

# Haitian kite flyer always ready to help others

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## Wadson Michel now lives in Boston, and is attending kite festival for third year

, originally from Haiti but now living in Boston, is at the Dieppe Kite International for a third year. But this time, he's not only in town to show off his kites and his flying techniques, but also to draw attention to the human crisis taking place in his post-earthquake home country.

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The Dieppe Kite International kicked off yesterday at Dover Park in Dieppe. Volunteer Brianne Waterman helps Wadson Michel of Haiti untangle some lines.

"At our table here we're selling T-shirts that say I KITE Haiti to help raise funds to rebuild a school in my hometown just north of Port-au-Prince," he says. "I'm hoping the community will support this cause."

Always smiling and in good spirits, Michel has been around the world representing Haiti at kite festivals, going as far as Colombia in South America.

"Haiti has single line kites and I have a few with me here today," he explains, pointing to one in particular out in the field produced with the same colours as the Haitian flag.

"I've been making my own kites since I was a little baby. When I first came up here to check out the festival, I noticed Haiti did not have a representative, but ever since I've been invited to attend."

And this year Michel has a second member on his team, a seven-year old Haitian boy who was adopted by a local couple. So far he says the dynamic duo have been producing some great results.

At the kite festival until Sunday night, Michel says anyone who is interested in learning the basics of kite making or who have any questions are more than welcome to stop by his tent.

"Just like any art, I take kite making very seriously. It's like 1-2-3 for me. I can teach anyone how to make a Haitian kite. I always want to try and share my knowledge with others," says Michel.