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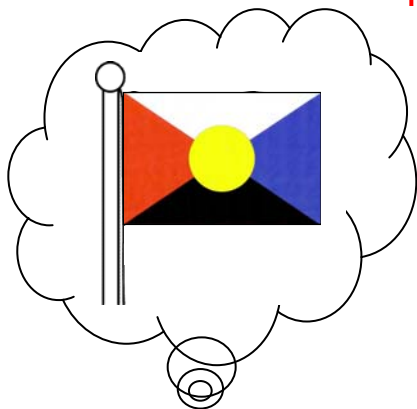
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## David Ferriday 1934–2022



David Ferriday blends his art, wit, and vexillology in a secret message. Try decoding it!



***There is...a need for a flag that represents all mankind in the 21st century.***

**—David Ferriday (VT #31)**

The PFA has lost its resident architect-artist. David Ferriday, a long-time member, died in late October.

David often hosted our meetings in his Upshur Street studio and contributed frequently to these pages and the *VT* quiz (see p. 11).

We will remember his amused laugh, strong aesthetic sense, unrestrained opinions, and passion for balance in all design.

We meet in odd-numbered months, usually the second Thursday. Please mark your 2023 calendars for PFA meetings at 7 PM at the following dates/locations:

- 1/12/23 Patrick Genna
- 3/9/23 Jessie Spillers
- 5/14/23 SUN, 1 PM Larry Snyder
- 7/13/23 Ted Kaye
- 9/9/23 SAT, 1 PM Graham Houser
- 11/9/23 TBD

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## November 2022 Flutterings You Need to Know

In our November meeting, hosted by Jessie Spillers and streamed via Zoom, 13 PFA members and out-of-town (and -country) guests enjoyed two and a half hours of flags and video conversation. We recalled David Ferriday and Leo Gardella, who had both died less than 3 weeks before.

Michael Orelove handed out information sheets and small Ukrainian flags as gifts to all in-person attendees.



Michael Orelove describes a variant Ukrainian flag before gifting it.

Max Liberman honored Panama's upcoming Flag Day in with a talk on the history of Panamanian flags.

Ralph Bartlett (taking a break for lunch in Melbourne, Victoria) shared an album of photographs collected by a long-time member of Flag Society of Australia.

Alex Zimmerman gave a flag-studded field report from his recent visit to London, which coincided with the mourning for Queen Elizabeth (see p. 8).

John Niggley told how he is preparing for the World Cup at work, representing the 32 participating countries with a display of 4"x6" flags (see p. 5.)



Ralph Bartlett takes a lunch break.



Max Liberman shows Bunau Varilla's 1903 proposed flag for Panama (two oceans + ithmus).



John Niggley explains his World Cup flag plan.

Jessie Spillers commented wryly on the recent local elections in Portland and Multnomah County.



Alex Zimmerman enjoys the flag of Alden Jencks's Freehold of Aab.



Jessie Spillers hosts the meeting.

Alden Jencks announced the newly signed Treaty of Peace and Friendship recently solemnized between The Freehold of Aab (Alden; see VT #94) and the Kingdom of Æfira (Max) (see p. 4).

Star Pesetsky enjoyed her first meeting as a new PFA and NAVA member, having helped inventory the McCavera collection for distribution to teachers by Alex, and described her personal flag.

Joyce Gifford commented on teaching high school juniors about the Salem witch trials and their echo in McCarthyism and today's politics (after which Ted Kaye described the NAVA 13 flag).



Alden Jencks displays a “geographic” flag for the Upper Valley in Vermont/New Hampshire (the Connecticut River between the Green and White Mountains).

Ted then gave a “name that flag” quiz using flags he’d flown at his son’s rehearsal dinner honoring the guests from 16 different countries; the most challenging was the flag of the province of Punjab in Pakistan. He then described his role in Utah’s flag-change effort, which had just announced the final design referred to the state legislature for adoption.



Phil Allen displays United Nations stamps bearing flags.

Phil Allen exhibited his collection of United Nations flag stamps and discussed their limited franking uses (valid only for mail sent from U.N. locations).



Joyce Gifford connects the 17th, 20th, and 21st centuries through politics.



Virtual participants see how they look to each other and to those in person.



Ted Kaye unfurls the flag of the Pakistani province of Punjab.

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Graham Houser gave an update on the production and dissemination of the flag he'd designed for his neighborhood, Rocky Butte.



Graham Houser shows a toothpick flag version of his own Rocky Butte (neighborhood) design.



Scott Mainwaring gets three unfolds into revealing the Chivas flag.

Scott Mainwaring unfurled a flag of Mexico's Club Deportivo Guadalajara (Chivas), noting its origin in the French flag and the club's seal; the flag has many variants.

Our next meeting, on January 12, 2023, will be at the residence of Patrick Genna and streamed via Zoom. See p. 1 for all our 2023 meetings—we'll experiment with a couple of weekend dates.



We expect again to welcome our local members as well as far-flung friends to the meeting.

Ted retained the PFA flag for delivery to Patrick.



Alden Jencks and Max Liberman celebrate the signing of the Aab-Æfira treaty; Max wears the "Jolly Good Fellow" award.

## 2022 World Cup Flags

The FIFA World Cup is the most-watched sporting event, with viewership of over 3.5 billion (about twice that of the Olympics).

Joining the celebration, John Niggley has unveiled a flag display at his work station at Lam Research.

It is organized in the 8 groups of 4 teams with the host nation (Qatar) in the middle with its opponent in the first game of the tournament (Ecuador).

He plans to rearrange the flags as teams advance.



John Niggley tracks World Cup progress through a flag display.

## Oregon OSHA VPP Star Site Flag

By John Niggley

Lam Research Corporation (NASDAQ: LRCX) is a global supplier of innovative wafer fabrication equipment and services

to the semiconductor industry.

It is a Fortune 500 company headquartered in Fremont, Calif., with operations around the globe, including Oregon, where I work.

Oregon employers that have been in business for more than a year and that have a safety committee are eligible to apply for Oregon OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). Applicants must have a comprehensive and well-functioning safety and health management system and a three-year average total case incident rate (TCIR) and three-year combined overall injury and illness days away, restricted or transferred (DART) rate at or below the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) rate for that industry.

Lam Research is one of only 22 companies in Oregon so honored, and it recently received a Star Site award. I'm pleased that a flag accompanies the honor; we will fly it proudly.



John Niggley unfurls the coveted Star Site flag awarded to his company.

## Vexi-Day 2022 in China

This year, China celebrated World Vexillology Day for the first time.

Coincidentally, Vexi-Day is also China's National Flag Day. To let the Chinese public, especially school flag raisers, know about Vexi-Day, the Vexillology Research Center China (VRCC) and the Beijing Xinfeng Flag Culture Communication Center launched a series of activities. Events took place on September 27 and October 1, just weeks before the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

The first activity was to collect poems and couplets on the theme of flags from Chinese poetry scholars, which were then written out by calligraphers and published by the Vexillology Research Center China, the China Flag Network, and the public numbers of the flag raisers' alliance.

Second, VRCC chairman Xinfeng Zhao initiated a free national flag replacement campaign for schools and units to promote the "special national flag for flag-raising ceremonies" he'd designed.



Manchu couplets in calligraphy.

Its fabric is heavy, the openings at both ends of the flagpole sleeve have ties added, and the corners are reinforced for wind resistance. This version is more convenient to lift and hang than the ordinary flag and is more wind-resistant and durable. It also solves the problem that to date there has been no organization to deal with the old flag. Many universities held flag-raising ceremonies on October 1 using the special flag.

Mr. Zhao also sent one of the special flags to Dewang Lin, chairman of the Taiwan People's Communist Party. On October 1, Lin organized 500 Taiwanese to attend the raising of the five-star red flag in Tainan City, Taiwan, using the special national flag for the event.

Third, on September 27, Mr. Zhao gave a lecture on flag culture for 20 public welfare foundations in Beijing, including the Beijing Jingyan Foundation. He introduced World Vexillology Day and the preparations for the 30th International Congress of Vexillology in 2024. He also presented each foundation with a special flag.

The themes of Vexi-Day and the ICV will continue to appear in the lectures and publicity of Chinese flag culture, so that more Chinese people and school flag-raisers can understand vexillology, pay attention to flags, and participate in ICV 30 in Beijing.

*Source:*

*Vexillology Research Center China*



500 Taiwanese watch the PRC flag raised in Tainan City, Taiwan on October 1.



The VRCC chair presents a "special flag" to a foundation representative.

## Vexi-Day 2022 in Portland

World Vexillology Day, the brainchild of our own Scott Mainwaring, is now celebrated worldwide on the first of October.

On that day the PFA returned to Salmon Street Springs on the Willamette waterfront and educated passersby on flags and vexillology while the Portland Marathon set up nearby.



PFA stalwarts enjoy a flag-filled Vexi-Day at Salmon Street Springs.



Clementine Kostouser revels in flags.



Flags adorn marathon fencing.



Flags festoon downtown Portland.



John Niggley hoists Sweden.



Michael Orelove explains the Continental Colors to passersby.



A wide assortment of flags attracts interest from many visitors.



Alex Zimmerman furls his flags.

## Field Report: Flags in Mourning for ERII

By Alex Zimmerman

During a recent visit to London, I was fortunate to witness a display of heraldry and vexillological treasure like no other—the funeral of the century and perhaps the millennium—that of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Flags were ever-present along all the procession routes. The public displays of the people's pride in the life of their monarch was amazing to see.

Flagpole displays of the Union Flag—already installed for the Jubilee—were augmented with long black tassels (mourning crepe) in reference to the passing of the Queen. Flags of the Commonwealth nations near Westminster and Whitehall also added black tassels.

In the public memorial areas, amid thousands of flower bouquets filling the air with a fragrance I have never before experienced, mourning admirers also left many flags—Union Flags and many others.

In addition to national flags from all over the world, regimental and unit banners were left behind in tribute to a beloved monarch.

Happenstance rewarded me with an experience that likely will never happen again: seeing such an impressive and abundant use of flags to signal personal mourning, national pride, public solidarity, connectedness within the Commonwealth and beyond—in an event of historic importance.



Commonwealth member flags & tassels.



Union Flag and the queen's portrait.



Regimental flag of The Rifles.



Two Canadas and a New Zealand.



Brazil.



Ukraine with Union Flags.



Union Flags line the Mall in memory of the queen.



## Roundup



BiBimBap House Korean Grill flies an assortment of 20 flags at its location at 914 N.E. Broadway.

More on-site research is needed to determine the organizing principle for the flag selection. Who wants to go?

### From the Last Issue (VT #96)



**Correction:** The flag on a Trieste building housing a language school ( p. 7) actually represents a labor union confederation: CISL (Confederazione Italiana dei Sindacati Lavoratori), not the school itself. Thanks to sharp-eyed readers Davied van Berlo and Manuela Schmöger.

**Answer:** The mystery ship category “Petrel” (on the 19th-century English officer’s cheat sheet for the port of Corfu, p. 10) was the *Petrel*, the yacht of the (British) Lord High Commissioners of the Ionian Islands, who governed Corfu from 1816 to 1864. Thanks to Peter Ansoff for this scholarship.



A “digital” analysis of state flag designs.



Flags fly at San Francisco’s Pier 39 to celebrate Pride Month in June.



Ted Kaye recently visited the Consulate of Chile in San Francisco on a pension-fund matter, and encountered the national flag and a portrait of the new president, Gabriel Boric.

## Flags in Kindergarten

By Ted Kaye

I have found that 6-year-olds can be both inquisitive vexillologists and excellent vexillographers.

Once in a while I have the privilege of visiting the kindergarten class at Catlin Gabel School (my own alma mater). Teacher Mimi Tang invites me to teach kids about flags and help them design their own.

Using a 5'x8' version of onetime PFA member Paul Carroll's World Flag (see *VT* #16) as a backdrop, I answer the kindergartners' insightful questions: why is red such a common color?, why does this flag look like that one?, what do the stars mean?—and enthusiasms: that's the Indian flag!, I think that one's the prettiest!, hey, there's another tree! Some helped me locate flags I couldn't find.

After explaining flag design, I set them to work creating their own flags, using pre-printed pages with small rectangles in which to draw. I'm always astounded at how the combination of 6-year-olds' imaginations and the limitations of a small rectangle can produce world-class designs.

This year I also delivered a large collection of 4"x6" flags and stands as a gift to the classroom, from the widow of PFA founding member Don Klett—she had asked us to assure that his flags “go to school”.



Kindergartners design their own flags.



Kindergartners take turns identifying national flags appearing on the World Flag.

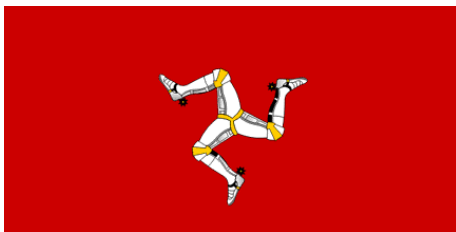
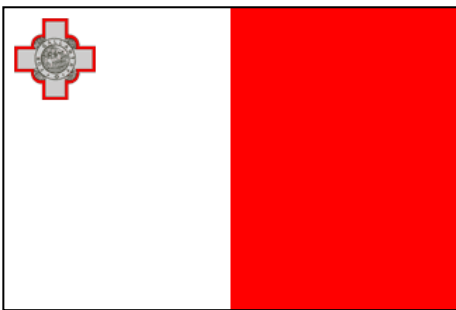


Designing flags with colored pencils.

## What's that Flag?

By David Ferriday

Identify these flags and the theme that connects them.

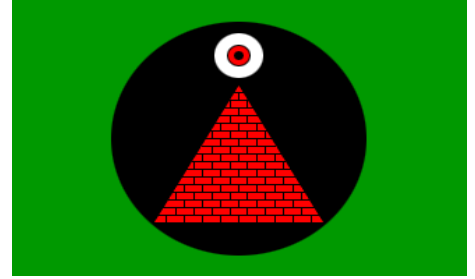


## What Was that Flag? Answers to the last quiz

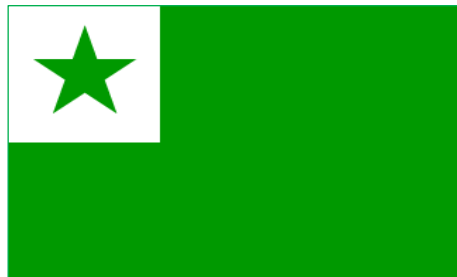
By Ted Kaye

These fictitious flags appeared in movies 1985–2004.

Congrats to solvers Viviane & Mike Thomas, who mined FOTW for the answers.



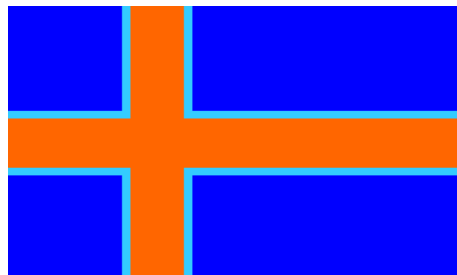
*Mars Attacks!* (1996)



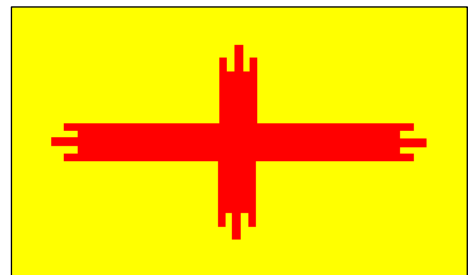
*Blade: Trinity* (2004)



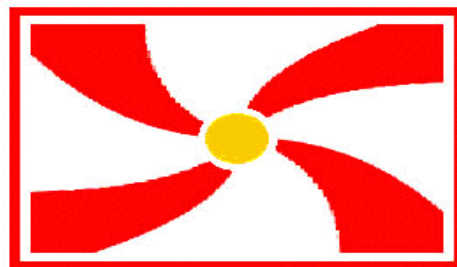
*Treasure Planet* (2002)



*Le Mariage du siècle* (1985)



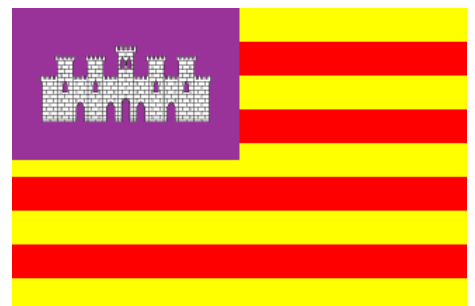
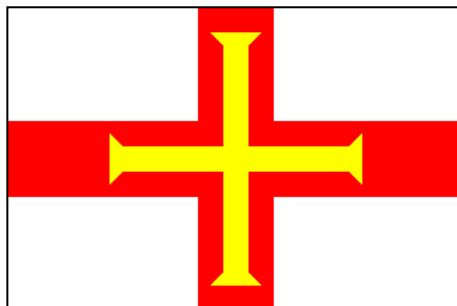
*Fist of the North Star* (1995)



*Help!* (1985)



*The Handmaid's Tale* (1990)



## Portland Flag Miscellany



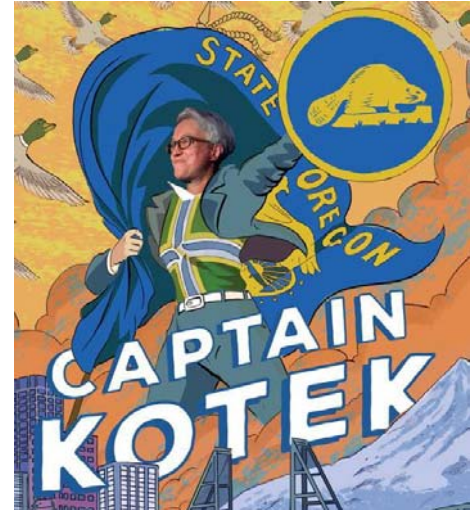
This Portland Flag patch, by Backwoods Barnaby, is available on amazon.com (\$7).

Note the unusually narrow stripes compared with the green sections.

The company offers patches of many city flags.



Portland's mayor, Ted Wheeler, speaks to a group of fellow Stanford alumni in city council chambers, behind a lectern—which bears the city seal, flanked by the city flag—that no longer bears the seal. (11/10/2022)



Oregon's governor-elect, Tina Kotek, is portrayed as a Marvel superhero with Oregon and Portland flag motifs. "With great power comes great responsibility for Oregon's next governor."

(illustration by Stephen Pellnat, *Willamette Week*, 11/16/2022)

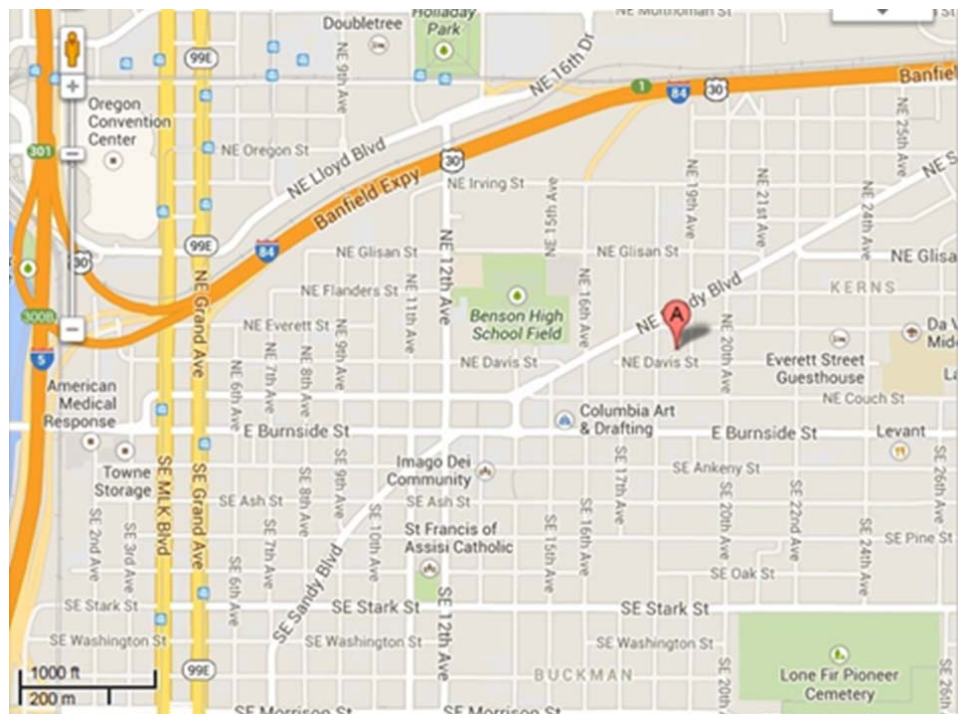
## January Meeting

The next meeting of the Portland Flag Association will be at 7 PM, Thursday, 12 January, in the community room at the residence of Patrick Genna, 1865 N.E. Davis St., Portland, OR 97232.

Those who cannot attend in person should watch for a Zoom invitation.

We look forward to seeing those of you who have missed recent meetings and engaging in provocative flag-related discussion.

Newcomers and friends from around the world are welcome!



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