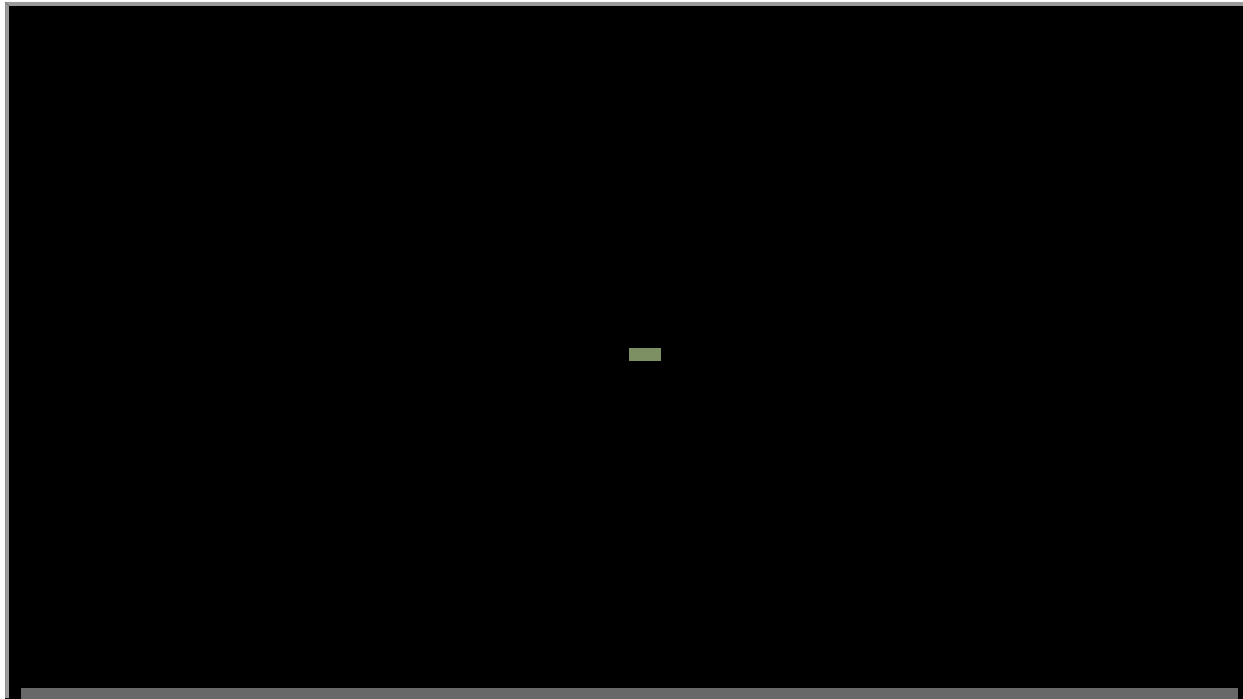


# Blossom-beautiful pink kites trump Easter brunch

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Province reporter Frank Luba takes in the Kite Dance held at Vanier Park on Sunday.

Egan Davis loves kites.

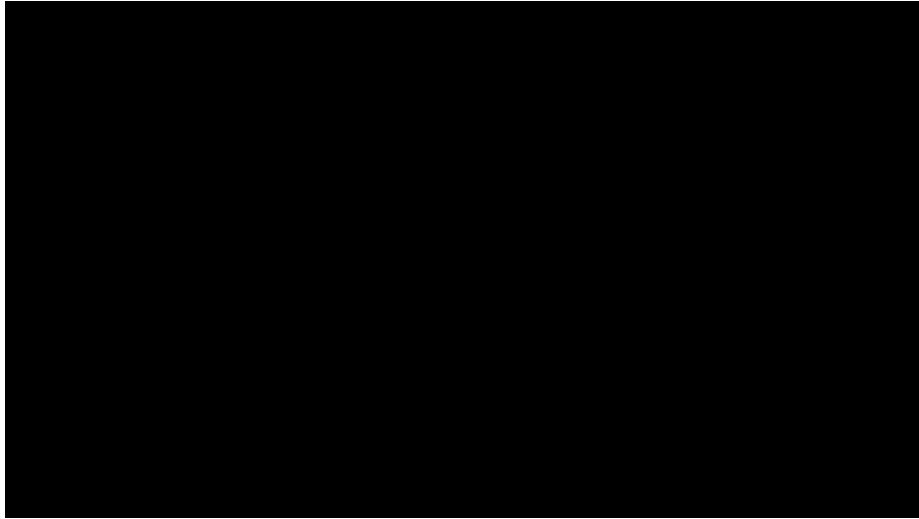
So on Sunday, instead of sensibly heading off to a nice Easter brunch or something like that, he spent his day at Vanier Park running around teaching people how to fly kites as part of the Cherry Blossom Festival.

“They’re a big passion,” Davis, 40, said of kites. “I love making them and flying them.

“It’s just fun,” added the former competitive kite flyer. “I can’t explain it. It’s just something I’ve always enjoyed.”

That joy was shared with the people who got the chance to fly one of the bright pink Eddy-style kites.

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Davis would have liked to get 1,000 of the single-string Eddy kites up in the air Sunday, then decided to settle for 100 flying like cherry blossoms petals blowing in the wind.

He wound up with 50 kites. But when the wind finally picked up, they were a vision dancing across the bright blue sky.

“I’ve seen lots of kites up in the sky but I’ve never seen a whole bunch of the exact same type,” said Davis. “This is great.”

Vancouver resident Francoise Raunet wasn’t sure if she would have the opportunity to fly some kites with her daughters Edith, 6, and Leia, 3, but she still came down to Vanier Park.

But part of the plan for the afternoon was for the kites to be passed around to as many participants as possible.

“I think it’s absolutely beautiful,” said Francoise, 40.

While more intent on keeping her kite aloft, Edith also liked what was going on.

“I think it’s fun,” she said.

The Vanier Park event is just an example of a busy schedule of kite flying by the B.C. Kitefliers Association, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year with a schedule of events that began in January and continues through to November. Its premier event is probably the Pacific Rim Kite Festival June 13-14 at Vanier Park.

The organization, a non-profit whose website is [www.bcka.bc.ca](http://www.bcka.bc.ca), is celebrating its anniversary by offering free membership this year.

You even get the kitefliers’ newsletter.

It’s called WINDSOX.

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