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Volunteers Needed

Producing the NGFDA Fall Festival requires a lot of people working together. Would you (and/or your non-playing spouse) be willing to pitch in this year? Folks are needed to staff the registration/faculty merchandise table in approximately two hour shifts, operate the cash register (for those already familiar with cash register operation). If you or your spouse can help with this, please contact Millie Chaplin at princessofpossumcorner@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Satellite Leadership Annual Meeting at Unicoi

The NGFDA Board and Satellite Leaders (those folks whose contact information appears on the NGFDA newsletter and web Satellite listings (or their named alternate) have received or will receive an invitation to enjoy a complimentary afternoon reception meeting on Friday afternoon during Fall Festival from 4:00 to 5:30 PM in LOGO C. Logo C is located on the ground level of the lodge.

The group will address common points of interest to the network of playing satellites and will decide the location of the 2014 August Summer Satellite Gathering. NGFDA continues to celebrate the satellite leaders for their personal dedication and their many contributions to the promotion and support of dulcimer interest and related activities.

Sunday Morning Tab Is Ready

Tablature for the Sunday Morning Gathering at Fall Festival is available to participants on the NGFDA website, www.ngfda.org. Simply login with your username and password and go into your Registration Profile. Click on the Tablature "Red Dot." Please print and bring with you to the festival. Only limited extra copies will be available at the festival

Volunteers Needed for Fall Festival Registration Table

by Lynn McCollum

Many of you have signed up to come to the wonderful Fall Festival at Unicoi this month. However, not very many of you put a little checkmark in the box that asks if you would like to volunteer. If you don't know what 'volunteering' consists of- you may be hesitant to say yes. I do not ask a lot from you. All this means is helping out at the registration desk. You would be checking people's names off the list (which shows they are here), giving them their folders and giving them bags with their preordered T-shirts and bags. The shift runs for about an hour and a half.

Also, I need a few volunteers to stand at the Masters Hall concert doors and take up tickets or money.

There is enough downtime that you will be able to volunteer at some point. I will email a schedule with all of the time slots on it and you will simply email me back with your available times. Some of you will have a non-playing spouse who will accompany you. We are more than happy to have them volunteer.

We ask that you get to the registration desk a few minutes before your shift starts to get briefed by the people you are relieving. I try and have two people scheduled at each time slot.

If you would like to help out by volunteering, please email me at lynnmccollum@windstream.net. I will add your name to the list and send out one mass email with all of the time slots on it.

Thank you so much. It takes each and every member of the NGFDA to make it run smoothly year after year.

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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 December issue is **November 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**
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Peach Jam 2013

by President, Tom Womack

Once again, the wagons circled for the annual Peach Jam event, held at FDR State Park in Pine Mountain, Georgia. There were the familiar smiling faces of those who attend each year, and a good many newcomers.

A feature added this year was the beginning class taught by Peggy & Rick Ertz. Breakout beginner levels slow jams were organized by Nancy Larson. The "fast" jams were spontaneous and had toes thumping well into the evening.

The covered dish feast on Saturday evening was really amazing to behold. The circle did not stop for the longest time. Those who went in came out with bicep bulging to hold their plate full to overflowing. Many were seen reentering for the second and third time. We won't name names. What happens at FDR stays at FDR.

The annual event is a real treat for those members who like camping, in that the weather is consistently pleasant, and the meeting place, under a large pavilion is central to all campers.

Many thanks to Peggy Martin and the Peach Jam regulars who helped put together another great weekend.

About The Tablature . . .

This month's tablature was arranged by Merv Rowley and Ruth Randle and comes from the www.MountainDulcimer-1-3-5.com website.

In 1873 the December issue of the *Smith County Pioneer* published a poem which was titled, "Oh Give Me A Home Where the Buffalo Roam" – or maybe it was "My Western Home" – it depends which research article you are reading, what the title was. Anyhow, although not identical to the words we know today, this song became the familiar "Home On the Range". The poem was written by Dr. Brewster M. Higley who lived in western Kansas at the time. He showed the verses to a friend – Daniel E. Kelly – who was a member of the Harlan Brother orchestra. Daniel liked the words so much that he composed music for the poem, and wrote it down on a piece of wrapping paper. He showed it to his in-laws – the Harlans – who thought it was really good, and decided to introduce it at a dance. So the first public playing of it was at a Friday night dance. It was a hit from the beginning, and spread far and wide. Franklin Delano Roosevelt said it was his favorite song. It has been sung or played in many movies, TV shows, and cartoons. On June 30, 1947 a bill was passed in the State Senate of Kansas making it the official song of the state of Kansas.

Different Deadline

Due to Fall Festival occurring during the time of the usual deadline for Foothills Footnotes submissions, it has been extended until Tuesday, November 26, at 6:00 p.m.

Join Us Online at www.ngfda.org

Home On the Range

(1876)

Tuning: D/F#/A
With Feeling

Music: Daniel E. Kelley
Lyrics: Dr. Brewster M. Higley
Arr: Merv Rowley/Ruth Randle, 2013

18
A
A7
D
Chorus: Home, home on the range, where the
22
Bm
E7
C♯dim
deer and the an - te - lope play, where
26
D
D
G
G
sel - dom is heard a dis - cour - ag - ing word, and the
30
D
C♯dim
D
skies are not clou - dy all day!

KUDOS To The *NGFDA PEACH JAM Traveling Pick-up Band*!!!!

by Peggy Martin)

Another Peach Jam 2013 snippet:

It's always fun to arrive at FDR State Park for the October Peach Jam and be greeted by Park staff and camp hosts with enthusiastic exclamations of "Yeah, the dulcimers are here!!!" Typically, campers in the area wander by the NGFDA jamming shelter for days and at all hours to sit, stand in the shadows, or join in. This year, the Park asked if we would perform at the Park office CCC Amphitheater overlooking the valley. We agreed to do a "jam presentation" and the Park listed the Saturday event in their bulletins.

Peach Jam information about the Saturday, October 5, afternoon presentation was published in the NGFDA newsletter and website; everyone knew that all playing levels were welcomed, and where to find the list of tunes.

Roughly 20 players gathered at the campground pavilion Friday night to play through the NGFDA TAB book D tuning tunes and the Top 13 TABS on the NGFDA website. The group members also suggested additional tunes to be added. We agreed how to start the tunes, how many times to play through, and what might be used as a medley. The always present issue of how fast or slow to play was addressed with a commitment from everyone playing to attempt a steady, manageable tempo at good listening pace. Folks were encouraged to add harmony and countermelody parts if they were comfortable doing so. By Saturday morning, an additional few players came in, and a brisk romp through the now official playing list was made. Everyone was given a "set list" sheet with adjusted playing order notated.

Off we went, with instruments and chairs, to the ridge top where a sun canopy had been set up at the edge of the stone amphitheater. The Park Naturalist Ranger asked us to start fifteen minutes early because of the early audience, so we played a total of one hour; twenty four tunes with brief introductions. What a wonderful group of adventurous dulcimerists and good hearted people!!

Audience participation ranged from enthusiastic clapping, children sitting in, a dance couple, lots of picture taking, to a guy who begged for a phone picture of our set list because he was so enamored with the dulcimers and what we had chosen to play.

We have been asked to do it again next year . . . come join the now legendary ***PEACH JAM Traveling Pick-up Band*, Saturday, October 4, 2014!**

Spotlight on Satellites

Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club met for its regular monthly meeting day of October 12. The group learned a new song and practiced songs for performance at the Mossy Creek Barnyard Festival during Jam time.

The club played both Saturday and Sunday under the tent at the Fall Mossy Creek Barnyard Festival on October 19 – 20. Both days the club provided a short performance around noon at the performance area located in the food court area. Special thanks to several other local NGFDA group members who also helped at the performances and jammed with the club under the tent. Everyone got to share and play a lot of music.

Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Club

Christmas music is in the air! Two Christmas concerts are planned for early December and the music has been chosen and all are busy practicing at home and together as a group on Wednesdays. Every fourth Friday the group plays for two senior

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Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Club

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citizen communities and the audience love the soft sounds of the dulcimer.

On October 30 a pot-luck luncheon was held to allow the group to plan for the upcoming year.

Yonah Pickers

This month the Yonah Pickers group has been playing in a variety of locations. The attached photos show some of the fun times this active group has been having. At the end of September many members of Yonah Pickers and other local NGFDA groups attended the one-day workshop presented by Bing Futch, in Cornelia, Georgia. The workshop inspired many participants to expand their musical repertoire and learn new skills. There was great food provided by YP and everyone had a wonderful time. The concert was AWESOME! Next was an opportunity to perform for and teach a group of home school students at a "Living History" event. These students were learning about the late 17th and early 18th century by camping in the style of and learning skills associated with the period. The mountain dulcimers fit perfectly with the theme. In addition to playing and teaching about Mountain dulcimers, one of the members, Charlie Potter, also demonstrated the basics of building a mountain dulcimer. The children and parents where all very involved in the presentations which culminated in a "Broom Dance" for which the group played. Smiles abounded! Following soon after, was a very special practice session in which the members enjoyed playing music, good food, and fellowship at a member's home as they bid farewell for the winter to two members who were returning to their Florida home. These events, in addition to the regularly scheduled community service performances at senior centers and nursing homes, provided a wonderful time of service and fun for all.

Looking forward to the next few months. The group has added Christmas music to their practices, while maintaining the regularly performed pieces as well. The group, along with most of NGFDA, is looking forward to the Fall Festival at Unicoi in just a few weeks. Regular practice sessions are open to all instruments and all playing levels. If you are in the area on any of these dates (see schedule page), you are most cordially invited to come and join them. If you have any questions about the contents of this article, please contact bswhitmire@windstream.net.

Upcoming Events

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 Conger.

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

February (5) 7-8, 2014

Ninth Annual Central Florida Dulcimer and Autohop© Festival at Round Lake Christian Church in Mount Dora, Florida. Workshop leaders are: Cathy Britell, Peggy Carter, Mike Clemmer, Joe Collins, Karen and Chuck Daniels, Doug Felt, Phyllis and Jim Gaskins, Guy and Sharrie George, Tull Glazener, George Haggerty, Dan Landrum, Jody Marshall, Adam Miller, Gary Sager, Maggie Sansone, Stephen Seifert, Chuck Spano, Rick Thum, Susan Trump, Tish Westman and Jon Williams.

Registration is limited so register early. Only 25 participants per workshop class.

For further festival information, lodging, camping, catered meals and scholarships, contact Ruth Harnden 352-735-4907, dulcirah@embarqmail.com.

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. Classified ads can also be placed on the NGFDA Yahoo group site.

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	1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed.-Practice 4th Wed.-Playouts	1:00-2:30	St Philip's Episcopal Church 256 East Main St Brevard, NC	Mary Sherwood 828-966-9628 sherwood@comporium.net Ann Brown 828-877-5506
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.

NGFDA sanctions these groups as satellites, but each one sets its own agenda, meeting place and procedures. Last Updated 08/28/2013

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