



A sea of colorful kites fly above visitors to Long Beach, Washington.

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Weeklong celebration welcomes a sky full of kites

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Stacks, battles and a teddy bear drop are just a few of the events at the Washington State International Kite Festival, held each August on the shores of Long Beach, Washington.

The weeklong celebration draws kite flyers from all over the world, including Asia, where flying kites has been a tradition for centuries.

Awed visitors, many of whom will participate in the fun themselves, will see skies of the Long Beach Peninsula lit up with color.

"It's really an inspiring spectacle," Jocelyn Darland, event director for the kite festival, said. This festival will mark Darland's first as director, stepping in for longtime organizer

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Washington State International Kite Festival

World Kite Museum, 303 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, Wash.

Monday through Aug. 21

www.kitefestival.com

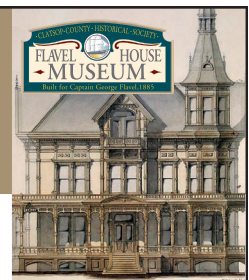
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