



Whirl on a string

Windless Kite Festival in Long Beach, Jan. 26-27, offers airborne performance art

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An interesting phenomenon occurs when a person is kite-flying, the activity revelers can enjoy this Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 26 and 27, at the Windless Kite Festival in Long Beach, Wash.

Alexa King, an avid kite-maker and flyer, describes it as the “kite smile.” “If you’re a kid, or an old person like me, or anyone in between, and you have a kite in your hand and you put it up in the air, you find yourself with a smile on your face,” said King, of Mount Vernon, Wash. “You can just about forget about everything else in your life.”

Amy Doran, who started flying about 15 years ago and helps administer the kite festival, describes the look as someone being “locked in.”

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Renowned kite flyer and educator Glenn Davison is the featured performer at this year's Windless Kite Festival in Long Beach, Wash. Gary Mink