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GO FLY A KITE!

Greenwich Arts Council's
Annual Kite Flying Festival
SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 10 am
(raindate, Sunday, April 13, 11 am)

On Saturday, April 12, it's up, up and away with the annual Kite Flying Festival sponsored by the Greenwich Arts Council, the Town of Greenwich Dept. of Parks & Recreation, in partnership once again with McDonalds and the educational toy store, Smart Kids'.

All participants in this springtime celebration are encouraged to bring kites of all shapes and sizes, made of paper, plastic or fabric. All flyers will receive gift certificates from McDonald's and be eligible for a drawing for gift certificates from Smart Kids' Toys.

This year the Kite Flying Festival will feature the Japan Society of Fairfield County. The Japan Society will display traditional Japanese kites such as the Tsugaru and Yakko, as well as launch the Kaku-dako kite (made here in Greenwich by the Japan Society - the first such locally made kite!). The display will also include reproductions of prints of kite flying festivals in Japan. There will be a special opportunity for children to make and take home their own kite drawing of a legendary Japanese character or their name in Japanese Kanji characters.

Another special addition will be kite surfing by Greenwich resident and former Eastern Middle School science teacher Jennifer Hanson. For the uninitiated, the principals behind kite surfing are similar to those of windsurfing, except you use a kite instead of a sail to catch the wind and propel you over the waves.

So hope for sunny skies and gentle breezes at Tod's Point, Saturday, April 12 at 10 am. For more information, call the Greenwich Arts Council office at 203-862-6750, log on to our website at www.greenwicharts.org, or call the Dept. of Parks & Recreation at 622-6485.

The Greenwich Arts Council promotes the arts by nurturing artists and building audiences, bringing the arts to the community and the community to the arts.