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Peach Jam

Grab your dulcimer and come to the Peach Jam!

October 1 – 4, 2015
F. D. Roosevelt State Park at Pine Mountain, GA
Camping Area #2, Covered Shelter

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY (September 29-30) For the Early bird campers

- Leisurely JAMMING & GATHERING at the day shelter; around your personal plan day excursions

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

SATURDAY JAM PRESENTATION for the Public

I:00p.m.- 2:00p.m. At the Park Registration Office – back yard patio

- Bring your chair etc. to patio behind the stone Park Office and we'll play for the public for an hour. We call it organized jamming by the now legendary **Peach Jam Traveling Pick-up Band☺.** The Park requests our participation & lists this as a Park NGFDA event. We will choose tunes from the 1) NGFDA TAB book ("blue book") D tuning tunes 2)"TAB –Top 13" tunes listed on www.ngfda.org home page. Tunes for the play list will be added &d deleted by popular vote of participants of Friday evening and Saturday morning JAMs at the campground shelter. This is for ALL playing levels!!!! Yes, TAB & music stands OK.
- We will choose and practice tunes during Friday evening and Saturday morning jam time

SATURDAY JAMMING ALL DAY under the Shelter (9:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

Additional Breakout Groups:

- Breakout: New Beginner Instruction w/ Peggy & Rick Ertz (All day; just ask for them)
- Breakout Beginner/Adv. Beg. Levels Slow JAM w/ LaGrange Troopers Satellite members (2:30-3:30)
- Breakout moderate and fast JAMS – whenever / wherever – as participants choose

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

- **Followed by Evening JAM & Coffee until 10Pm Park quiet hours**

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 per car; Day Pass can be purchased at Park Office or collection boxes throughout Park & campground Trading Post

Hosted by the NGFDA Peach Jam Team

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About The Tablature . . .

Madeline MacNeil writes: That came to my heart due to two events. One was a retired teacher telling me about a teenage boy with Down Syndrome who was considering his journey. He wanted to bag groceries at Winn Dixie. He's been doing that for at least ten years now and loves his work! He was encouraged by the teacher to travel the road he wanted to travel. Also, my sister was retiring from teaching school for about 36 years at the same time, and I wanted to celebrate all she had done through the years.

Madeline MacNeil's audiences hold their collective breath as the last notes of her songs drift into the tableau of stages large and small. Since 1972, when she began performing in Virginia's Shenandoah National Park, Madeline's goal has always been to bring listeners into the song. Her interest in stories first brought the mountain and hammered dulcimers to her attention, for they are part of this country's musical history. This is part of Madeline's treasure as a performer: she sings and tells the stories with her beautiful voice and exceptional dulcimer skills.

Madeline's New England ancestors (she's a first-generation Virginian) arrived in the fishing and mariner towns of Rockport and Gloucester, Massachusetts in 1635, while her Canadian forbears came to Cape Breton from Edinburgh in the mid-1800s. She knits it all together: Scotland's countryside, the lives of families separated and brought together by the sea, and the resilience and art of those who settled in the Appalachian Mountains.

Her recording career began in 1983 and now includes more than a dozen independent releases, including tributes to her family heritage on Songs Of Earth and Sea and her love for jazz on As Time Goes By. Heart's Ease (classical and Celtic music featuring the hammered dulcimer) won an Indie for string music from NAIRD, while Christmas Comes Anew was a finalist for this coveted award. Her recording of "Shenandoah," her signature song, has been used extensively in Public Television productions.

She has performed in schools for students from elementary through high school and often invited them to play a little on her dulcimers. The Barns At Wolf Trap has presented her in concert, as have arts centers, churches and universities throughout the United States. Across the Atlantic, she has performed at the O'Carolan Festival in Keadue, County Roscommon, Ireland; the Glasgow Festival of the Arts in Scotland; and for the Nonsuch Dulcimer Gathering in East Norton, Leicestershire, England. For several years she was a touring artist under the sponsorship of the Virginia Commission for the Arts. She's been honored by folk organizations and festivals.

Madeline is a best-selling author of mountain and hammered dulcimer books for Mel Bay Publications, and from 1978 through 2006 she was the publisher of Dulcimer Players News, a quarterly publication devoted to both hammered and mountain dulcimers.

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Roads To Travel

Tune DAD

by Madeline MacNeil

Verse 2

A young girl told her teacher, one day not long ago,
Some folks say I'm not very wise, Yet there's so much I know.
I want to play my music, to fly the deep blue skies.
Write books, plant trees, and sail the seas.
Am I not very smart? Do people really know my way, even when that's not my heart?

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NGFDA Election of Officers

New officer elections and installation for the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association will occur this November at the Unicoi Festival. The officer list and duties from the NGFDA Bylaws are below. Please forward your nominations to the following nominating committee for all positions prior to September 15:

John Shawhan	**jshawhan@windstream.net**
Peggy Martin	**martin.pb@comcast.net**
Lynn McCollum	**lynnmccollum50@windstream.net**

Section 2. **Officers**

A. The Association's officers elected by the membership shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of the Fall Festival, and Assistant Director of the Fall Festival.

B. **The President:**
   1. Shall be directly responsible to the Board for the administration of the Association, and shall be responsible for consulting with other officers and committee chairpersons with respect to the performance of their respective responsibilities.
   2. Shall delegate responsibilities to appropriate committees and appoint committee chairpersons with approval by the Executive Committee.
   3. Shall preside at all meetings of the Board and Executive Committee, and at business meetings of the membership.
   4. Shall be responsible for planning business meetings of the membership, and for proposing the agenda for such meetings.
   5. Shall perform other duties as usually pertain to the office of the President or as directed or authorized by the Board.

C. **The Vice-President:**
   1. Shall preside over the Board and membership meetings in the absence of the President.
   2. Shall fill the office of President should that office become vacant.
   3. Shall serve as chairperson on the Program Committee.

D. **Secretary:**
   1. Shall preside over the Board and membership meetings in the absence of the President and Vice-President.
   2. Shall be responsible for recording, distribution and maintaining minutes of all official meetings.
   3. Shall maintain all official correspondence of the Board.
   4. Shall perform other duties as usually pertain to the office of Secretary.
   5. Shall have authority to disburse funds in the absence of the Treasurer.

E. **Treasurer:**
   1. Shall receive and hold all revenue of the Association.
   2. Shall disburse funds in a manner consistent with the annual budget or as otherwise authorized by the Board.
   3. Shall maintain financial records for the Association.
   4. Shall prepare periodic financial reports for the Board, and shall deliver a financial report to the incoming Treasurer on or prior to December 20.
   5. Shall present the proposed annual budget to the Board.
   6. Shall be the chairperson of the Budget Committee, and a member of or consultant to the Program and Fall Festival Committees and other committees with respect to financial matters.

27th Annual NGFDA Fall Festival
Registration Begins on September 1st

By Festival Director, Mike Van Demark

The past several newsletters have contained information regarding the 2015 Fall Festival. This article serves as a reminder to mark your calendars and make plans to be at Unicoi State Lodge from November 19 through 22, 2015, 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 done outside the membership other than by word of mouth. Please help interested folks understand that a NGFDA membership is necessary in order to receive the monthly Foothills Footnotes newsletter, and to attend other events of the club along with receiving 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 2016 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 website 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 December 31, 2016.

REGISTRATION

The registration process will begin on September 1st and end on October 16th. After the registration process has opened on September 1st, and you have selected workshops, (from list of workshops on website) you will have to create a log-in name and password (unless you created one in a prior year). This is so that you can enter your personal information into the registration tool. If you already have your login credentials from the prior year you can proceed to the registration process of selecting your workshops, merchandise, membership etc. The form will be saved automatically, and you will be able to go back and make changes until the registration site is closed and/or you have been confirmed through the payment process.

Once you have completed the registration process online you are given the option 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 ensure that your registration is confirmed. You will also be given an option to pay your fees sending a personal check to NGFDA via US Mail. All fees must be received by NGFDA by October 21st. 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.**

If total fees are not received by October 21st, your registration will be cancelled and the slot will be opened up to anyone else who might be on a waitlist to come to the fall festival. Fall Festival sometimes has a waiting list since it is limited to only 250 participants. This year the cancellation policy is as follows:

- Full registration fees refunded if cancellation is received by November 1st.
- One-half of fees refunded if cancellation is received by November 8th
- No refund of fees if cancellation is received after November 8th
- Membership Dues and Merchandise purchased will not be refunded

For those members that do not have a computer or any 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 1st, 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.

REGISTRATION COSTS

Full 3 day registration (includes concert tickets) $105
1-Day only registration (no concert tickets included)..... $55
Dulcimer Building Workshop..... $90

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UNICOI LODGING INFORMATION

Members are asked to call the lodge 706-878-2676 before the lodge cut-off date of October 13, 2013. Available rooms will be released by Unicoi to others if you have cancelled your reservation. These rooms are reserved very fast so don't wait to make your reservation. **Please refer to Event #06123 when making reservations by telephone.**

Unfortunately as of Friday, August 21st no more rooms at the lodge were available. However, cabins and RV campsites were still available. The cabins come in handy for groups coming to the festival.

Event #06123 (Unicoi Lodge Reservations #1-706-878-2201)

Type of Room	Single Occupancy (1 person) Per Night	Double Occupancy (2 people) Per Night	3+Persons in Room Per Night
Less Than 3 Nights-Lodge	$127.71	$139.27	$11.56 per person extra
3 Nights-Lodge	$111.61	$123.17	$11.56 per person extra
4 Nights-Lodge	$104.71	$116.27	$11.56 per person extra
1-Bedroom Cabin	$148.41	$159.97	$11.56 per person extra
2- Bedroom Cabin	$159.91	$171.47	$11.56 per person extra
3-Bedroom Cabin	$182.91	$194.47	$11.56 per person extra
RV-Site 40' Full Hookup	$ 41.56	$ 53.12	$11.56 per person extra
All Lodging includes taxes, gratuity and daily buffet breakfast for each person in the room			

The above rates include a full breakfast daily. Gratuity for Breakfast is included.

PREPAID MEAL TICKETS AND CHANGES TO THE LODGE

Once again Unicoi will be offering either prepaid Buffet Meal Tickets for Lunch and Dinner or change the all the meal prices to the prepaid price which would include Tax and Gratuity. You would receive the lower price by showing your name badge to the cashier to receive the lower price. This has not been completely worked out with Unicoi as of this newsletter. As was done last year you will be able to purchase items off a menu in the main dining room and not just have the option of the buffet. This past year Unicoi hired a professional chef; he is from Montana and has worked in lodge/retreat centers in Montana as well as Oregon for several years. From what I have heard, he is doing some great new healthier lighter items on the buffet as well as our all time favorite of fried chicken and trout.

Other changes you will notice will be vendors on Level 2 as well as well as Level 1. We felt that we needed to spread out a little this year as to give the vendors and participants more room to move about.

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. Mike does prefer emails as opposed to voice messages.

Spotlight on Satellites

Yonah Pickers

What a beautiful summer month August is in Georgia! Yes, it's hot and that makes the cool mountain streams even more enjoyable! The Yonah Pickers have been playing in some really "cool" places this month and look forward to more next month. But first, the big news. The leader of the Yonah Pickers, Lynn McCollum, has graduated from the first level of the mountain dulcimer teacher training program at Dulcimer U! (See photo). She and the group are very pleased. You may remember from last month's article that the group had donated to help her participate in that training. And, as far as continuing education goes, many members of the group participated in the NGFDA Summer Satellite Gathering in Cornelia. As always, Larry Conger did a remarkable job. The jams were excellent fun and the food was great! They all brought back very interesting information to share with the group; and Lynn is practicing her newly learned skills in the weekly practices to the delight of the group.

The group added two new performances during the month of August. One is a senior living facility and another is the Camp Church at Unicoi. They also had the privilege of playing for a 7th anniversary party held at a renovated barn from the early 1900s in the Helen/Cleveland area. The group always enjoys their regular performances and is delighted to explore new venues as well.

New things happen nearly every performance. The most recent was earlier this week when a member of the audience at a senior retreat put her walker aside and decided to dance a bit to a guitar version of, "Good Old Mountain Dew." Smiles all around! It was also during this performance that a new member joined the group for his first performance with the group. It is hoped that this will be the first of many to come.

With a group as large and varied as Yonah Pickers, not everyone can like every style or piece of music. The natural outgrowth of that is the development of smaller ensemble groups within the larger group. They have seen men's groups develop and most recently, a women's group is emerging focusing on harmonies for well know songs beginning with "The Old Rugged Cross." Freedom to develop along the lines that each player finds most appealing adds yet another layer to the continuing evolution of the group. Spontaneous things continue to occur. Recently, one of the members of the group brought several men from an audience up front to sing with him. The men enjoyed it and so did everyone else.

If you should find yourself in the Habersham and/or White county areas on a practice day, please drop by. All instruments and ability levels are welcome. Please note: Yonah Pickers will not be having their regular practice on Labor Day, Monday

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September 7. If you have any questions about anything in the article, please contact bswhitmire@windstream.net

Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players

The Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players has continued on all summer with the regular playouts. The photo shows some members playing at a nursing home in Highlands, North Carolina and having a good time with lots of smiles and sing alongs.

The beginner group ended up their year by playing at the Davidson River Campground and being invited back for a repeat performance in October. During the summer Slow and Easy Jams have been held twice a month at a senior center for those wanting to continue practicing their skills and those returning after a lapse of a year or more. Last week a ukulele player joined in. In October three levels of beginners/novice classes will be held twice a month during the school year. Having these classes has provided two new players for the playout group.

Hilltop Strummers

With summer almost behind us, the Hilltop Strummers have published a new fall play list. Visitors are welcome, so please check www.hilltopstrummers.com for additional information and meeting times. The regular schedule of meeting every Tuesday will resume beginning August 25, 2015 at the Canton First United Methodist Church.

Several members of the Hilltop Strummers attended the Summer NGFDA Satellite Gathering in Cornelia, Georgia, August 1. The Yonah Pickers did a marvelous job of hosting this event. The pot luck lunch was out of this world and many thanks to everyone who brought dishes to share.

Larry Conger presented a very nice workshop with a focus on "ensemble playing" including "partner songs." Larry's style of teaching and leadership accommodated all levels of experiences in both classes. Everyone left the gathering with a sense of accomplishment and a full tummy. Thank you, Larry and we look forward to seeing you at Unicoi in November.

The Hilltop Strummers are busy with play outs including Shoal Creek Baptist Church in Waleska, Georgia, First Baptist of Roswell and Savannah Grand Assisted Living in Canton, Georgia, just to name a few.

The Hilltop Hammerers are very busy learning new tunes and embellishing previously learned tunes. Anyone is welcome to visit the class which meets every Thursday morning at 9:30 at the Canton First UMC. If you are an experienced HD player, bring your hammered dulcimer and join the fun!!

Frettin' On Faith

August found the Frettin' On Faith dulcimers playing on the 13th and 18th. Parkside Adult Center was the location for the well received performance on the 13th. The group played a set of old fiddle tunes and several hymns. Burning Bush Baptist was the place for the performance on the 18th and supper was provided as a bonus to the group! The Fretters' set was a duplicate of the 13th performance and very well received. August was a good month for this dulcimer group! Keep on Frettin' . , . !

Summer Satellite Gathering 2015 Wrap-up

by Peggy Martin, Satellite Liaison

A hearty THANK YOU, members of the Yonah Pickers Satellite, Lynn McCollum, and the Cornelia First Presbyterian Church, for hosting the Gathering this year. This was a second Summer Satellite Gathering hosted by the Yonah Pickers over the past four years. Salute! Larry Conger's three hours of instruction for 33 playing participants delivered something for everyone, and focused on strengthening the ensemble approach to dulcimer playing. Larry provided lots of fun new tab with permission to be distributed to the respective participating Satellites. Thanks Larry!

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An unanticipated highlight of the Gathering was the unveiling and hanging of a BRAND NEW NGFDA Festival T-Shirts Quilt (top); just completed by Connie Roth. Connie and Peggy have been working on this project for a couple of years. Beautiful quilt top work by Connie... T-shirts are hard to wrangle! You can see the quilt it in the event pictures and it will be coming to Unicoi in November for Fall Festival.

Not much jamming or open stage at this year's Gathering. Actually, some folks turned the tables on us; stashing their dulcimers and pulling up chairs to listen and learn tunes. Hats off to the brave Friday evening and Saturday afternoon jammers! Yes, of course, yet another five-star pot-luck lunch was enjoyed by all, and we repeated the process for dinner before the concert.

Larry's early evening concert in the church sanctuary was a trip down nostalgia lane and had participants, significant others, and church members singing, swaying, humming and tapping. A lovely little concert!

Upcoming Events

September 23-25, 2015

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 23 -25, 2015 at the Guntersville Recreation Center. This is the seventh 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. 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 Paul Andry, Highlands, North Carolina; Tull Glazener, Indianapolis, Indiana; Anne Lough, Waynesville, North Carolina and Susan Trump, Schenectady, New York. 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 fifteen hours of 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 24-27, 2015

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 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	Fayetteville, GA	Monthly, 2nd. Sun.	3:00-5:00	Fayetteville First United Methodist Church gym	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.

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