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GALLERY OF ART • COLLEGE of ART+DESIGN

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
OF THE GIFT OF TREES

CORCORAN ANNOUNCES PARTICIPATION IN 2012 NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As a partner in the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., the **Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design** will partake in one of the most celebrated springtime events by hosting **“Fly a Kite!” an all ages hands-on workshop on Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to noon.**

Participants will have the unique opportunity to design and build their own one-of-a-kind kite to fly in the Blossom Kite Festival on March 31, showcasing the creativity of kite makers and skill of kite fliers from across the country through competitions and demonstrations. More information on the [Blossom Kite Festival](#).

The Corcoran’s special workshop will feature a kite expert and provide all necessary materials for a unique kite-building experience. “Fly a Kite!” costs \$16 for Corcoran members and \$20 for non-members; the fee includes all materials for one kite. For more information and to register, please visit <https://getinvolved.corcoran.org/flyakite>.



ABOUT THE NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is Washington, DC's and the nation's greatest springtime celebration. The 2012 Festival, March 20– April 27, includes five spectacular weekends and daily events featuring diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. The 2012 Festival commemorates the Centennial of the gift of the cherry blossom trees and the enduring friendship between the United States and Japan. www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.

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ABOUT THE CORCORAN

The Corcoran Gallery of Art, a privately funded institution, was founded in 1869. It was America's first dedicated art museum and today is Washington's largest nonfederal museum of art. It is known internationally for its distinguished collection of historical and modern American art as well as contemporary art, photography, European painting, sculpture, and the decorative arts. In addition, a dynamic schedule of special exhibitions is complemented and enhanced by a range of educational programming, which together seek to enrich perspectives, support the local arts community, and encourage interpretation. **The Corcoran College of Art + Design** was founded in 1890 and stands as Washington's only four-year college of art and design, offering BFA degrees in Digital Media Design, Fine Art, Fine Art Photography, Graphic Design, Interior Design, and Photojournalism; a BA in Art Studies; a five-year Bachelor of Fine Arts/Master of Arts in Teaching (BFA/MAT); an AFA in Digital Media Design, Fine Art, Graphic Design, and Photography; and MA degrees in Art and the Book, Art Education, Exhibition Design, Interior Design, Master of Arts in Teaching, and New Media Photojournalism. The College's Continuing Education program offers part-time credit and non-credit classes for children and adults and draws more than 2,500 participants each year. For more information about the **Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design**, visit www.corcoran.org.



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