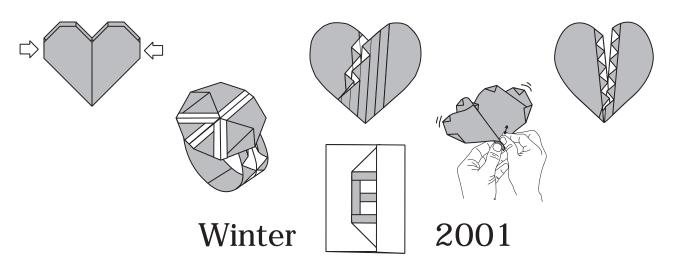
Bay Area Rapid Folders Newsletter



Bay Area Rapid Folders (BARF) meets on the first Saturday of the month, 2-6 pm, at the Bernal Heights Branch Library, 500 Cortland St., SF CA 94110. Meetings are free to everybody, though membership is encouraged (\$15/year, \$20 outside US).

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Hi Friends,

Hope you all had a Happy Christmas, Merry Chanuka, Swell Winter Solstice and a Good ol' New Year!

I spent a good part of the holidays seeing the world, and since being home have spent over half of the rest of this newsletter recounting my experiences, so I will waste no more space telling about it here. But I will mention that as you read this I will be off on yet another trip, this time to Venezuela to take part in Japanese Cultural Week in Caracas. I feel a little odd being sent down there to represent Japanese culture, especially since my style of origami is about as Japanese as my blonde hair and blue eyes! But, needless to say, I'm very excited to be going.

In local news (this is a "newsletter" after all), two new origami clubs have just sprung up in the Bay Area:

On a side note...

I know a lot of you are OrigamiUSA members... What did you think about the latest OUSA voting procedure? --Ballot inside of blank envelope inside of membership-numbered envelope inside of mailing envelope! On my outermost envelope I wrote:

"I deem this election process undemocratic because the voting instructions are so elaborate that only the Robert Langs of origami will be able to follow them correctly. It would be much better to just let the Florida courts decide who should be elected!"

Napa And Sonoma Valley Paperfolders

Time: Fourth Saturdays 1-4pm

Place: Sonoma Community Art Center, Room 212

276 East Napa St. in Sonoma

Cost: Free, but donations enthusiastically accepted to

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The Peninsula Origami People (POP)

Time: Fourth Saturdays from 2pm to whenever **Place:** Pacifica Branch Library (downstairs room), 104 Hilton Way (off Palmetto Avenue) in Pacifica **Cost:** Free

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