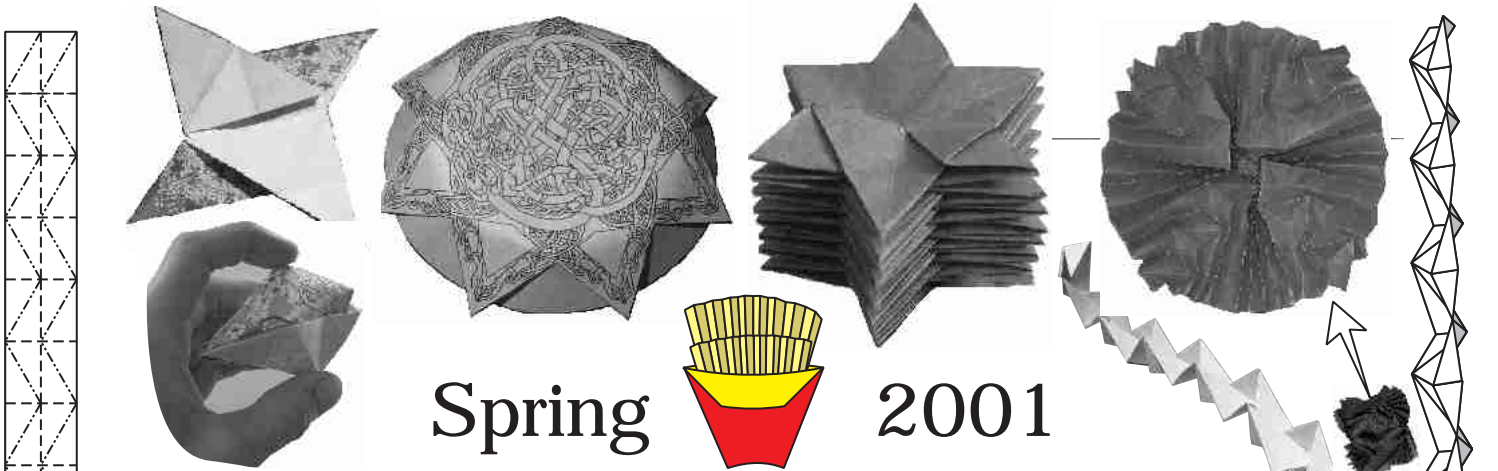


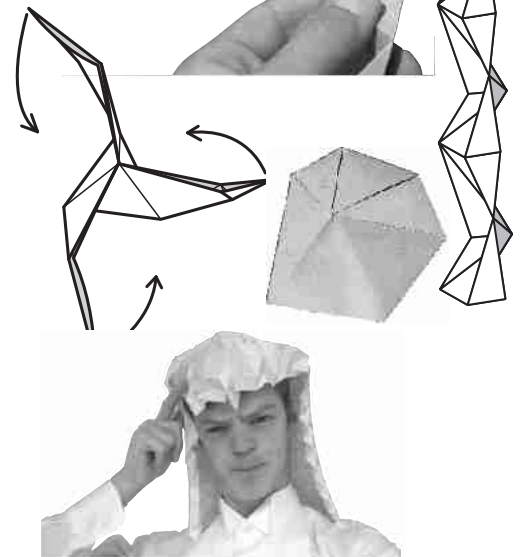
Bay Area Rapid Folders Newsletter



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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Dear BARFites,

Gosh, life has been hectic lately. Well, the good news is that my book is finally almost out. I know I've been saying that for some time now, but this time it's for real -- I've sent the final files on disk which means the book is finally entering the printing stage of production. It's moving. The book that is. It should make its debut at the OrigamiUSA convention, and then be in stores across the country beginning in July.

Now, onto even more local news... A few weeks ago the Bay Area Rapid Folders had a full page feature on the front cover of the Friday section of the San Francisco Chronicle. As a result, at the April BARF meeting, instead of the normal 16 or 17, we were inundated by more than fifty folders, who spilled into the basement of the library. The room was filled to capacity and we even had to pull out a baby round table to just barely accommodate everyone. In fact, the room was so

packed that we nearly ran out of oxygen and people started getting **NAUSEOUS!** Luckily we managed to wrestle open a rusty window and we even opened the emergency exit door.

Included in this issue is a 2-page version of the article, which I pulled off the web and reformatted to look something like it did in the newspaper.

Another even more recent event that brought folders together was the San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival, which took place the weekends April 21-22 and 28-29 in Japantown. Every year local folders gather in the basement of the Miyako Hotel to exhibit and teach origami to the hundreds of festival goers.

One memorable activity was our full contact origami demo, where we took turns wrestling huge pieces of