



## 2019 Classes

We are gearing up for the 2019 conference! The Curriculum Committee has the teacher list and their offered classes set. They include first time Ft. Worden teachers, many favorite old reliables, International teachers plus our locals and our "long distance" locals, all coming together to offer you several centuries of combined kite building experience! We are offering classes for beginning kite builders as well as those with experience. We have classes from 1/2 to 2 full days and will offer kites you sew and kites you don't.

Our teachers and their projects are varied and exciting. It could be a difficult decision when picking your classes! It would be great to have you with us for classes, camaraderie, and the raffle.

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### **Deb Kite** (1)

#### **Rod Beamguard**

Vancouver, WA

In 2019 Rod will be teaching the Trapadela kite to honor the memory of Deb Tumina, a long time teacher and friend of the Conference. The Trapadela is a variant of the della porte and a good flyer in light to medium winds

**8 Hour**

**Level:** All

**Class Size:** 15

**Fee:** \$40.00

**Bring:** Sewing machine and supplies, applique scissors.



### **Stealth Delta Kite** (2)

#### **Robert Brasington**

St. Helens, Tasmania, AU

We are happy to welcome back Robert Brasington from Tasmania to teach his Stealth Delta. Using Robert's applique techniques and templates, you will create a striking 10 foot delta that's a super flyer.

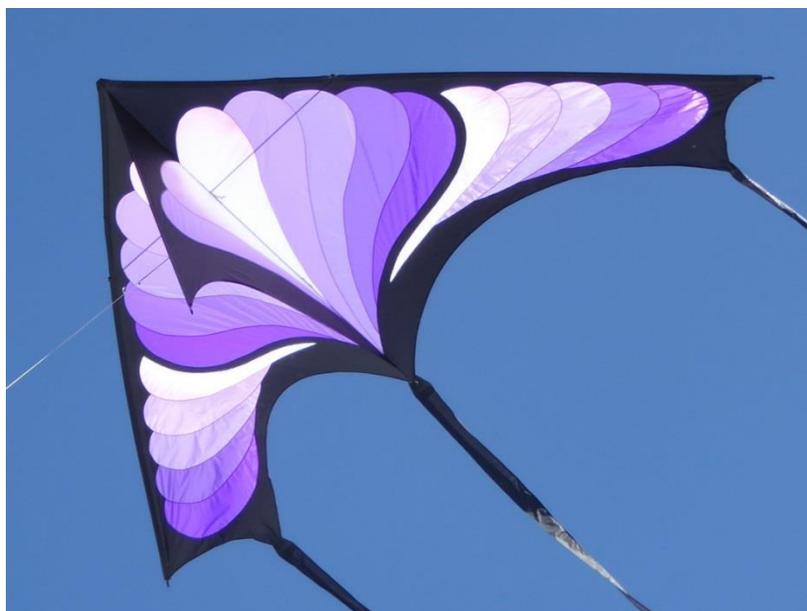
**12 Hour**

**Level:** Intermediate

**Class Size:** 20

**Fee:** \$150.00USD

**Bring:** Sewing machine and supplies.



### ***Parasled 100 Kite*** (3)

**Phil Broder**

Mechanicsburg, PA

Another returning teacher is Phil Broder who will be teaching a Parasled 1 meter kite. This project is a great intro into soft kite making. This is a nice small soft kite, a good beginner to intermediate project using a variety of construction methods.

**8 Hour**

**Level:** Intermediate

**Class Size:** 20

**Fee:** \$40.00.

**Bring:** Sewing machine and supplies, ruler.

**Note:** Extra kits will be available for purchase.



### ***Marker-painted Mini Kite*** (4)

**Beth Gouldin**

San Francisco, CA

Beth will be returning again in 2019 to teach how to use markers in layers on glassine for a stained glass look and also the application of color theory. The result will be a decorated mini kite of glassine and bamboo.

**8 Hour**

**Level:** All

**Class Size:** 18

**Fee:** \$45.00

**Bring:** Scissors, cutting tool (blade/exacto knife), pencil, erasure, straight edge, cutting mat.

**Note:** Extra kits will be available for purchase.



## **Tri-D Box Kite** (5)

**Chris Hanson**

Bellingham, WA

Chris, another popular instructor, will be returning to teach his Tri-D box kite. Using a sewing guide for straight edges, 3D printed parts, and jigs for easy final assembly, students will leave with a cool cellular kite and the ability to make more at home for a Tri-D train.

**8 Hour**

**Level:** All

**Class Size:** 10

**Fee:** \$20

**Bring:** Sewing machine and supplies (optional: long straight edge, hot cutter, fabric glue).

**Note:** Extra kits will be available for purchase.



## **So-Sew Tametomo Kite**

**Lindsey Johnson** (6)

Lincoln City, OR

We're glad to welcome Lindsey to teach his So-Sew Tametomo kite. Lindsey will introduce you to 3D printed kite parts with this inspiring 30" x 90" plus tail project that leaves a lot of room for graphics and makes a statement in the sky. The main sail may be designed and sewn to rough dimensions prior to the class.

**8 Hour**

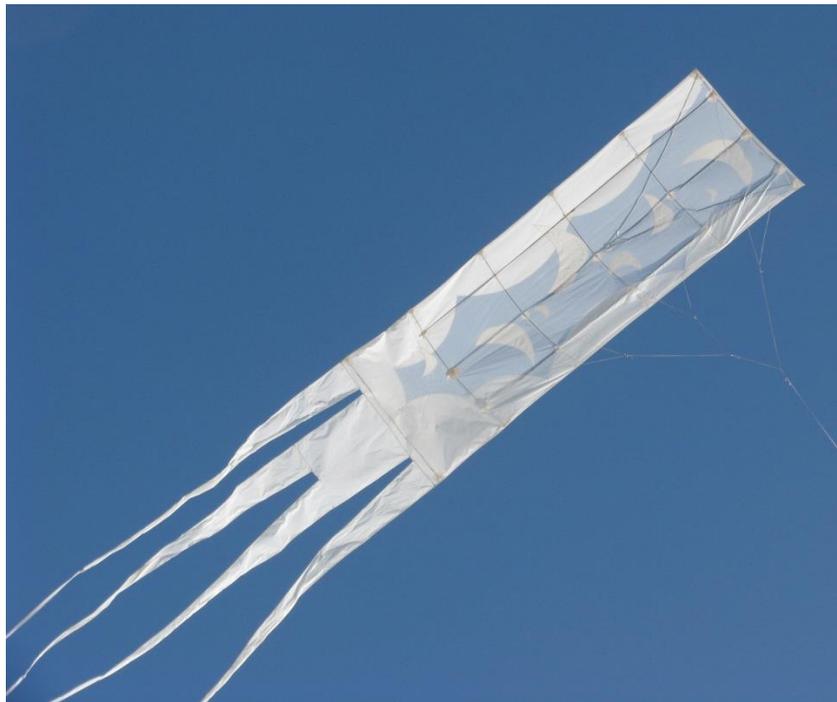
**Level:** Intermediate

**Class Size:** 10

**Fee:** \$65

**Bring:** 3 yards of 60" 3/4oz RS, 4-6 rolls of 5/8" grosgrain ribbon, material for 36"x5" bag, sewing machine and supplies, cutting mat.

**Note:** Extra kits will be available for purchase.



**Sunset or Butterfly Banner (7)**

**Carveth Kramer**

Taos, NM

Carveth Kramer will be joining us from New Mexico to teach your choice of a Butterfly or Sunset banner. This full-size 16' banner will teach students all aspects of banner making. Kit includes 16' collapsible pole, ground stake, fabric, all parts.

**8 Hour**

**Level: All**

**Class Size: 12**

**Fee: \$100**

**Bring:** Sewing machine and supplies, applique scissors, seam ripper, hot tacker (optional).

**Note:** Extra kits will be available for purchase.



**Snowy Owl Kite (8)  
Flapping Raven (9)**

**Dan Kurahashi**

Burnaby, BC, Canada

We're happy to have Dan back for 2019 to teach the Flapping Raven and Snowy Owl Kites. This 48" wing span kite is interesting to build and amazing to watch fly as it mimics the bird's flapping wings. In the first class the Raven will be primary but the Owl will be available by special request. In the second class the reverse will be true.

**4 Hour**

**Level: All**

**Class Size: 15 each**

**Fee: \$35**

**Bring:** Straight edge, scissors, Olfa or Exacto knife, cutting mat, white glue in a pointed tip bottle, clothes pins, (optional: crochet hook, bamboo knife, side cutter, table light)

**Note:** Extra kits will be available for purchase.



## ***Pencil Banner (10, 11)***

**Barbara Meyer**

Maple Grove, MN

Barbara Meyer will be returning this year to teach her Pencil banner for a 10' pole. This is a great project to fill up a campsite with fun, yet compact, color!

***4 Hour***

***Level:*** All

***Class Size:*** 15 each

***Fee:*** \$20.00

***Bring:*** Sewing machine and supplies, glue stick, hot cutter and surface.

***Note:*** Extra kits will be available for purchase.



## ***Beginning Kitemaking***

**Gerry Pennell (12)**

Olympia, WA

Another of our long time teachers (25 times!) is Gerry, who is our beginning kite sewing teacher. This is the place to start if you have never sewn a kite. Learn basics plus make a wonderful Gregor Hip Pocket Hybrid sled kite. This little kite is fantastic for all the young children and grandchildren you encounter in your life and on the beach. Your other project option is a classic rainbow windsock.

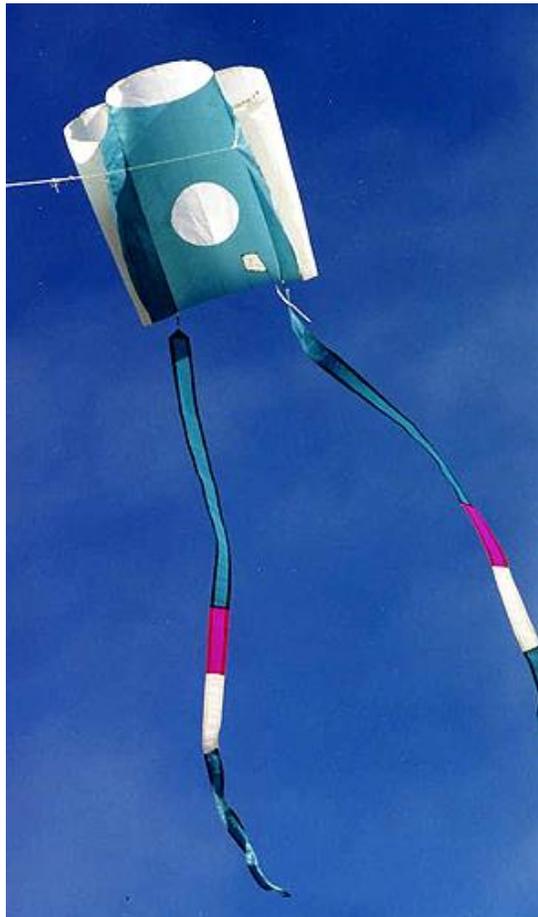
***4 Hour***

***Level:*** Beginning

***Class Size:*** 10

***Fee:*** Windsock: \$15, Kite \$20

***Bring:*** Sewing machine and supplies, pencil, ruler, and decorated panels.



## ***Sand Bag Anchor***

**Rob Pratt** (13, 14)

Lacey, WA

Rob Pratt will be teaching how to make your own sand bags and sand anchors from inexpensive tarps. These anchors weigh almost nothing and are easy to transport – invaluable beach accessories for any SLK flyer.

**4 Hour**

**Level:** All

**Class Size:** 20 each

**Fee:** \$15

**Bring:** Sewing equipment and supplies.



## ***Jack 'n the Box Kite***

**Anke Sauer** (15)

Rheinlandpfalz, Germany

We're very pleased to have Anke Sauer of Germany teach in 2019! Anke will be teaching her Jack in the Box kite, a truly astounding paper kite and unique construction method.

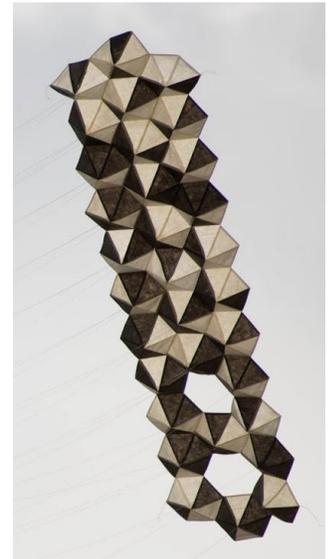
**16 Hour**

**Level:** All

**Class Size:** 15

**Fee:** \$50

**Bring:** Cutting mat, wood glue, cutters, brushes and containers with lids for glue, colored pencils, patience.



## ***Kitemakers roundtable***

**Chris Hanson & Lindsey Johnson** (16)

USA

Two of your favorite kitemakers will be leading a roundtable discussion on building techniques, design theories, and wherever the discussion leads.

**4 Hour**

**Level:** All

**Class Size:** unlimited

**Fee:** \$0

**Bring:** Questions you've wondered about and comments, suggestions or techniques to share.



Attention, please! Aufmerksamkeit, bitte! Attenzione, per favore! Attention, S'il Vous Plaît!

## Important information which can help you!

### A few important notes:



Look at the photographs of the projects and updates on the web at [www.kitemakers.org](http://www.kitemakers.org). Photographs in this document are not to scale relative to each other.

We want everyone to have a great experience. If you have questions about your ability to handle a class, please read our skill level ratings on the Skill Level Information Sheet.

Once you secure a place on a class list, you've committed to taking that class. In fairness to the instructor, it is expected that you will reimburse him or her for materials purchased and prepared for you, even if you don't participate in the class.

Class materials fees may be paid for with cash (small bills & exact amount appreciated). **Please, no checks.**

Are you wondering what "sewing machine and supplies" refers to? Here is some help...

**"Sewing machine"** means a working, well-tuned sewing machine complete with foot control, power cord, needles and bobbins and bobbin case. It is, of course, best to be familiar with your machine. If not, try Gerry's class on Friday to help solve that dilemma. Before her class, please know how to wind a bobbin and thread your machine. Whether you sign up for Gerry's class or not, tuck your instruction book in with the machine. Don't leave home without it is always a good rule!

**"Supplies"** refers to the sewing related supplies we normally use at home when making a kite. Sewing your kite skin? Then these supplies can include extra machine needles, extra bobbins, a seam ripper, Scotch tape, double sided tape, seam ripper, needle threader, seam gauge, scissors for trimming threads, scissors for appliqué, beeswax, assorted colors of good thread plus black & white, etc. When you are done sewing, you may be happy to have brought a straight edge, cutting tools for fabric and rods and appropriate cutting surfaces, hot knife or hot pen, Super Glue and accelerant. **Nearly every teacher has suggested we ask their students to bring high quality thread and a freestanding light.** A pencil and notebook plus a camera are always good to have with you, too. So are an extension cord & multiple outlet strip. Does the description indicate a possibility of making copies of the instructor's templates? If so, bring a roll of wide paper to trace those templates. It is a wonderful opportunity to build another kite at home and not have to draft your own pattern. Is this the whole list; is this everything? NO! Do you have to bring absolutely everything listed here? NO! Bring what you use at home, what you think you may use, maybe even what you think you should leave at home.

**A special note** for those participants who need to fly into Seattle... We know it is hard to bring all your supplies plus a sewing machine. Think about packing your supplies and *borrowing* a machine for the weekend. Many participants have spare machines. Ask us for help if this is the only reason you are not attending! Or come try us out and take the non-sewing classes we offer.

# Skill Level Information

## Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference

### Using and Understanding our Class Skill Levels

The classes offered at Fort Worden fall into the following three skill level categories: Beginner, Intermediate, and Experienced. There is considerable overlap among all these categories. There is no clear line or simple test that can be used to determine your kitemaking experience level. Even if a class is shown as a “no-sew” class, don’t assume it is a simple beginner kite. Some are and some aren’t. If you have questions about whether or not you should take a particular class, please email the teacher and discuss it or send your question to [Travis Zubal](#), registrar, and your question will be passed along to the teacher. The teacher who designed the class will know what skills are needed. Above all, be honest with yourself. We wouldn’t want you to go home disappointed, with a project you haven’t finished—and possibly won’t ever finish.

These classifications are for your benefit. To make the best use of them, think of them this way:

#### ***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 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.

Please note: Nobody is going to say “no—you can’t take that class.” However, if you choose a class that is too far beyond your experience level, you probably won’t have a good time. We want you to have a good time!

#### ***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 and I may be comfortable in one of these classes. I’ll ask the teacher via an email!

#### ***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.