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2015 Fall Festival Update

by Fall Festival Director, Mike Van Demark

Well this year we are at capacity for attendance. We have 250 participants registered and a lot of vendors. It should be a fun and exciting time for all of us at Unicoi State Park.

One thing I wanted everyone to know is that we will not be doing prepaid meal tickets as we have done in the past. Unicoi has discounted the meal prices for everyone attending the festival. Your name badge will be your identification to receive these prices.

Lunch Buffet: $12.95
Dinner Sunday-Thursday: $14.95
Dinner Friday and Saturday: $18.95

Soup and Salad Option for Lunch and Dinner: $9.95 (no drink included

Buffet meal prices include one non-alcoholic drink.

Meal prices do not include Tax or Gratuity

A-la-Cart menu items can also be purchased in lieu of purchasing a buffet meal. Unicoi has various items from sandwiches, salads, and hamburgers. Items ordered A-la-Cart may take a few minutes longer to get so please be patient with the servers.

Join Us Online at ngfda.org

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.

Spotlight on Satellites

Yonah Pickers

As the colors of the area deciduous trees explode into vibrant variations and combinations of red, orange, brown, yellow, and the evergreens add the pop of green, Yonah Pickers performances are also becoming increasingly varied. There have been state parks, fall festivals, churches, nursing homes, senior centers, assisted living centers, and

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campgrounds! Whew! There were instrumental songs, gospel songs for sing alones, old fiddle tunes for dancing and waltzes for people to remember when they waltzed across the dance floor on their wedding day. That's a lot of music! Yonah Pickers members played music and sang, and, on one occasion, as the group played an all-time favorite, "Mississippi Sawyer," one member even decided to dance and get the audience dancing too. You should have seen the young people trying to keep up with the group member who referred to herself as "a 65 year old lady." Each occasion provided a unique and wonderful opportunity to enjoy music, the group, and the audiences. Each one was filled with its own form of blessings.

With many more opportunities on the horizon, the Yonah Pickers group is looking forward to the events of the upcoming months too. This season of thankfulness is the perfect time for the group to express their appreciation to all the organizations who have invited them to play and have often given gifts as well. And, if you listen hard, you can just hear the beginnings of the sounds of jingling bells in the distance.

The Yonah Pickers look forward to welcoming everyone to their part of the state at the upcoming NGFDA Fall Festival at Unicoi. If you find yourself in the Habersham or White county areas on any practice day, you are always invited to join the group. All instruments and all ability levels are welcome. If you have any questions about this article please contact bswhitmire@windstream.net.

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About The Tablature . . .

Larry Conger writes: "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" is a familiar Christmas song from the 1800s. The tune was written by James Pierpoint, a New England composer who also wrote "Jingle Bells." As a matter of fact, the tune to "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" was Pierpoint's first choice for "Jingle Bells."

This is a very simple and straightforward arrangement of the tune. However, it incorporates a couple of twists to make it a bit more challenging, interesting, and fun to play.

It is written in two different keys. The first page is tabbed in the key of D while the second page is tabbed in the key of G. The second page will make use of the 1+ fret. If you don't have this extra fret, you will still be able to play the first page of the arrangement. Those of you who have a 1+ fret will appreciate the extra bonus page.

Be sure to play the tab exactly as written. In other words, strum only when you see the stacked chords. The remainder of the notes should be picked individually. As you strum, be sure to hold the fretted notes down for the entire measure in order to maintain your sustain. The curved lines connecting the tab numbers indicate a tie. Be sure to observe all of the tied notes. Do not play the ties but instead, hold the notes and let them ring for the value of the ties.

Think outside the box and off the page. You can play page one in D and page two in G. Then, transition back to the first page by using a 4-2-3 A7 chord (that's the same chord found at the beginning of measure 23). This will provide you with a third verse without any additional practice. At the same time, you will give the listener the illusion of playing in three different keys.

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

Traditional American Christmas tune

arranged for dulcimer
by Larry Conger

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Key of G (makes use of a 1+ fret)

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Fall Festival Sunday Morning Tab will be Ready on November 5th

Tablature for the Sunday Morning Gathering at Fall Festival will be available to participants on the NGFDA website (www.ngfda.org) by November 5th.

1. Simply go to Step 3 on the website front page
2. On the next page Click on the Second Red Dot where it says "Make your Festival Selections"
3. On the next Page enter your Username and password as you did when you registered. It will take you to your registration profile and then…..
4. Click on the "Get your Sunday Tablature" button.
   Please print and bring with you to the festival.
   Only a limited amount of copies will be available at the festival.

Follow these three steps to register for Fall Festival 2015

1. Read and print the welcome letter. Click Here.

2. Read and print the class schedule. Click Here.

3. Register. Click Here.

Create a membership profile. **If you have already done this, then you may skip this step.** Click
Make your festival selections. Click

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Unicoi Registration
Click here to get your Sunday Morning Tab - Coming Soon!
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If your contact information is blank, then we cannot contact you if we need to. In this case please go the page where you can enter this information. Click Here ->
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Pay by check
User Name: rallen
Last Name: Allen
First Name: Ross
Address: 730 Pine Valley Rd.
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Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players

In September the entire club enjoyed a picnic and jam at a nearby park. The beginners enjoyed having a chance to meet, socialize and play with the other experienced members. It was so much fun it will become a yearly event.

A second beginner group started meeting in October along with several members from last year's class so three different levels are now getting together twice a month for an hour to learn their dulcimer skills and have fun with their dulcimers.

Plans are underway for several Christmas performances for both the experienced players and the ones who prefer easier music with the hope of getting some of the advanced beginners to join in and get used to playing for others. There is a marvelous video called, "Alive Inside" that shows the effect of music for those with dementia. This website will let you see a trailer from the DVD: http://www.aliveinside.us

Gainesville Strummers

A major change took place in Gainesville Strummers this summer. Two groups have now been created, each with their own unique personalities. One group has been offering new and old members the opportunity to learn new tunes and develop playing techniques. Each weekly, two-hour session has included designated time for new learners to work with a more experienced NGFDA player, a slow jam and time focused on less familiar tunes and improved skills. The second group has focused on playing many of the old, favorite tunes, hymns, gospel and folk. New members have been warmly welcomed. Play out requests are being considered and an exciting season lies ahead of the group. Come join the fun each Thursday at 12:15 for beginners and from 1-3 for all levels. Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact: claudine.nickens@gmail.com

Mistletoe Jam . . . Where You Want To Be January 15-17, 2016!

The leaves are falling and the weather is getting cooler. Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the bend . . . and THEN . . . it will be time again for the annual Mistletoe Jam, January 15, 16, 17, 2016! It is loads of fun, fellowship, eating and jamming all weekend. We don't do classes, and we don't charge you to come. We just open the doors on a heated shelter at Mistletoe State Park in Appling, Georgia and invite strummers to come and play with us. Cabins and camp sites are available through the park office. So mark the date and drop us a note if you think you will be attending. More information will follow as we get closer to January. You can contact the Garden City Strummers through Pat Colbert, 706-860-3437 or pogosbill@aol.com.

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SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Monthly, 2nd Mon.	6:30-9:00	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 terig@windstream.net
Currahee Dulcimer Club	Toccoa, GA	Weekly-Thursdays Beginners Group	 6:30-7:00 7:00-8:30	Stephens County Senior Center 55 Roselane	Joe and Jan Sibley 706-886-7407 jinja717@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
Dixieland Dulcimers	Griffin, GA	Weekly-Mondays	10:00	Crestview Baptist Church fellowship hall, Griffin, GA	Donna Harpe 770-228-5597 phillip_harpe@bellsouth.net John Garret 770-223-8405 jgsped@yahoo.com Dave Graves 770-227-4890 drg636@gmail.com
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. Beginners Everyone	 12:30 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	Evans, GA	Monthly, 3rd Mon.	6:00-8:00	4537 Glenda Lane Evans, GA 30809	Pat & Bill Colbert 706-860-3437 pogosbill@aol.com
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 Linda Depkin suzie.d@mindspring.com
Hart String-Strummers	Hartwell, GA	Monthly – 1st Mon. Monthly – 3rd Sat.	12:30 12:30	Member's Home Hartwell Art Center	Call Mary Alice Ray at 706-371-0176 for directions to the Monday meeting or for more information
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	Bob & Sandra Hange 770-265-5308 bhange65@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	Barbara Stevens 478-457-6539 gbs468@aol.com Karen Stewart 478-954-6759 galadybug53@gmail.com
Mountain Sounds	Blairsville, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Tues.	1:30-3:30	Senior Center	Roxanne Gill roxannegill47@gmail.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	Peachtree City Library	Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 pohobson@gmail.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.			Agene Parsons 423-718-5730 ageneparsons@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	Cleveland, GA Clarkesville, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Sun. Bimonthly-Beginners 1st & 3rd Mon. Bimonthly-Everyone 1st & 3rd Mon.	2:00-4:00 11:45-12:45 1:00-3:00	First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 Lynnmccollum50@gmail.com Email lynnmccollum50@gmail.com for details.

NGFDA sanctions these groups as satellites, but each one sets its own agenda, meeting place and procedures. Last Updated 10/21/2015

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