North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association, Inc.

# Foothills Footnotes

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## 2013 Fall Festival Update!!

***By Festival Director, Mike Van Demark***

Here's hoping that all of you have marked November 21-23 on your calendar to attend the 25th Annual NGFDA Fall Festival at Unicoi State Park beautifully nestled in the North Georgia Mountains in Helen, Georgia. This year we have a great lineup of faculty and workshop leaders. We have a few new faculty names that have either never attended or it's been a while since they attended as follows:

**Mark Gilston** *has been performing traditional folk music for over forty years. His vast repertoire encompasses songs and instrumentals from North America and most of Europe, particularly the British Isles, Scandinavia, and the Balkans. Mark, an award-winning mountain dulcimer player, singer and tune writer, also plays concertina, guitar, banjo, Bulgarian bagpipes, pennywhistle, ocarina, tambura, and others.*

**Michael Shull** *is an independent recording artist that was introduced to the dulcimer in 1995. Since then, he has used his musical abilities to expose people to one of the oldest folk instruments in America. Each year he performs throughout the southeast, and has won numerous awards with his captivating playing and arranging of old-time favorites. Michael plays many musical styles, but he specializes in mountain gospel, Appalachian based music, and hymns.*

**Mary Z. Cox** has *been a recording artist since 1999, and records cds, plays concerts & festivals, gives workshops, and authors banjo & dulcimer instruction books. Mary is also a Florida mountain dulcimer champion, as well as a four-time champion (2011, 2009, 2007, & 2006) at the Transylvania (NC) Old Time Music Competition, and first place winner at the 2006 Uncle Dave Macon Days in Tennessee. Mary has taught mountain dulcimer workshops at the Lagniappe dulcimer Fete, Suwannee Dulcimer Retreat, NGFDA Fall Festival at Unicoi, Florida Folk Festival, the Will McLean Festival and in Charlotte, NC & Charleston SC. Her dulcimer articles, tabs, & mp3s have been published in the Dulcimer Player News.*

**Karen Daniels** *is a well-known international autoharp player and instructor, having taught at numerous workshops and festivals throughout the country. She taught for and performed at the Sore Fingers Summer School in England early in 2004. Karen has been teaching autoharp, grades 4-12, in the Mountain View, AR, public schools in an innovative music program called "The Music Roots Program" since l998, the year of its inception. In 1997, she won the Texas State Autoharp Championship as well as the International Autoharp Championship at the Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, KS, that same year.*

**Gary Gallier** *is a nationally recognized as a pioneer and innovator on the Mountain Dulcimer, and he is redefining not only how the instrument is played but also expanding its musical realm. Gary won the title of National Champion at the Walnut Valley Festival by introducing two very unique playing styles. He has been called "The Father of Flatpicking" on the Mountain Dulcimer. Gary flat picks melodies on all the strings much like a guitarist. As a teacher, Gary takes the mystery out his exciting playing style with a fun, organized, and personal approach. Described as a "world class player who is also a world class teacher"*

**Ruth Smith** *began playing music at a very young age and enjoys the adaptability of the hammered dulcimer to many types of music, from traditional fiddle tunes and Appalachian songs, to Celtic and classical melodies. After playing many different musical instruments through the years, she*

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# A SpringThing of Beauty

## by President, Tom Womack

As a believer in the dulcimer, I have tried many tricks to further my skills and knowledge of this seemingly simple versatile instrument. These have included attending workshops and classes at our many annual events.

I have just come back from probably the best workshop that I have attended to date. Butch Ross led us in the SpringThing day hours through a workshop in rhythm that had us integrating the messages from our bodies, including our heartbeats with our strum patterns. His emphasis was on rock music, and the tips that he provided were introduced in the most natural ways, easy to incorporate and memorable. In the after lunch sessions, he walked us through several Beatles songs, that many players might avoid thinking them difficult. Even the several relative beginners present were strumming away effortlessly with the help of his down to earth instructions. "Hide Your Love Away," "Yellow Submarine," "8 Days a Week," "Norwegian Wood" were assimilated effortlessly due to his masterful presentations, while he kept everyone on the edge of the seat with his stories, depth of knowledge of the history of Rock and Roll, and discussions of the nuances of music theory that underlie the creativity of the Beatles music.

From more traditional old time repertoire, he led us to a comfortable mastery of "Stinson's #2," "Spotted Pony," and "Squirrel Head's in Gravy."

Butch was wonderfully personable, jamming long into the evening and for the Sunday morning get together. Thank you Butch for taking us higher with your instruction and friendly smile at Spring Thing and pushing us all along to dulcimer greatness.

From the laughter and music coming from the throngs who filled the halls of that virtual cathedral on the banks of the lake at Hard Labor Creek, one would conclude that there was no end to the contentment. We fell heavily on the vittles lovingly prepared by Kat Valish for the Friday night welcome meeting and jams. Pancakes flew out of the kitchen Saturday morning like little flying saucers of dough.

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# *About The Tablature . . .*

The tablature this month is from Gary Sager whom most of us know from Fall Festival at Unicoi. Gary Says:

"Here is my dulcimer tablature version of Liberty. Since I have been teaching, I have slowly added quite a few of these old fiddle tunes tabbed > out for mountain dulcimer. My old fiddle playing friend, Ray Hilt, who passed away a few years ago, played this tune quite often. With his recording of it and a fake book version, I was able to tab this out.

"From Waverly, Ohio. I have been married to Toni Sager for 42 years and have a son and a daughter. I built a mountain dulcimer in late 1991 after seeing David Schnaufer's "Fischer's Hornpipe" video on CMT. Started building and playing seriously in 1992. My dulcimers are sold under the name "Prussia Valley Dulcimers." Began attending festivals in 1994 as a vendor and shortly after, began teaching, performing and vending at various Midwest festivals. Opened Prussia Valley Dulcimers Music Shop in Waverly in December 2001.

"Toni (autoharp) and I (mountain dulcimer) recorded an instrumental cd, "Rat's In the Fence Corner," in 2005 featuring an eclectic assortment of tunes. In 2009, I authored my first mountain dulcimer tablature book, "Other Tunes for the Appalachian Dulcimer." We continue to operate our store, travel to festivals, build dulcimers and related items."

# Liberty

Old Time

Dulcimer Arrg. * Gary Sager 2008

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*found the hammered dulcimer to be a "fit" to her personality and a wonderful tool of self-expression. Ruth, who studied music at the University of Illinois, composes music especially for the hammered dulcimer. From her home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, she has performed her Appalachian Heritage music extensively in the U.S. from North Carolina to Hawaii. She and her husband Rick have also been cultural music representatives of the Appalachian region, touring abroad in Scotland, England, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Tonga, and Canada.*

**Danny Shepherd** *has presented dulcimer, ukulele, bodhran, and folk percussion workshops at the Kentucky Music Educators State Conference, Yellowbanks Dulcimer Festival, Gateway Dulcimer Festival, Ohio Valley Gathering, NGFDA Dulcimer Festival, Henderson Dulcimer Festival, and Red Hill Dulcimer Festival. Danny will be teaching Adults and older children this year ranging from Beginner to Intermediate on Ukulele, folk percussion as well as Mountain Dulcimer.*

**Dottie Shepherd** *has been a performing musician for over 40 years. Dottie has presented dulcimer workshops at Ohio Valley Gathering and Red Hill Dulcimer Festival. She's also taught with Danny at the NGFDA festival children's program. Dottie will this year is leading our Saturday morning Children's workshop (ages 6-10) and will also offer various beginner workshops for older children and adults.*

Returning to the 2013 Fall Festival are several other special faculty members who have been so appreciated in the past as follows:

Ken Bloom *(bowed dulcimer)*
Sue Carpenter *(Mtn. Dulcimer)*
Joe Collins *(Mtn. Dulcimer)*
Guy George *(Ham'd Dulcimer)*
Tull Glazener *(Mtn. Dulcimer)*
Anne Lough *(Mtn, Ham'd, Autoharp)*
Sarah Morgan *(Mtn. Dulcimer)*
Agene Parsons *(Ham'd, Autoharp)*

*Our Sunday morning gathering program has not been finalized as of this date. I will publish more info in the July newsletter. At this point I am planning to have some workshops on Sunday morning ending with a shorter version of the gathering of the instruments in Masters Hall.*

Please share these exciting plans with your dulcimer playing groups and friends and encourage them to join the NGFDA so they will be on our list for registration information. Registration will begin on September 1st and end on October 15th this year.

*(as a reminder if a someone joins the club now their membership is only good through December 31st. All members will begin paying their dues on a calendar basis for 2014 beginning with the Fall Festival Registration and in January for those who do not attend the fall festival)*

This just about covers everything for this year's festival with music from traditional Appalachian to Celtic to Cowboy to Contemporary to Scandinavian and then to the Balkans!! WOW what a diverse group we have this year!

I have heard from Unicoi the lodge rooms are filling fast so don't be left out!! Please refer to newsletter insert for lodging information and prices. This year we have some great deals!

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The folks all brought together an unmatchable display of culinary delight at the noontime covered dish banquet. There were many who said afterwards "I picked a bad day to start my diet." I myself even abandoned my usual way of apologizing for not taking on a second helping. I kept my excuse, "I am watching my hips" to myself, while telling my table buddies not to stare at my pile after I had returned for more times than a monkey has fingers and toes.

After the eventide buffet that surpassed in opulence that of the lunch, folks from the distant villages and pastures who had heard about our three string cult and the presence of Butch Ross in our midst wondered to our door to join the evening concert that he gave.

The evening was not to end until all had bonded with several hours of playing, telling of tales, laughing, sometimes not knowing why, which comes when the heart is really happy.

Sunday morning saw a little rain, the sound of which on the roof of that pleasure dome made all the more haunting the dance of our tunes above our heads sent off into the far reaches of the befogged forest. As we parted on Sunday afternoon, each life changed forever, with many smiles and just a few tears, we promised to each other to make it to SpringThing in 2014. Thanks goes to Kat Valish,

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once again for her generosity of spirit and attention to detail in putting together a great SpringThing and to all of our faithful membership who support SpringThing each year.

## Upcoming Events

### August 2-3, 2013

NGFDA Summer Satellite Gathering in Jasper, Georgia. Friday eve JAM and Saturday WORKSHOPS (Paul Andry instructor), POT LUCK, and early evening CONCERT by Paul, to be opened by NGFDA Satellite ensemble groups who wish to perform. $25 participation and concert. More details will follow at www.ngfda.org and in June - July *Foothills Footnotes* newsletters. Sponsored by NGFDA in collaboration with Bent Tree Strings Satellite, Jasper, Georgia.

### 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.

## Spotlight on Satellites

### *Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club*

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club met at The Young America School of Music for the regular monthly meeting Saturday, May 11. The group welcomed five members of the Gordon Dulcimer group. The class time was followed by an open jam session.

The club played at a dinner at Gordon Baptist Church on April 25. Everyone had a wonderful time of good food, music, and fellowship. Members were also been invited to play along with other Satellites at the Jug Fest in Knoxville, Georgia on May 18.

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club will meet for its regular monthly meeting in June on Saturday, June 8, 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.

### *Yonah Pickers*

This month the Yonah Pickers group has had an opportunity to experience the wonder of playing for and with both elders and children. In addition to their regular performances, they recently played for Appalachian Days at a local Middle School and at a benefit concert for the assistant music director at the home church of one of their members.

During a regular practice session, one of the founding members of the Nacoochee Strummers, Jane Bell, joined the Yonah Pickers for the session. She and another early member of the Nacoochee Strummers, Jay Carson, joined the group in playing many of the old favorites of both groups. Jay had rejoined the group some months ago. All the members look forward to their continued participation.

This month also saw a farewell. Rick Troup along with Linda Clarke founded the Yonah Pickers about 10 years ago. Recently, Rick has been inspired by God to leave his long time home for unknown service in the mission field in Florida. He sold many of his possessions including most of his dulcimers and has taken a leap of faith. He is pictured here with the current leader of the Yonah Pickers, Lynn McCollum. The group wishes him great success as he follows his inspiration!

Yonah Pickers also wishes to offer praise for one of the members. A younger member of the group whose name many will recognize is Nathaniel Samsel. He recently placed second at the Southern Regional Mountain Dulcimer Championship. He is shown here with Jeff Hames the first place winner. Jeff has been one of Nathaniel's mentors since his first Fall Festival at Unicoi at the age of 9. Nathaniel will be 15 this year. A quote from Nathaniel's blog shows the high level of regard in which Jeff is held by this young man. "He has taught some of the most valuable things that I know about the dulcimer, things I still use a lot on my dulcimer today . . . I realized just how far I have come since that festival at Unicoi and just how much Jeff has had to do with that." That blog address is http://www.nathanielsamsel.com. It is very heartwarming to see young people of this generation take the time to express their appreciation for their teachers! In that vein, he also consistently expresses his appreciation to Lynn McCollum who was his first teacher through the Nacoochee Strummers. Like most teenagers, Nathaniel is

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## *Yonah Pickers*

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also into "social media" and he is using it to keep everyone in touch with his career. His recent You Tube channel is http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5uJzLFVajzQ1jinYLxZzHA. His debut CD, "Playing in the Creek," is also available on the blog. Of course, he has a face book page too! The group continues to encourage and support him in his musical journey. As you might expect, they are also very proud of him!

As the group looks forward to the summer, they have decided to take their "summer break" during the month of August. During August, there will be no regular practices. All performance commitments will be honored. The group continues to grow. A recent article in a local newspaper has resulted in several calls to the group leader, Lynn McCollum, from individuals interested in joining in! This is most exciting to the long time members who joyfully welcome these new players. If you are in the area, as always, you are invited to stop by for any practice. For more information on anything in this article please contact: bswhitmire @windstream.net

## *Dulcimer Troupers*

Six members of the Dulcimer Troupers played Civil War songs at Magnolias Plantation in Coweta County.

May was a busy month for the Dulcimer Troupers. The group played at the Hospice Memorial Service, two nursing homes, and at Callaway Gardens, where they also enjoyed picnicking together.

The Dulcimer Trouper Ensemble composed of six members of the Troupers played in Newnan at a joint event of the Coweta County Historical Society and the garden clubs in that area. Three Civil War era homes in Coweta County were featured on a tour of homes and gardens. The ensemble played Civil War songs throughout the morning as visitors toured Magnolias Plantation.

An additional program by the Trouper ensemble was played at the Columbus Botanical Gardens for the Columbus Newcomers' Club.

## *Allatooners*

You can tell that summer is upon us. Once again Red Top Mountain State Park is having their FREE Blue Grass Concerts every Saturday night from May 18 - July 27, 2013. You will have a chance to listen to traditional and old-time music. Bring a picnic and plan to spend the day!

For more information you can visit www.visitcartersvillega.org/eventcal/334 or call 770-975-0055.

Another way you can tell summer is approaching is the arrival of 4 members of NGFDA Allatooners at Durham Middle School. On Monday, May 20 the Allatooners played for the enrichments of the arts program. Every 20 minutes a class of middle schoolers passed through to hear and learn about the dulcimers. They were exposed to a variety of songs. The presentation started with a good fast song, "Black Mountain Rag," followed by a brief history of the dulcimer by Peggy Martin. Next came "Ashgrove" and a talk about the hammer dulcimer by Judy Griffin. Judy played a medley of Celtic songs. To the surprise of the players many students could name all four songs in her rendition. That is encouraging to see our young children enjoying some very old songs. Peggy played the bowed dulcimer to "Southwind" and to mix things up the group moved on to "The Chanter," ending the presentation with "Mississippi Sawyer." It was a very positive experience for all. Where else can you expose 100 impressionable kids to the greatest instrument around?

The new home of the Allatooners is working out great. The new Satellite location has offered the group a shelf in the library where a tab book lender library is being established. If you have old tab you no longer want or need, please consider donating it to the Allatooners to add to the library so someone else can benefit. Share the music, the more the merrier!

A big welcome to two of the Allatooners newest members, Sandra and Trish! They are beginning players and it always a joy to see new talent in the wings.

Second Sunday of each month come meet and play with the Allatooners. Call or email Peggy Martin at 678-478-2456, martin.pb@comcast.net for schedule of sessions and directions.

Stay tuned to the website www.allatooners.org for schedule updates.

## *Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer*

The Land of Waterfalls Dulcimers welcomed Lynne Foster and Susan McCann as new co-leaders. Mary Sherwood and Ann Brown have stepped aside from organizing the group but will continue to play. They offered years of dedication to providing regular meetings, playing opportunities and growth of the group. Many thanks were expressed to Mary and Ann.

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### *Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer*

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Lynne Foster recently moved to the Brevard area from the Raleigh area where she played with five groups. She brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the group and has started a beginner's session prior to the regular meetings. The beginner's session is well attended and very helpful to our newest members.

Lynne has also introduced new music as well as a jam session for the last 30 minutes of the meetings. In addition to continuing to play once a month at Kingsbridge and Koala, the group will be playing at the local farmer's market this summer.

### *Hilltop Strummers*

The Hilltop Strummers are a work in progress which means that they are constantly changing and attempting to improve so as to meet the needs of all their membership. A beginners' group has been meeting for some time and will now be dissolved with its players moving into the group known as the Upstarts (novice and intermediate players). This group is asking various members to focus on a piece of music and to lead the group in the practice of that tune. This is a great opportunity to develop skills above and beyond that of playing the dulcimer. So far so good and they seem to be pleased with this new approach combining learning with socializing and just having great fun. Barbara, one of the club leaders, will work with any new player needing special assistance on a individual basis at her home and she will now join the Upstarts activities. This constant reworking of the club structure appears to be working for them as they have now grown to 40 active members.

The club has continued to play on a quarterly basis at the Cameron Hall Assisted Living facility and the Hilltop Strummers String Band has become a regular part of the Canton First United Methodist Church worship services as a thank you to the church for its hosting of the club. A portion of the club will be playing at the upcoming 4th of July summer picnic at the Plum Nelly Campground in Ellijay.

The full club was invited to perform at Gibbs Gardens on April 27, 2013, a day none of the club members will forget. A wonderful time was had by both the players and the audience. The club has had to pass on requests by Gibbs Gardens to return in June and on various holidays for follow up performances, however, they do hope to work out a date to return sometime this October.

The Hilltop Strummers are experimenting with the addition of various instruments to expand their sound. They have utilized a recorder, two ukuleles, two guitars, seven hammered dulcimers, a washboard, several wooden spoons and five dancing limber jacks as components of their Gibbs Gardens performance with the audience participating by singing, clapping and playing the spoons and limber jacks. They now have a second harmonica player available to complement certain songs as appropriate. Another addition they are excited about is that of a very unique instrument called a U-Bass ukulele which sounds like a stand up bass. It is a welcome addition and is projected to help the full club hear a focal instrument and hopefully adjust playing speeds and better stay together as a group, as well as adding that awesome sound!

The Hilltop Strummers wish everyone a great summer and look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming festivals, workshops and at the NGFDA annual festival in Helen this fall.

### *Garden City Strummers*

The Garden City Strummers met Monday evening, May 20, from 6:00-8:15 p.m. Eight members attended. Bill Lee brought a great tab, “Wild Flowers,” and taught us how to play it by pattern picking the melody.

Frank Fleming husband of our leader, Betty Fleming, is ill and needs our prayers

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Unicoi State Park & Lodge

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Visit us at www.unicoilodge.com

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**Event #05469** **(Required when making telephone reservations 800-573-9659 ext. 560 or #560 with automated attendant)**
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| Allatooners | Kennesaw, GA | Monthly, 2nd Sun. | 1:30-4:00 | First United Lutheran Church of Kennesaw<br>3481 Campus Loop Rd<br>(formerly Frey Lake Rd.) | Peggy Martin 678-478-2456<br>martin.pb@comcast.net<br>www.allatooners.org<br>Satellite Scribe: Diana (DeeDee) Nash<br>muffyqnash@yahoo.com |
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| 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<br>Carol.Lesley@tds.net |
| Blue Ridge | Blue Ridge, GA | Bimonthly<br>1st & 3rd Mondays | 1:00-3:00 | Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church<br>Hwy. 515 at Forge Mill Road | Anne Bailey 706-632-3854<br>Teri Godfirnon<br>terigodfirnon@hotmail.com |
| Currahee Strings 'n' Things Dulcimer Club | Toccoa, GA | Weekly-Mondays<br>Beginners<br>Group | <br>6:30-7:00<br>7:00-8:30 | Stephens County Senior Center<br>55 Roselane | Joe and Jan Sibley 706-886-7407<br>jansons717@yahoo.com |
| Dalton Dulcimers | Dalton, GA | Weekly<br>Wednesdays | 2:30 | First United Methodist Church<br>500 S. Thornton Ave. | Sherry Patterson 706-278-7256<br>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<br>mewhitfield@optilink.us<br>Website: www.tiptopwebsite.com/frettin |
| Gainesville Strummers | Gainesville, GA | Weekly – Thurs. | 1:00-3:00 | First Baptist Church<br>Room 208, 751 Green Street, N.W. | Bob Weaver 770-540-5278<br>bobweaver6@gmail.com. |
| Garden City Strummers | Augusta, GA | Monthly, 3rd Mon. | 5:30-7:30 | Marks Baptist Church<br>1405 Marks Church Rd. | Betty Fleming 706-541-2146<br>bfleming7823@comcast.net |
| Gwinnoters | Lawrenceville, GA | Monthly, 3rd Sun. | 1:30-4:30 | Fairview Presbyterian<br>857 Duluth Hwy.<br>(Hwy. 120) | Gwen Caeli 678-863-4342<br>gwencaeli@gmail.com<br>Nora Roy 770-963-2541<br>nsr45@charter.net |
| Hilltop Strummers | Woodstock-Canton, GA | Weekly – Tues. | 1:30-3:30 | Canton First UMC<br>930 Lower Scott Mill Road, Canton, GA<br>Exit 16 at I-575 | Dan or Barbara Asperger<br>678-493-6970 (H); 770-633-1987 (C)<br>daasp@windstream.net or bjasperger@gmail.com |
| In Town Down Home | Atlanta, GA | Monthly, 3rd Sat. | 2:00 | Tenth Street United Methodist Church<br>425 Tenth Street, NW | Cathy Watts 770-393-3454<br>chwatts@mindspring.com |
| LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers | LaGrange, GA | Weekly, Thurs. mornings<br><br>Weekly, Tues. | 10:45-12:15<br><br>11:30 | First United Methodist Church for jamming & prac.<br><br>Beginning classes | Ann and Perry Wilder 706-882-5027<br>perrylwilder@bellsouth.net |
| Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players | Brevard & vicinity, NC | Weekly, Wed. | 1:00-3:00 | St Philip's Episcopal Church<br>256 East Main St<br>Brevard, NC | Lynn Foster 828-877-5073 lbf3cats@yahoo.com |
| Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club | Macon, GA | Monthly, 2nd Sat. | 1:00<br>Lesson<br>2:00-4:00<br>Jam | Young America School of Music<br>6361 Zebulon Road | Ron Rowland 478-968-0684<br>ronrowland@windstream.net<br>Karen Stewart 478-954-6759<br>galadybug53@gmail.com |
| Mountain Sounds | Blairsville, GA | Bimonthly<br>2nd & 4th Tues. | 1:30-3:30 | Senior Center | LaDale Trimble 706-835-1688<br>raydale@windstream.net |
| Oconee Belles & Beaus | Salem, SC | Bimonthly, 2nd Thurs.<br><br>4th Tues. | 2:00-4:00<br>1:00-3:00 | Keowee Key (Routes 130 & 183 So. of Salem, SC)<br>Activity Center, Whitewater Room | Joan Krech 864-944-7094<br>joankrech@bellsouth.net<br>Bonnie Lamarand 864-888-3328<br>lmrnd@att.net |
| Peach Pickers | Peachtree City, GA | Monthly, 2nd. Sun. | 3:00-5:00 | The Bridge Community Center<br>208 Willowbend Road | Pat Hobson 770-461-2522<br>phobson@mindspring.com<br>Sam and Rhoda Greene 678-833-5995 (Home)<br>Sam@greenemountaindulcimer.com<br>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<br>Patsy Jordan sehdpmail@gmail.com |
| Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club<br>(EDIMGIAFAD) | Centerville, GA | Weekly, Thurs. | 6:00-6:30<br>Lesson<br>7:15-Jam | 1st United Methodist Church<br>600 N. Houston Lake Rd. | Laneah Maddox 478-971-8223<br>912-687-3621<br>laneahmaddox@yahoo.com<br>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<br>6500 Stage Road<br>(Hwy 14)<br>Loachapoka, AL | Allen & Deborah McCord 334-821-1301<br>334-703-3646 (cell)<br>mccord0304@gmail.com |
| Yonah Pickers | Helen, GA<br><br>Clarkesville, GA<br><br>Cornelia, GA | Bimonthly<br>2nd & 4th Sun.<br><br>Bimonthly Practice<br>1st & 3rd Mon.<br>Bimonthly-Beginners<br>1st & 3rd Sat. | 2:00-4:00<br><br>2:00-4:00<br>2:00-4:00 | Helen Presbyterian Church<br>8895 N. Main St.<br><br>Bethlehem Baptist Church<br>624 Hwy. 197 North | Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212<br>lynnmccollum@windstream.net<br><br>Email lynnmccollum@windstream.net for details. |

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