



## World's Smallest Kite Contest Results

Thank you for your interest in the World's Smallest Kite Contest, sponsored by the Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival and held April 18, 1998 in Seattle, WA. The Drachen Foundation was honored to be invited by the Festival to participate in coordinating the contest.

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The Foundation was overwhelmed with the enthusiastic response from kite-makers in Canada, the United States, the Netherlands and Japan. And the visitors to the Cherry Blossom Festival (more than 10,000!) were equally overwhelmed with the artistry and skill required to craft these tiny wonders.

The finalists were chosen based on size (measured at the kite's longest diagonal) and the winners were determined based on size and the kite's ability to sustain stable flight. Three special awards were given for Best Group of Small Kites, Best Flyer and Best Three-Dimensional Kite.

The judging committee included Scott Skinner, president of the board of directors for The Drachen Foundation; Yutaka Sasaki of the Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival; Jim Murosako, kite-maker and engineer at Nova Tech, Inc.; Wes Glanz, aerospace engineer at Nova Tech, Inc.; and Jim Day, kite-maker.

The winning entry will be submitted by the Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival to the Guinness World Book of Records.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Nobuhiko Yoshizumi – Japan  
10 mm x 8 mm Sode Kite

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Harm van Veen – the Netherlands  
13 mm x 11 mm Eddy Kite

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Dan Proebstel – United States  
10 mm x 10 mm Eddy Kite

**Best Group of Small Kites:** Kyoto Kite Club

**Best Flyer:** Dragonfly Kite by Harm van Veen – the Netherlands

**Best Three-Dimensional Kite:** Bas Vreeswijk – the Netherlands

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First-, second-, and third-place winners receive stadium jackets with the World's Smallest Kite Contest embroidered on it. Winners in all categories receive small trophies.

Despite late notification this year, there were more than 20 entries from around the world. We want to hold this contest annually, so please send us your comments and suggestions for next year's contest. Let's make it bigger and better, so tell us how we can improve it! Number one, of course, is to get the call for entries out much sooner.

Again, thank you for your interest in the World's Smallest Kite Contest. May your entry next year set a new record!

Best regards,

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