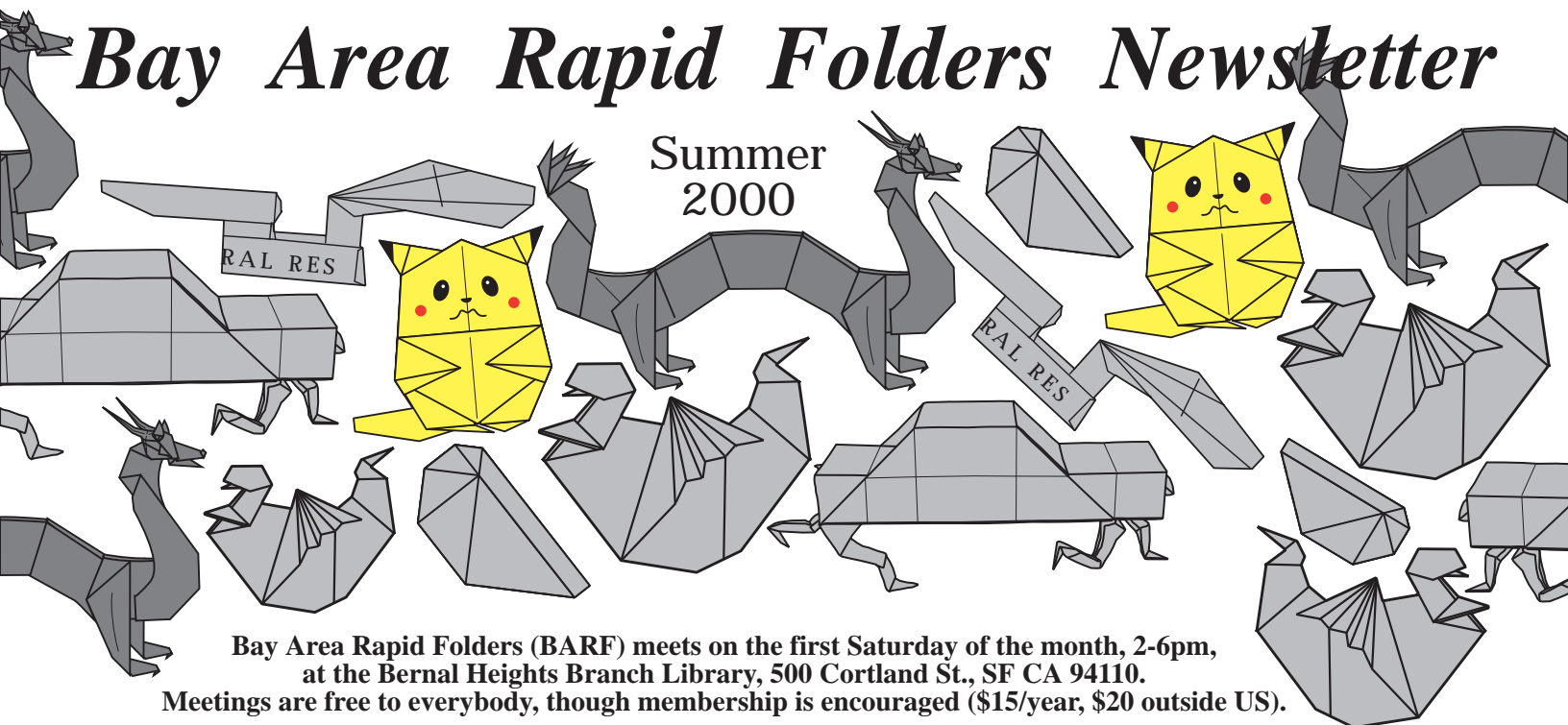


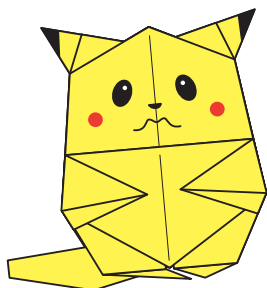
Bay Area Rapid Folders Newsletter

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Bay Area Rapid Folders (BARF) meets on the first Saturday of the month, 2-6pm,
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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Message from the Editor

Dear Folders,

Although you all just recently received the Spring BARF, lo and behold, summer has arrived, and your editor doesn't like to spend summers at the computer. Therefore, he's scrambling to get this BARF off to the press early and then head off to spend yet another summer at Camp Winnarainbow (Laytonville, CA) to teach kids unicycling, juggling and origami.

At least conventionwise, the rest year for me is quite booked -- four origami conventions:

- OrigamiUSA Convention
(NYC, June 24-26),
- South East Origami Festival
(Charlotte, NC, September ?-?)
- Origami Colombia
(Cali, November 10-12)
- Italian Origami Convention
(Rome, December 8-10).

In addition, in November I hope to get literally booked -- the release of my long awaited book, **Origami to Astonish and Amuse**.



For me, attending origami conventions is especially fulfilling because they are a vehicle that drives through language and culture barriers, and builds international diplomacy.

Origami truly is an international art. Take for example the Colombian Origami convention. I am especially moved to attend this convention (my third time!) not only because of my intrigue with latino culture, but also because I find it very touching that there is such a large and enthusiastic following of origamists there despite increasing economic hardship, political unrest and isolation. In addition, as I have written in the past, the Colombian convention is a splendidly organized, full-of-fun-and-games convention that I've enjoyed immensely. I recommend this convention even if you don't speak Spanish -- remember, origami transcends language, plus translators will be on hand. As in the past, I'm planning to go alone, but I would be thrilled if some of you could venture down there with me.