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Upcoming Events

January 31-February 3, 2013
February 4, 2013

By Bing Futch

Winter in Florida is going to be sizzling in 2013 as we present two radically different events in the Sunshine State:

The first will be our fourth annual Key West shindig, now known as the Key West Dulcimer Gathering. January 24-27, 2013 in Key West, Florida. Butch Ross and I will be presenting mountain dulcimer and ukulele workshops, private lessons and a concert at Casa Cabanas, which was the site of our outing earlier this year with Robert Force and Scott Snyder. No registration fee! The workshops and lessons are pay as you go and we'll once again be sightseeing and enjoying an authentic Cuban cookout at the casa. It'll be laid-back as it can get, for that's the tropical island style! For more information, visit our website at http://tinyurl.com/95xr3jm.

Then, the following weekend, January 31-February 3, 2013, I'll be joined by Guy and Sharrie George for the first annual Florida Gulf Coast Dulcimer Retreat in Homosassa Springs, Florida, presented by Folkcraft Instruments. $99 registration includes all 26 workshops and Saturday night concert with the focus on mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, Native American flute, penny whistle, ukulele, steel drum and guitar. The site for all of this will be the Homosassa Riverside Resort where we have a discounted block of rooms. This will showcase the old Florida river style, with plenty of opportunity for boating, fishing, scalloping and swimming with manatees. For more information, visit 20http://floridagulfcoast dulcimerretreat.blogspot.com/ and our Facebook event page at 2http://www.facebook.com/events/143776002427014/

On February 4, Guy, Sharrie and I will be leading a RV caravan to the Ft. Wilderness Resort at Walt Disney World for yet MORE musical fun as we camp out on the shores of Bay Lake, jam, hang-out and enjoy all of the fun that a stay at The MAGIC KINGDOM has to offer.

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Joe Collins says: "The website for my club's 14th Annual Mid-Winter Festival on February 2 in Shelby, North Carolina is now up and running. Just go to www.jcdulcimer.com and click on the hotlink under the picture. You can see the workshops that are being offered by a great faculty that includes Susan Trump, Don Pedi, Flat Mountain Dulcimers, Judy House, Bradley Ellis, Gary Sager, Mike Clemmer, and me. You can also go ahead and register. The cost for the whole day of workshops and concerts is $50.00.

February 8-9, 2013

Central Florida Dulcimer and Autohop© Festival in Mount Dora, Florida. Mountain Dulcimer Instructors: Janita Baker, Doug Felt, Robert Force, Jeff Furman, Tull Glazener, George Haggerty, Marsha Harris, Lorinda Jones, Karen Mueller, Gary Sager, Susan Trump. Hammered Dulcimer Instructors: Ray Belanger, Kathie Hollandsworth, Ken Kolodner, Jody Marshall, Carolee Stewart. Autoharp Instructors: Cheryl Belanger, Karen Daniels, John Hollandsworth, Karen Mueller. Bowed Psaltery: Jon Williams. Ukulele: Sharrie George, Rick Thum. Steel Drum: Guy George. Tin Whistle: Greta Gillmeister.

Cost: $85.00. Catered meals and rental instruments available.

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Festival location: Round Lake Christian Church, 31205 Round Lake Road, Mount Dora, Florida.

Lodging available at Comfort Inn, Eustis, FL 352-742-8022. $77.99 (king bed); $82.99 (two queen beds) per night plus tax. Request Dulcimer Festival Rate. Other motels in area.

Self-contained RV's will be allowed to park overnight on Round Lake Christian Church property during the festival. RV Registration Contract is required with a fee payable to the church (pets must be leashed at all times). Download Church RV Registration form from www.fldulcimer.com or email Ruth Harnden at dulcirah@embarqmail .com. Other camping available nearby.

Register early as attendance will be limited to 200 people.

For registration packet, contact Ruth Harnden at 352-735-4907, dulcirah@embarqmail.com or www.fldulcimer.com.

March 7-10, 2013

Fantastic line-up; West Baton of Instructors Rouge Parish including Museum, Port Allen, Louisiana: Steve Eulberg, Peggy Carter, Dave Haas, Judy Dugas, Margaret Wright, Bob and Rose Taunton, Ken Bloom, Paul Andry, Guy and Shari George, Steve Bing and Denise Guillory. Laisez les bon temps route: Enjoy concerts, open state, Mardi Gras parade, lots of jammin', crawfish eatin', levee jam, door prizes. Join our orchestra. Dulcimer sick? Bob Magowan is the dulcimer doctor.

For more information: website: http://www.lagniappedulcimer.org or contact Helen Bankston at hmbankston@cox.net.

To be held at West Baton Rouge Parish Museum, Port Allen, Louisiana.

March 15-17, 2013

Ohio Valley Gathering, a 27-year-old traditional music festival.

OVG is an Acoustic Music Festival. Put on in March each spring, it features the mountain and hammered dulcimer.

You will find all traditional instruments at the Gathering. Classes are held each year in these types of instruments. Friday and Saturday night concerts, Sunday morning church. Over 50 hours of classes on Saturday. Forth plus vendors selling handmade music instruments and music related items all weekend.

The Ohio Valley Gathering is supported by Friends of the Ohio Valley Gathering. If you would like to Join our Dulcimer Family In supporting the Gathering, please contact Dan Hamilton at 18 Gotez Drive, Cold Springs, KY. 41076. For a $25.00 donation you will

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About The Tablature . . .

"When Butch Ross opened for Bill Staines last fall, he received a rare accolade: a standing ovation for an opening act. He transforms the lowly mountain dulcimer into a virtuoso's instrument, drawing from it unexpected power and expressiveness. He mixes old country and Appalachian songs with his own wordy, literate, poetic ballads about people, places, and situations you might read about in a good book of short stories. He has a strong clear voice and a stage presence of boyish charm. -- Minstrel Coffeehouse"

Butch says about California Dreaming: "This is the song by the Mama's and the Papa's. Unlike most of my tab where I kinda want you to strum all the strings all the time, here I want you to switch between flat-picking and strumming to capture the call and response feel of the original tune."

California Dreaming

This tune is a lot more fun if you can get someone (preferably a guitar player) to strum the chords alo butch@butchross.com

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Bm
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G
3rd time
use Var 2
F#m
F#7
1.

F#7
2.
F#7
CODA
Bm
3.
A
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G

Bm
A
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F#
F#7

Bm
Var. 1 - Measure 7
Var. 2 - Measure
17

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Mistletoe – 2013

by President, Tom Womack

Once again, a great shout-out goes to Betty Fleming for organizing and hosting the annual Mistletoe event. We had a great group of players joining in on Friday night and all day Saturday on a list of tunes that we posted on the wall, in case anyone had a lapse of memory.

There was no lapse in the jamming except for the unbelievably fine lunch and dinner upon which we fell greedily. The weather was great although cold. Sunlight filtered through the windows and we all felt really cozy inside looking out at the vast expanse of the lake with an occasional fishing boat cruising by and winter fowl in groups aiming toward some faraway place.

This is one of our yearly events for which we do not have formal instruction. The inspiration comes from each of us and is a gift from each one of us to the group. Many dulcimer players get a chance to really experience for the first time the joy of jamming and discover the great new world that awaits for them in serendipitous playing.

Mistletoe will be on my calendar for years to come.

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become a member of Friends of the OVG to help keep it going on for many years to come. Dan will need your name, e-mail address, phone number, and mailing address. Some benefits as a member are an annual collector pin, discount on festival shirts, and admisson to the Gathering

Ohio Valley Gathering 2013 will be held at Hilton Downtown in Lexington, Kentucky. To make room reservations, please call the Hilton. at 1-859-231-9000, Room code is OVG13. The festival runs from noon on Friday, March 15 through 11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 17. If you have questions, please call 812-498-4804 e-mail at rustyemb@gmail.com.

May 26-June 2, 2013

Hammer dulcimer and painting workshop in Ireland.

Choose a daytime class of Irish music for hammered dulcimer (intermediate) taught by Karen Ashbrook or Plein Art Painting with Jeanean Songco Martin. Daily excursions to beautiful sites including the Cliffs of Moher and the Aran Islands! Evening classes of pennywhistle, print making, lectures, Irish music sessions, pub outings and more.

Cost: $1,200.00 covers room, board, all activities and all ground transportation (including to and from Shannon airport). $1,200.00 total if deposit of $400.00 received by January 15, 2013. After January 15, cost is $1,350.00.

For more information: http://karenashbrook.Com/Ireland2013.html. Contact Karen Ashbrook at mail@karenashbrook.com.

Spotlight on Satellites

Mountain Sounds

Mountain Sounds Dulcimer Group is gearing up to co-host the third Annual Shamrock Dulcimer Blast in Blairsville. It will be held March 15 and 16. To kick off the fun there will be a concert at the "Old Courthouse on the Square" March 15 at 7:00 p.m. Joe Collins will be featured along with Bradley Ellis (if Bradley can keep his grades up in school). This event is sponsored by The Union County Historical Society along with NGFDA group Mountain Sounds. On Saturday, Joe Collins will conduct four workshops at the First United Methodist Church. Mark your calendars and come to the beautiful mountains of North Georgia for a blast.

Yonah Pickers

The New Year has brought wonderful opportunities for the Yonah Pickers. The group has been involved in performances for senior centers, churches, and respite care programs. In addition, they have been adding new members. One of the exciting things happening is the growth of the beginners groups (see photo). The leader, Lynn McCollum, with the support of the all the members of the group, is offering classes for beginners in several locations five times a month. When the

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beginners' classes are before the regular practice sessions, most of the members of the beginners group stay for the regular practice too. Combining technique instruction with the opportunity to play with more experienced players is resulting in a well-rounded learning experience and a lot of fun for all. These classes continue to demonstrate the group's commitment to encouraging and welcoming all levels of players and all instruments.

Another exciting event occurred recently when one of the founding members of the group that is now Yonah Pickers returned to play with the group. He is warmly welcomed back to the group he helped start.

During the upcoming month, five members will be attending two different dulcimer workshops and look forward to bringing those new teachings back to the group. If you are in the area on a practice day, you are encouraged to drop in and strum a while. For information about this article, please contact: bswhitmire@windstream.net.

Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club met at The Young America School of Music for the regular monthly meeting Saturday January 12. The group welcomed two first-time players. The class time was followed by an open jam session. Plans are in the works for the group to play at Gordon Baptist Church in March.

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club will meet for its regular monthly meeting in February on Saturday February 9 at The Young America School of Music from 1:00-4:00. The Club meets on the second Saturday of each month. The first hour is designated for mountain dulcimer class – all levels are welcomed. After lesson time the group will have an "any instrument welcome" jam session.

Everyone is welcome to come and play with the club on second Saturday at Young America Music School.

Gwinnoters

The new year brings reason for celebration – it marks the 20th anniversary of the Gwinnoters satellite!

Having adopted a new format in Fall of 2012, the leadership team has updated the methods for communication to group members. The informative monthly Gwinnoters' newsletter is sent to members every second weekend. The newsletter, as well as meeting playlists and resources contributed by group members, can be viewed at the new Gwinnoters' website, gwinnoters.weaveanimage.com.

Key of A Special Interest Group -- In addition to our regular third Sunday gatherings, a special interest group for intermediate to advanced players with baritone dulcimers, regular dulcimers capoed at fret 4, or other instruments that can play in the key of A are welcomed. Gwinnett History Museum/Female Seminary, 455 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville, Georgia – 2:00 to 4:00.

N.W. Allatooners

The Allatooners are currently working through a re-location predicament. As of February, the Allatooners are without a meeting location! The most recent meeting location of 16 years (Towne View Baptist Church) has just discovered that it is unable to provide an interim meeting place while their new church is being constructed nearby. The church is still offering to keep its long-standing community outreach partnership with the Allatooners when the new building is constructed. If you have a location recommendation/offering (preferably in the Kennesaw/Acworth/West Cobb area), please contact Peggy at martin.pb@comcast.net or DeeDee at muffyqnash@yahoo.com. Stay tuned for February location announcement and relocation updates at www.allatooners.org

It's Time To Purge The Rolls

Approximately 140 members have not updated their membership since 2011. Reminder emails have been sent out. Last month there was a short paragraph published to remind you to check and see if you have renewed. You are more than welcome to email me at lynnmccollum@windstream.net and I will let you know when you last paid. If I don't hear from you or get your renewal, I will assume that you no longer want the newsletter or want access to the website. This will be your last newsletter.

Thank you,

Lynn McCollum, Membership Coordinator

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SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
AlphaFretters					Not Currently Meeting
Bent Tree Strings	Jasper, GA	Monthly, 4th Thurs.	2:30- 4:30	Club Tamarack Dining Room in Bent Tree. Bent Tree is 6 miles east of Jasper off Cove Road.	Carol Lesley 770-893-2019 Carol.Lesley@tds.net
Blue Ridge	Blue Ridge, GA	Bimonthly 1st & 3rd Mondays	1:00- 3:00	Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Hwy. 515 at Forge Mill Road	Anne Bailey 706-632-3854 Suzanne Carter suzanne1951@windstream.net
Dalton Dulcimers	Dalton, GA	Weekly Wednesdays	2:30	First United Methodist Church 500 S. Thornton Ave.	Sherry Patterson 706-278-7256 jspatts@windstream.net
Frettin' On Faith	Ringgold, GA	Weekly, Sundays	4:00	First Baptist Church downtown Ringgold on U.S. Highway 41 (Nashville St.) in the choir/music room	Michael Whitfield 706-673-6730 mewhitfield@optilink.us Website: www.tiptopwebsite.com/frettin
Gainesville Strummers	Gainesville, GA	Weekly – Thurs.	1:00- 3:00	First Baptist Church Room 208, 751 Green Street, N.W.	Bob Weaver 770-540-5278 bobweaver6@gmail.com.
Garden City Strummers	Augusta, GA	Monthly, 3rd Mon.	5:30- 7:30	Marks Baptist Church 1405 Marks Church Rd.	Betty Fleming 706-541-2146 bfleming7823@comcast.net
Gwinnoters	Lawrenceville, GA	Monthly, 3rd Sun.	1:30- 4:30	Fairview Presbyterian Church Education Building	Gwen Caeli 770-513-7825 gwencaeli@bellsouth.net Nora Roy 770-963-2541 nsr45@charter.net
Hart String-Strummers	Hartwell, GA	Bimonthly 2nd Tues. & 4th Sat.	Tues.- 6:30 Sat.-1:30	Hart Regional Arts Council Art Center 338 E. Howell St.	Mary Alice Ray 706-376-6591 706-371-0176 mary.alice.ray@gmail.com
Hilltop Strummers	Woodstock- Canton, GA	Weekly – Tues.	1:30- 3:30	Canton First UMC 930 Lower Scott Mill Road, Canton, GA Exit 16 at I-575	Dan or Barbara Asperger 678-493-6970 (H); 770-633-1987 (C) daasp@windstream.net or bjasperger@gmail.com
In Town Down Home	Atlanta, GA	Monthly, 3rd Sat.	2:00	Tenth Street United Methodist Church 425 Tenth Street, NW	Cathy Watts 770-393-3454 chwatts@mindspring.com
LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers	LaGrange, GA	Weekly, Thurs. mornings Weekly, Tues.	10:45- 12:15 11:30	First United Methodist Church for jamming & prac. Beginning classes	Ann and Perry Wilder 706-882-5027 perrylwilder@bellsouth.net
Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players	Brevard & vicinity, NC	Weekly, Wed.	1:00- 3:00	St Philip's Episcopal Church 256 East Main St Brevard, NC	Mary Sherwood 828-966-9628 sherwood@comporium.net Ann Brown 828-877-5506 grumps@comporium.net
Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club	Macon, GA	Monthly, 2nd Sat.	1:00 Lesson 2:00- 4:00 Jam	Young America School of Music 6361 Zebulon Road	Ron Rowland 478-968-0684 ronrowland@windstream.net Karen Stewart 478-954-6759 galadybug53@gmail.com
Mountain Sounds	Blairsville, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Tues.	1:30- 3:30	Senior Center	LaDale Trimble 706-835-1688 raydale@windstream.net
N.W. Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Monthly, 2nd Sun. Beginners All Levels	 1:30- 2:30 2:30- 3:30	TBD	Peggy Martin 678-478-2456 martin.pb@comcast.net www.allatooners.org Satellite Scribe: Diana (DeeDee) Nash muffyqnash@yahoo.com
Oconee Belles & Beaus	Salem, SC	Bimonthly, 2nd Thurs. 4th Tues.	2:00- 4:00 1:00- 3:00	Keowee Key (Routes 130 & 183 So. of Salem, SC) Activity Center, Whitewater Room	Joan Krech 864-944-7094 joankrech@bellsouth.net Bonnie Lamarand 864-888-3328 lmrnd@att.net
Peach Pickers	Peachtree City, GA	Monthly, 2nd. Sun.	3:00- 5:00	The Bridge Community Center 208 Willowbend Road	Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 phobson@mindspring.com Sam and Rhoda Greene 678-833-5995 (Home) Sam@greenemountaindulcimer.com Rhoda@greenemountainembroidery.com
SEHDP (Southeastern Hammered Dulcimer Players)	Support Group for Local HD Satellites	www.SEHDP.com for Individual Satellite Info.			www.sehdp.shutterfly.com Patsy Jordan sehdpmail@gmail.com
Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMGIAFAD)	Centerville, GA	Weekly, Thurs.	6:00- 6:30 Lesson 7:15-Jam	1st United Methodist Church 600 N. Houston Lake Rd.	Laneah Maddox 478-971-8223 912-687-3621 laneahmaddox@yahoo.com http://wrmusic.tripod.com/sonicsoundsdulcimerclub
Whistle Stop Pickers	East Alabama/ West Georgia (Auburn-Opelika area)	Weekly, Sat.	1:00- 3:00	Lee County Historical Society Museum 6500 Stage Road (Hwy 14) Loachapoka, AL	Allen & Deborah McCord 334-821-1301 334-703-3646 (cell) mccord0304@gmail.com
Yonah Pickers	Helen, GA Clarkesville, GA Cornelia, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Sun. Bimonthly Practice 1st & 3rd Mon. Bimonthly-Beginners 1st & 3rd Sat.	2:00- 4:00 2:00- 4:00 2:00- 4:00	Helen Presbyterian Church 8895 N. Main St. Bethlehem Baptist Church 624 Hwy. 197 North	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 lynnmccollum@windstream.net Email lynnmccollum@windstream.net for details.

NGFDA sanctions these groups as satellites, but each one sets its own agenda, meeting place and procedures. Last Updated 01/22/2013

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Please start/renew my membership in NGFDA, including a subscription to the monthly *Foothills Footnotes* newsletter. Tab books available to members only, one copy per member at a cost of $7 (if mailed, add $4 mailing fee). Individual membership: $20. Family membership: $30. Please make checks payable to NGFDA. Dues, according to NGFDA bylaws, are renewable each November regardless of when you join.

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City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ E-mail address*:_____

Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

Playing Level (check one): ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

***Members can automatically access our monthly newsletter at www.ngfda.org by clicking "newsletter" and entering your email address as *listed above*. The newsletter is posted around the 25th of each month.**

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