North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association, Inc.

Foothills Footnotes

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17th Annual Peach Jam

Grab your dulcimer and come to the Peach Jam!

October 4 – 6, 2013

F. D. Roosevelt State Park on Pine Mountain;

Camping Area #2, Covered Shelter

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY (Oct 2&3) – For the Earlybirds

♪ Leisurely JAMMING & GATHERING around personal plan day excursions

FRIDAY EVENING JAM w/ Coffee (6:00 - 10:00 p.m.)

SATURDAY FORMAL JAM PRESENTATION for the Public at the Park Office CCC Amphitheater (I: 00p.m. - 2:00p.m.)

♪ For everyone interested; come play or listen. The Park is listing NGFDA as an event

♪ We will play the NGFDA TAB book ("blue book") D tuning tunes; and the "TAB –Top 13" tunes listed on www.ngfda.org home page link. Additional tunes may be added by playing group consensus. All playing levels welcome!

♪ We will pass the hat for donation of funds to FDR State Park for the purchase of two cardboard dulcimers to be used at park demonstration/participation events

SATURDAY JAMMING ALL DAY Under the Shelter (9:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.) with Additional Breakout Groups:

♪ Breakout: New Beginner Instruction w/ Peggy & Rick Ertz (Just ask for them)

♪ Breakout Beginner/Adv. Beg. Levels Slow JAM w/ Nancy Larson (2:30-3:30)

♪ Breakout Fast Jam - Whenever

Covered Dish Supper on Saturday Night (5:30 p.m.)

Followed by Evening JAM & Coffee

SUNDAY Morning Gospel JAM w/Coffee (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

Directions: I-185 Exit 34 - Go east on GA 18. Cross US 27. Follow GA 354. The park entrance is on the right. Follow directional signs

What to Bring: Chair, Covered Dish contribution for Saturday evening, instruments

Additional Information:

- FDR has camp sites and cabins. Make reservations by calling 1-800-864-7275. Motels are within 1-2 miles of the campground.
- Fishing lake at campground
- Callaway Gardens is located about 2 miles away
- Park parking pass ($5.00) or State Park Annual Pass is required; Day Pass can be purchased at Park Office or collection boxes throughout Park & Trading Post.

Hosted by the NGFDA Peach Jam Team: Barbara Durham (Orlando Contingency), Peggy and Rick Ertz (Garden City Strummers), Nancy & Dean Larson (LaGrange Troopers Satellite), Peggy Martin (Allatooners Satellite), Ann and Perry Wilder (LaGrange Troopers Satellite), Tom Womack (Allatooners Satellite),

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All other newsletter-related matters, including material intended for publication, should be directed to **Barbara Joe** at the email address listed in the above column. The deadline for publication submissions for the October issue is **September 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m**.
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About The Tablature . . .

Shaker composer and compiler, Sister Mary Hazard (1811-1899) from the Shaker community at New Lebanon, New York wrote, "I Will Bow and Be Simple," sometime around 1840. The exact date is not known. It is probably her best known Shaker song and sometimes goes by the title, "Willow Tree." It is often categorized as a "humility song."

The arrangement is designed in a way that melody and harmony work together as two fingers move up and down the fingerboard together. Occasionally, the melody is transferred onto the middle string as in measures 3 and 7. Strive to keep both fingers down as you move from one fretted position to another. Some fingering suggestions are indicated below the tab numbers in case you need help deciding which fingers you should use. There are a few hammer-ons and pull-offs indicated throughout the tab. Make use of these embellishments in an effort to make the melody sound smoother. Also, take advantage of the lyrics as you play. They will help you with the rhythm. The format of the song should be AABB.

This arrangement was part of my Tune of the Month series a few years back. This is a monthly CD lesson by mail. For more info on the Tune of the Month, visit my web site at www.LarryConger.com.

Not exactly sure how the melody and rhythm should be played? Here's a link to an MP3 audio file of the song. You are welcome to download this demo file and use it for rehearsal.

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/93598774/I%20Will%20Bow%20and%20Be%20Simple.MP3

Enjoy!

Larry Conger is a player and teacher of the Appalachian Mountain Dulcimer. He makes his home in Paris, Tennessee, a small town halfway between Memphis and Nashville. There he operates a private music studio, teaching piano, guitar and percussion as well as mountain dulcimer. Larry is active as a participating artist for the Tennessee Arts Commission Arts In Education program and the Kentucky Arts Council Teacher Incentive Program, presenting dulcimer programs in the public schools.

A graduate of The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), Larry has been involved with music as a vocation for over 35 years. Besides being a popular performer and instructor at various dulcimer festivals around the country, Larry has also served as a Church Music Director for several Baptist churches.

In 1995, Larry won the Southern Regional Mountain Dulcimer Championship at the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View, Arkansas. In 1996, he teamed with Jim Curley of Kansas City to win the Southern Regional Dulcimer Ensemble Championship at the Folk Center. In 1998, Larry won the prestigious National Mountain Dulcimer Championship at the Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, Kansas.

Larry has several dulcimer books and recordings to his credit, including contributions to Great Players of the Mountain Dulcimer, National Champions and Masters of the Mountain Dulcimer II, compilation CDs featuring many of today's top dulcimer artists. He has also been featured on three Japanese compilation CDs of international acoustic music. The Acoustic Breath CD series has enjoyed widespread acclaim in Japan.

Larry and his wife, Elaine, are directors of Dulcimer U at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina, hosting numerous dulcimer related workshops throughout the year. They are also directors of their own Duet Dulcimer Retreat at Montgomery Bell State Park near Nashville, Tennessee.

You can find Larry online at www.LarryConger.com and follow him on Facebook and Twitter.

I Will Bow and Be Simple

TRADITIONAL SHAKER HYMN

arranged for dulcimer
by Larry Conger

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This arrangement is part of Larry's "Tune of the Month" series.

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Come Jam With Us!

September 14, 2013

10 AM – 4 PM

Dulcimer Day at Dauset Trails

360 Mount Vernon (Church) Road

Jackson, GA 30233

www.dausettrails.com

Hosted by the Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

Contact Person: Ron Rowland

www.ronrowland@windstream.net 478-968-0684

Free Admission and Parking

Event will be under a very large covered pavilion with ceiling fans and electricity. All acoustic/folk instruments are welcome, but the focus will be the dulcimer, so we hope you like the key of D! So if you don't play the dulcimer, bring your fiddle, spoons, washboard, guitar, harmonica, pennywhistle, autoharp, and especially your bass (we love those who keep the beat). A few cardboard dulcimers will be available for anyone who would like to give one a try.

Bring a picnic lunch and your family . . . the park is a great place to tour . . . animals, trails, etc. Come for an hour or come for the day! The park is open to the public from 9 am to 7 pm so come early and stay late if you choose.

25th Annual NGFDA Fall Festival
Registration Begins on September 1st

By Festival Director, Mike Van Demark

The past several newsletters have contained information regarding the 2013 Fall Festival. This article serves as a reminder to mark your calendars and make plans to be at Unicoi State Lodge from November 20 through 24, 2013, for workshops, jamming, concerts, vendors and more!

MEMBERSHIP

The Fall Festival is an NGFDA function and therefore offered to membership only. Because the Association is large and it fits Unicoi, there is no advertising outside the membership other than by word of mouth. Please help interested folks understand that NGFDA membership is necessary in order to receive the monthly Foothills Footnotes newsletter, the Unicoi lodging reservation form, and access to the new online registration process. The $20 single membership and $30 family membership is well worth the assurance that members receive timely information about the Fall Festival and other NGFDA events. The Association is requesting that all members pay the 2014 membership dues through the Fall Festival registration process. This will eliminate any unnecessary reminders having to be sent to members in January. People interested in joining NGFDA can print the membership application form from the www.ngfda.org site and mail it in, or the membership form on the back of the newsletter can be passed on to interested folks. If people join now their membership will be good until January 2015.

REGISTRATION

After the registration process has opened on September 1st, and you have selected workshops, you will be able to create a log-in name and password so that you can enter your personal information into the registration tool. The form will be saved automatically, and you will be able to go back and make changes until the registration site is closed at the end of October. The registration process will begin on September 1, and go until October 15th. Once you have registered online you will have the opportunity to pay the fees by the following credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express via PayPal. This is a secure website that will automatically notify NGFDA that we have received fees from you and will insure that your registration is confirmed. You can also pay your fees using a personal check to NGFDA via US Mail. Confirmation is not secure until fees have been paid in full. All fees must be received by NGFDA by October 10.

If total fees are not received by October 20th, your registration will be cancelled and the slot will be opened up to anyone else who might want to come to the fall festival. Fall Festival always has a waiting list since it is limited to only 275 participants. This year the cancellation policy is as follows:

- Full registration fees refunded if cancellation is received by October 31
- One-half of fees refunded if cancellation is received by November 9
- No refund of fees if cancellation is received after November 9
- Membership Dues and Merchandise purchased will not be refunded

Confirmations will be sent to your email address once we receive your full payment. Please be sure that Lynn McCollum has your correct email address on file.

For those members that do not have a computer or have internet access, please contact Mike Van Demark (423-338-2307 leave message if necessary) so that all festival information and materials can be sent to you via US Mail as done in the past.

Once the online reservation process begins on September 1, don't wait to register!! Spaces fill up fast and remember just because you have a hotel room reserved at Unicoi or at another facility it does not guarantee a space at the festival.

Tom Womack, our president for the past 3 years, has done a wonderful job creating the online registration tool. The club is very fortunate to have such a talented webmaster. NGFDA has realized a significant savings in both printing the documents and postage for mailing since creating the online registration process not to mention the time it takes to print, package and send all of the packages to the participants

COST FOR REGISTRATION

Member registration by October 15th $105
Saturday only registration by October 15th $55
Children's all day Saturday (ages 6-11)..... $50

UNICOI LODGING INFORMATION

Unicoi has provided us with a Unicoi Room Reservation form which appears in this newsletter. Members are asked to fax or call the lodge before the lodge cut-off date of October 14, 2013, when available rooms will be released. These rooms are reserved very fast so don't wait to make your reservation.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you have any questions regarding the festival and event, or questions regarding the online or manual registration process, please contact Mike Van Demark at 423-338-2307 or email him at: mvandem@gmail.com

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Spotlight on Satellites

Yonah Pickers

This past month, the Yonah Pickers have enjoyed a holiday from their regular monthly practices, while continuing to keep their performance commitments. One such performance resulted in a very delightful experience for the group and the audience. One of the residents of a retreat center at which they play on a regular basis, brought out his harmonicas! He joined the group in the day's performance to the delight of everyone in attendance (see photo). He knew all the old standards the group played and the audience sang. Playing "Down in the Valley" is always fun, and this day it was even more perfect with the addition of this delightful gentleman's playing.

On another day, members of the group played for the first time for a local church's senior group. The performance was well received, and the members enjoyed the playing and the delightful lunch that was provided (see photo). You may also notice that the group has new Yonah Pickers shirts. They are in various colors and everyone is enjoying wearing them very much. These performances where rounded out by the group's regular wonderful visits to senior centers in the area.

As the group looks forward to the next few months, they are excited about the new opportunities that are being offered. Among others, they always look forward to the *Pioneer Days* at Traveler's Rest and this year are hoping to have the new group in Toccoa join in the fun. The fall holds many playing and learning opportunities for all dulcimer players and this group is looking forward to an enjoyable and productive time. As always, you are welcome to join them at any of their regularly scheduled practice session. For more information about anything regarding Yonah Pickers in this newsletter, please contact bswhitmire@windstream.net

Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players

The Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players from Brevard continue to give back to the community by providing monthly performances at two senior citizen facilities. The residents love the soft sounds from the dulcimer and often sing along. The group is especially fortunate to have a mandolin player that plays with them. He also plays the harmonica and his newest instrument, the concertina, a small accordion.

The members have been busy this summer attending workshops and three of the members attended Dulcimer University at Western Carolina University and thoroughly enjoyed it.

The group will play at St. Phillips Episcopal Church for two services on Sunday, August 25. In September the group is meeting with the Flat Rock dulcimer group for a morning of playing together and lunch.

Mountain Sounds

Mountain Sounds performed for the lunch crowd at the Senior Center August 20 in Blairsville, Georgia. A variety of music was played to a very enthusiastic audience. The fiddle tunes and gospel selections were accompanied by a lot of toe tapping, singing and clapping. The smiles on many of the faces in the audience were appreciated by the musicians. Mountain Sounds continued to practice new and old songs throughout the summer to be ready to play a greater variety of tunes. Visiting players are always welcome to play with the group the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club met at The Young America School of Music for the regular

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monthly meeting Saturday, August 10. The group enjoyed learning some new songs and jamming.

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club will *NOT* meet for its regular monthly meeting in September. Instead of the regular meeting all members and guests of the Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club are invited to attend a special Jam Day at Dausett Trails on the regular September meeting day of September 14. The Jam is 10:00-4:00. Plans for the day at Dausett Trails include jamming, picnicking, and enjoying time with family and friends in the great outdoors at this lovely location. Everyone is welcome to come and play any time during the day.

Jasper Satellite Gathering – A Big Day for our Club

by President, Tom Womack

The annual summer satellite dulcimer gathering, was a big success. We have enjoyed this event, held in August, for several years. The location is purposefully varied each year to bring it to diverse parts of the region served by NGFDA. The emphasis of the event is on the existence of satellites and their functionality.

The weekend began with a jam on Friday evening in the comfortable Stancil Conference Center in Jasper, Georgia. The tunes flowed with inspiration from Paul Andry, who was our guest instructor for the event. Peggy Martin thumped the upright bass to keep the tempo steady.

On Saturday, the day began with registration, coffee and pastries, and lots of greetings between long time members and newcomers to our club. Paul led the group through several tunes with the emphasis being on modulation, changing the key that you are playing a tune in during the rendition of the tune. The discourse was lively, carried along by Andry's easy going manner and sense of humor.

Lunch was wonderful. The raspberry chipotle meatballs were the center of the offerings with a vast array of delectables brought by attendees. After the feast, all sat down again for a continuation of the lessons in modulation and playing in various keys (other than D) on a dulcimer tuned DAD.

The evening followed with several performances by satellite sponsored groups, a memorable concert from Paul Andry, and a free jam with everyone contributing to the smooth sound.

We go forward with renewed energy and inspiration. Thanks Peggy for spearheading this event each year.

Upcoming Events

September 20-21, 2013

Memphis Dulcimer and Folk Gathering. Two days of workshops, concerts, jams, vendors. Guest Artist concert on Friday night, $10.00. Lee Cagle, Don Pedi, Joe Collins, Rick Thum, Guy and Sharrie George, Ilace Mears, Jess Dickinson, Doug Felt. Second Baptist Church, 4680 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis. Details and registration info available at www.LeeCagleDulcimers.com or call Lee Cagle, 901-877-7763.

September 25-27, 2013

Melodies and Musings Festival 2013. As part of Marshall County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program's celebration and preservation of Appalachian music, RSVP will be bringing four nationally know instructors to teach mountain dulcimer classes September 25 -27, 2013 at the Guntersville Recreation Center. This is the fifth year for RSVP to host this southeastern regional dulcimer festival, Melodies and Musings – Our Appalachian Legacy. Registration forms and information can be found on the festival website www.melodies-and-musings.com in early April. Call RSVP, 256-571-7734 or email: mcrsvp@mcrsvp.org for more information.

The festival will offer Mountain Dulcimer Tracks at the Beginner/Novice, Intermediate and Advanced skill levels. Each level will receive 15 hours of mountain dulcimer instruction over the three days working with each of the four nationally known instructors each day. This year's instructors will be Janita Baker, California; Rob Brereton, Connecticut; Jeff Furman, North Carolina and Madeline MacNeil, Virginia. Sessions will focus on playing technique, repertoire building and ensemble playing.

Participants can choose an additional four hours of Appalachian music heritage and culture classes from 15 offerings. Evening activities will include: Wednesday free night to enjoy a local restaurant with jamming at the Hampton Inn after dinner; Thursday Night BBQ and Open Stage; and Friday Night Mountain Dulcimer Instructors' Concert will be open to the public. Jamming, vendors, contra dance, singing and more!

Registration is $125; after September 1, $135. Space is limited. Cost includes 15 hours of

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dulcimer instruction working with nationally known instructors, three afternoon fun "Pick n' Choose" classes (see website for details), and one entrance to evening activities. Meal plan available, see website.

Festival workshops made possible in part by the following partners: National Endowment for the Arts grant, Alabama State Council on the Arts grant, City of Guntersville and RSVP.

Come join the fun this year at the same great location on Beautiful Lake Guntersville, 1500 Sunset Drive, Guntersville, Alabama.

September 28, 2013

Yonah Pickers present 'A Day with Bing', Saturday, September 28. Information was in past two newsletters. Registration must be to Lynn McCollum by September 15, so we can plan accordingly for food. The event is now open to non-NGFDA members, so anyone can join in the fun.

October (2-3) 4-5-6

NGFDA Peach-Jam at FDR State Park, Pilot Mountain, Georgia; camping area and covered pavilion #2. Tuesday-Friday for Early birds (leisurely playing & socials around personal day excursions), Friday evening JAM with coffee. Saturday: all day casual JAMMING, beginner dulcimer instruction for those who ask, afternoon group play offering for FDR Park Office, POT LUCK dinner and JAM. Sunday morning Gospel play and coffee. More details to follow at www.ngfda.org and in August – September Foothills Footnotes newsletters.

January 9-12, 2014

Dulcimer U Winter Weekend, Lambuth Inn, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

A weekend of workshops for mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, guitar, autoharp and ukulele featuring Butch Ross, Anne Lough, Jim Miller, Sarah Morgan, Steve and Ruth Smith, Larry and Elaine Conter.

Registration info at http://dulcimerU.wcu.edu or by calling Western Carolina University at 800-928-4968.

Membership News

by Lynn McCollum
Membership Coordinator

I want to welcome the following new members to the NGFDA:

- **Bill & Sue Andre**
  Woodstock, GA
- **Thomas Noesges**
  Woodstock, GA
- **Susanna Dimmick**
  Knoxville, TN
- **Jerry Huckaby**
  Thomaston, GA
- **David Graves**
  Griffin, GA
- **Amity McGinnis**
  Decatur, GA
- **Mary Helen Cissell**
  Ball Ground, GA
- **Emily Jennings**
  Duluth, GA
- **Sharon Mackintosh**
  Lexington, SC
- **Judith Pearson**
  Greer, SC
- **Adam & Lorien Goodale**
  Carrollton, GA
- **Warren Walberg**
  Hendersonville, NC
- **Paul Andry**
  Highlands, NC
- **Diane Hutchings**
  Asheville, NC
- **Carolyn Girvin**
  Murphy, NC
- **Marc Teffeau**
  Canton, GA
- **Phil & Paula Miller**
  Blue Ridge, GA
- **Sarah Robinson**
  Ellaville, GA
- **Sherri Kent**
  Milledgeville, GA
- **Kathie Garzony**
  Loudon, TN
- **Jane Rigot**
  Martinez, GA
- **Jackie Lane**
  Atlanta, GA

New Membership Benefit

As a membership benefit, dulcimer-related Classified Ads may be submitted for free by NGFDA members. Advertising guidelines are a three line maximum, one column width for a maximum of three consecutive months. Submit ads to Barbara Joe, Editor, at ngfda_footnotes@yahoo.com.

Unicoi State Park & Lodge

GROUP INDIVIDUAL RESERVATION FORM

POLICIES

Additional discounts are not valid in conjunction with any special promotion, discount rate or group rate.

5% occupancy tax and 7% sales tax added to all rooms, unless an INDIVIDUAL tax-exempt certificate is furnished in advance. Please note that individuals are not covered by a state tax-exempt certificate for master billing purposes. Payment for guestroom charges must be paid by agency check and a copy of the exemption certificate must be presented in advance or at check in to receive individual tax-exempt status.

A $5.00 Georgia State Park Pass valid for the duration of your stay will be assessed on all vehicles.

Reservations must be made by October 14, 2013

Reservations received after cut off date will be subject to prevailing rates and availability. There is a 2-night minimum for groups booked over weekend dates. Special requests are honored where possible but **ARE NOT GUARANTEED**.

Please note that your room(s) and rates are reserved within a negotiated block of rooms. Your credit card will be charged one night stay at the time the reservation is received and **refunds will not be issued if cancellation is received less than 30 days prior to your arrival.**

We love pets, but they are not permitted in guest rooms. We do have a limited number of dog friendly cabins. Please call for more information. Additional fees do apply.

Fax Completed Form to: **706-878-1897**

Mail Checks and Completed Form to
Unicoi State Park & Lodge
P O Box 849
Helen, GA 30545

Check-in Time: 4 p.m.
Check-out Time: 11 a.m.

Lodge rooms contain two double beds (max occupancy 4), some rooms also have a carpeted sleeping loft with twin mattresses (reached by climbing a ladder, the room with loft accommodates 6).
While at Unicoi, you may be reached at 706-878-2201.

Visit us at www.unicoilodge.com

Name of Group **North GA Foothills Dulcimers**

Event #05469 **(Required when making telephone reservations 800-573-9659 ext. 560 or #560 with automated attendant)**
Dates **November 20-24, 2013**

Room Rates Single/Double Occupancy

Staying less than 3 nights	**$109.00 Per Night**
Staying 3 nights	**$99.00 Per Night**
Staying 4 nights or more	**$89.00 Per Night**

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Daytime Phone No. _____

Evening Phone No. _____

E-mail Addresses _____
(optional)

Accommodation Requirements _____

No. of Adults _____ **No. of Children** _____

Special Requests
All rooms are nonsmoking **ADA Compliant** ☐

Every effort will be made to honor special requests; however, due to fluctuating guest counts, they are not guaranteed.

Sharing room with _____
(all share with guests must register at front desk in order to provide proper telephone forwarding and for security purposes).

Please indicate your preferred method of payment.

Credit Card Visa ☐ AMEX ☐
MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐

Credit Card #_____
Expiration Date:_____
Verification # (3 numbers on back of card):_____
Signature _____

Check Enclosed ☐ **Check number**_____

Make Check Payable to: **Unicoi Lodge**

CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT UPON REQUEST AND RECEIPT OF PREPAYMENT.

SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Monthly, 2nd Sun.	1:30-4:00	First United Lutheran Church of Kennesaw 3481 Campus Loop Rd (formerly Frey Lake Rd.)	Peggy Martin 678-478-2456 martin.pb@comcast.net www.allatooners.org Satellite Scribe: Diana (DeeDee) Nash muffyqnash@yahoo.com
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 Teri Godfirnon terigodfirnon@hotmail.com
Currahee Dulcimer Club	Toccoa, GA	Weekly-Mondays Beginners Group	 6:30-7:00 7:00-8:30	Stephens County Senior Center 55 Roselane	Joe and Jan Sibley 706-886-7407 jansons717@yahoo.com
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 857 Duluth Hwy. (Hwy. 120)	Gwen Caeli 678-863-4342 gwencaeli@gmail.com Nora Roy 770-963-2541 nsr45@charter.net
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	Lynn Foster 828-877-5073 lbf3cats@yahoo.com
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 706-946-6070 raydale@etcmail.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 Wanda Dawkins 678-899-0453 hrwmdawk@yahoo.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.

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