

# Want to teach a class at Fort Worden?

Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference is an internationally known forum for learning innovative and artistic kitemaking techniques. Our curriculum covers a broad range of skill levels from the most basic aspects of kitemaking to the most technical. We bring kitemakers from around the world together each year to both learn and teach contemporary and traditional skills and ideas. Kitemakers from around the world join kitemakers from the Northwest and guest instructors from across the United States and Canada to present a large and diverse program of classes.

We continually seek out local, national, and international kitemakers who would like to teach at Fort Worden, but often we do not know who is interested in teaching a class. These instructions and the application are intended to help us make that connection. About 10 to 20 teachers are needed to staff the conference each year. If you are interested in teaching a class or classes at Fort Worden, please complete the application and return it to one of the Curriculum Committee members listed below. Please include pictures, samples, sizes and any other information regarding your project that will help us evaluate it with regard to your presenting it at Fort Worden. In the application, double clicking the check boxes allows you to check a box. If your project is chosen, the information you send will be used to publicize your class on our website.

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Please use these criteria to determine the level of your class on the application form:

- 1. BEGINNER:** I am a beginner if I have never made a cloth kite before. I may have never used a sewing machine either - or at least not enough to be comfortable with it. The first thing I should sign up for is Gerry Pennell's beginning kite making and kite sewing class. This will give me a big boost on the way to being an accomplished kite sewer. I should look through the list of classes offered for beginners - there will be plenty to choose from. Since Gerry's class is normally held on Friday morning, I may be ready to take something a bit more advanced the next day or even that afternoon.
- 2. INTERMEDIATE:** I am intermediate if I can sew reasonably well. Have I taken Gerry's class? You bet! I haven't made many kites yet, but I have developed some skills and am ready to move on. Most of us may fit into this category. Even if I have never made a kite before, but I am an accomplished sewer I may be comfortable in one of these classes. I'll ask the teacher via an email!
- 3. EXPERIENCED:** I am experienced if I have made lots of kites and my sewing skills are well developed. Now I am looking for a challenge, and to learn different and advanced skills and techniques.