportation, and a personal interpreter for the time I was at the event. They also were very helpful in planning the family part of the trip, but unfortunately that cost was my family's responsibility. The indoor kite competition consisted of Eagle Pan kites, Dual Line kites, Quad Line kites, and Single Line kites. The Eagle Pan kites are the flat wing no dihedral Asian kite designs. I was invited to fly in the Single Line kite event.

We arrived in China five days before the event. We toured the Great Wall of China. This is something I recommend to everyone. It looks impressive in pictures, but in person, all I can say is wow. We also toured the Emperors' Summer Palace, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, and a few other temples and parks. It was awe inspiring.

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Calendar of Events for SJKF, updated Kite taught by Kevin as of 11-4-2025. Shannon. Location: 1

Please contact the people listed to make sure the event is still taking place and watch your emails for updates!

11/16/2025 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting,

meeting starts at 7pm.
Same link and password
(kite): https://drexel.zoom.us/j/8862478
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12/7/2025 SJKF Holiday Party. New location: Villa
Deli, 507 Williamstown RD.,
Sicklerville NJ 0808. Time is
12-4 with set up beginning
around 11am.

1/15/2026 Deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of WindWriters. Send to Debra Bowlby djbowlby@ me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

1/18/202 (3rd Sunday) SJKF Zoom Meeting,

meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite): https://drexel.zoom.us/j/8862478 4369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZIbIZn\$mhtbUNyUFB RQT09

2/1/2026 Deadline for Winter Workshop Reservations

2/13/2026 - 2/16/2026 Maryland Kite Society's 46th Kite Retreat.

2/21/2026 SJKF Winter Workshop, the Bed Sheet

Kite taught by Kevin Shannon. Location: Mullica Hill Library, 389 Wolfert Station Rd, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Time is 10:00am till 4:30pm (tentative)

3/14/2026 DIY Peter Lynn Heart Kite Workshop at Mullica Hill Library from 10am-4:30pm. Order your kite kits now before your colors are gone! Contact Mike Dallmer for more information (see page 18 for more details).

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meeting starts at 7pm.
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3/28/2026 Blossom Kite Festival, on the grounds of the Washington Monument

April is National Kite Month

4/3/2026 59th Annual Great Delaware Kite

Festival at Cape Henlopen State Park on Good Friday, in 2025. Registration starts at 10 am an entrance fee of \$5 applies per car to enter Cape Henlopen State Park for Delaware license tags and \$10 per car for out-of-state. For more information, call the park office at 302-645-8983. To participate in festival contests, contact the Lewes Chamber of Commerce at 302-645-8073 2022 Great Delaware Kite Festival | Lewes Chamber of Commerce (tentative)

4/5/2026 Easter

4/11/2026 Kite at the Pier rain date 4/12/2026 Location: Pier Village, long Branch. Contact Sky Festival Productions 732-822-4884 or bpelton@ skyfestivals.com

4/15/2026 Deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of WindWriters. Send to Debra Bowlby djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

4/18/2026 SJKF Give Back Workshop Location: Mullica Hill Library, 389 Wolfert Station Rd, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Time is 1pm till 3:00pm (tentative)

4/18/2026 SJKF Spring Workshop, subject to be determined. Location: Mullica Hill Library, 389 Wolfert Station Rd, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Time is 10:00am till 4:30pm (tentative)

4/24/26 - 4/26/26
Maryland International
Kite Exposition In Ocean
City, Maryland. On the
beach 4th thru 6th Streets
Maryland International
Kite Exposition | The Kite



Loft contact the Kite Loft at (410) 289-7855 or info@kiteloft.com

4/26/2026 Beat Ben Franklin Fun Run, East Goshen Park, 1661 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380. Event starts at 10am. All types of events are taking place and SJKF will be doing demos.

5/17/2026 (3rd Sunday)
SJKF Zoom Meeting,
meeting starts at 7pm.
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5/22/2025-5/25/2025
Wildwood International
Kite Festival. Contact Sky
Festival Productions 732822-4884 or bpelton@
skyfestivals.com The must
do event with the fabulous
wide-open beach to fly
on. Also, the world famous
SJKF Friday Night Social!!!!

7/12/2026 (2nd Sunday)
SJKF Zoom Meeting,
meeting starts at 7pm.
Same link and password
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7/15/2026 Deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of WindWriters. Send to Debra Bowlby djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

8/15/2026 Summer BBQ at the Dallmer's Household, 306 Friendship St, Phila., Pa. 19111Time:11am -5pm or until all the kites are cataloged.

9/2026 (TBD) 32nd SJKF Anniversary Bash and Auction. At the Dallmer Household, 306 Friendship St, Philadelphia, Pa 19111. Festivities start around noon, Kitefliers time. There will be plenty of food and our fabulous once-a-year SJKF auction.

10/9/2026 - 10/10/2026 -LBI Invitational Kite Festival Long Beach Island, NJ for more information contact: Debra Bowlby at djbowlby@me.com

10/15/2026 Deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of WindWriters. Send to Debra Bowlby djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

9/17/26 – 9/20/2026 "King of the Wind" Ocean City Kite Festival" (Sunfest) - In Ocean City, Maryland. On the beach between 4th thru 6th Streets "King of the Wind" Ocean City Kite Festival | The Kite Loft contact the Kite Loft at (410) 289-7855 or info@kiteloft.com

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SECOND WORLD INDOOR KITE COMPETITION, WEIFANG CHINA

I arrived at the event site on Thursday, October 16, 2025 and registered. The indoor event was held in the 2008 Olympic Badminton Facility. That evening a meeting was held with all of the indoor kite fliers and the event staff discussed the rules for the competition. It was all in Chinese. Later that night I received an email showing the out of bounds lines at the indoor facility.

I arrived at the facility on Friday, October 17, 2025 and none of the boundary lines existed. The indoor kite fliers decided that we would just fly our routines and if we get a disqualified, so be it. I set up my kite, but before I could fly, I was rushed to a table where my kite was checked to make sure it was safe to flv. It was stamped and signed to show that it passed. I flew one of Doug Stout's swept forward wing glider kite designs he custom made for me called a Viper 36MD. I also had two other Viper 36Ms as spares.

I went to the warmup area, did two up and overs to make sure the kite flew straight and was told to go to the competition floor. I was first up in the competition and had to fly immediately. No warm-up, no practice, just go fly. My first flight was my competition routine, and it went all right. My

flying line got caught on my kite twice, but I recovered well. After my flight, there was a line of indoor kite fliers who wanted to fly my kite. I spent the rest of the day watching the other indoor kite fliers perform and got to know them all. Needless to say, they were all very good. After the competition ended for fliers competed before the day, we rehearsed for the opening ceremony. Many of the kite fliers flew a performance. We also practiced walking in for the open ceremony, which was a long and boring process. It was nice when it was over, so we could have dinner.

On Saturday, October 18, 2025, my second flight in the competition was my performance routine. This flight went very well. No mistakes, my routine was in time with the music, and I was very pleased. After the completion of the performance routines, the indoor kite fliers practiced again for the opening ceremony. For these first two days of competition, only the indoor kite fliers. event judges and event staff were present in the facility. I didn't see any spectators.

We ate dinner, and then it was time for the opening ceremony that included spectators and my family. It was a major production with lights, lasers, dancers, and the works. With every kite routine,

there were dancers in the background. For my performance song, the dancers not only performed with the music, but to the words of the sona. It was a wonderful addition to my performance.

It was strange that all the international indoor kite the opening ceremony. On Sunday, October 19, 2025, the Chinese indoor kite fliers flew their performance routines, with one kite flyer from each of the Chinese provinces. After lunch, the awards ceremony took place. None of us knew how we did because the scoring system was never explained to us. Going to China, I didn't know my performance routine was going to be judged, so I rarely practiced it.

The awards ceremony was a big fanfare. We even rehearsed walking up to the podium, though we were never told how we placed in the competition. The awards ceremony began, and awards were given for each of the four kite competition groups. From the USA, Scott Weider placed second in the Quad Line event, and I placed second in the Single Line event. The trophies were very nice, and I was standing there proud and humbled by the experience. This was a very big stage for my

SECOND WORLD INDOOR KITE COMPETITION, WEIFANG CHINA

first international event, where there were over 60 indoor kite fliers representing 14 countries. Having my family with me to support me was also a blessing. The lodging was very nice, the food was very good, and my personal interpreter was very helpful. If given the opportunity, I would go perform at this event in the future.

If anyone would like to contact me about this kit at gymnastics@stny.rr.com











Single Line Award Winners

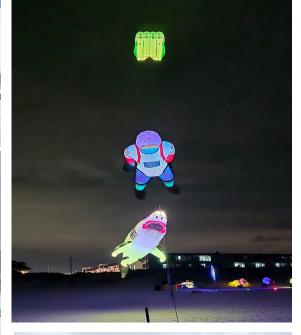


Mike and Scott 2nd Place Awards















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Peter Lynn Kites just announced another kite kit, a Heart Kite!!! It comes in 13 different colors: Red, Pink, White, Navy, Royal Blue, Aqua, Purple, Black, Yellow, Gold, Orange, Dark Green, and Bright Green. The cost of these kits will be about \$55.00, depending on how many kits we order. This includes shipping to me. The deadline to order will be a month from today, December 17, 2025; hopefully, there will not be too many colors sold out by then. As for the workshop, it is currently scheduled for March 14, 2026 from 10 AM - 4:30PM, at Mullica Hill Library. I will have bridling tool to borrow at the workshop.

DIY SHOW KITE KIT - HEART KITE

This is the first DIY Heart Kite Peter Lynn have released that can fly with or without a pilot kite. Designed by Volker Hoberg, the Heart kite is not only a great flyer but also a beautiful sight in the sky. Now, you have a chance to build your own and experience the joy of flying this unique kite!

This kite comes in a vibrant array of 13 different colors, from classic Red and Navy to bold Gold and Bright green, offering you a wide range of options to choose from.

- Red
- Pink
- White
- Navy
- Royal Blue
- Aqua
- Purple Black
- Yellow
- Gold
- Orange
- Dark Green
- Bright Green

The Heart Kite, 1.7 meters wide by 3.8 meters long, is not only a stunning sight in the sky but also the easiest to fly of all the DIY kits, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable kite-flying experience.

When you purchase a kit, it comes with detailed instructions, including a link to a helpful video tutorial. Including all the pieces precut and all the through cords and bridles precut.

We are all sure you will have as much fun building and flying this kite as we did!



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