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Remembering Jean Ritchie, 1922 – 2015

Jean Ritchie, 92, died at her home in Berea, Kentucky on June 1, just 100 miles from her Appalachian Mountain birth place of Viper, Kentucky. It was as a five-year-old in Viper that she learned to play her dad's dulcimer and later brought this quaint instrument to national attention. Jean was considered a national treasure, both with her traditional dulcimer playing and preservation of the old traditional mountain ballads that she grew up singing. She self-described her singing style as "Decorating' a song with shakes and quivers in the old way, shaking up a note and quivering down." During the Folk Revival that started in the 1940s, Jean arrived in New York City with her dulcimer, immediately sparking a national interest in this curious folk instrument. She became friends with Pete Seeger, Oscar Brand, Woody Guthrie, Alan Lomax and Doc Watson. In the 1950s, she recorded several albums and received a Fulbright scholarship to travel to Britain and Ireland to collect traditional songs. She has several award-winning dulcimer books and recordings to her credit. Many of us 'grew up' with Jean and personally knew her. Her legacy will be fondly remembered. Joan Baez said, "As the 'Mother of Folk,' Jean is a living museum of impeccably rendered songs passed down from singer to singer, influencing and inspiring generations."

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About The Tablature . . .

The music world in general, and the dulcimer world in particular, suffered another loss with the passing of Jean Ritchie at the age of 92. Often referred to as the "Mother of Folk", she helped lead the revival of folk music in America starting in the late 1940's, and continuing for a career that spanned more than 60 years. Early in her career, she shared the stage with other folk music luminaries such as Lead Belly, Pete Seeger, Oscar Brand, The Weavers, Woody Guthrie, and Doc Watson. Her repertoire mostly consisted of the old ballads and hymns that she had learned to sing from her family growing up in eastern Kentucky. She brought hundreds of these traditional songs from her native Appalachia to a wide audience — singing of faith and unfaithfulness, murder and revenge, love unrequited and love lost — and in the process helped ignite the folk song revival of the mid-20th century. She became a collector of folk songs and an authority on their origin, performance practice and regional variants.

She is also credited with almost single-handedly saving our beloved mountain dulcimer from "extinction," by bringing it with her out of the hills of eastern Kentucky and using it in her concert performances.

Audiences fell in love with the sound of the instrument and soon Jean was getting requests from folks wanting to buy one. She contacted Jethro Amburgey, a relative of hers, who at the time was the woodworking instructor at the Hindman Settlement School in Kentucky and he started shipping unfinished instruments to her in New York City. Her husband, George Pickow, would finish them, and Jean would string them up and make them available for sale. Later they started making the instruments themselves from start to finish.

Jean also became an accomplished song writer, many of which were in the original tradition that spoke both of the joys and hardships of life in the Appalachian Mountains. Among her most well-known songs are: "Black Waters," "The L&N Don't Stop Here Anymore," "Dear Companion," and this tune, "Come Fare Away," for which Jean wrote the words and adapted the melody from an old hymn tune. The lyrics tell the story of émigrés from Europe seeking a better life in the "New World" in North America (in this case, Canada).

NGFDA is grateful to both Tull Glazener and Jean's son, Jon Pickow granted permission to publish "Come Fare Away" in the newsletter.

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Melody-Low

Arranged by Tull Glazener

Eagle Creek Music www.tullglazener.com

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Harmony

Arranged by Tull Glazener

Come Fare Away

Bright is the morning and brisk is the weather;
Steady the wind o'er the sweet singing sea.
Proudly, the tall ship arrives in the harbor;
Come fare away with me.

Marnie, come fare away,
Come fare away with me;
There's an island of dreams
Over the rolling sea.

Sails at the ready, we're bound for Newfoundland;
Hasten, my darling, and do not delay.
Trees tall and green there, and fish by the millions;
Come fare away with me.

Leave your belongings, for things do but bind us;
Hemmed in, the life here it won't do for me.
Fretting and trouble, we'll leave them behind us;
There is a land that's free.

Lace on your good shoes of stout highland leather;
Bring a warm shawl and a cup for the tea.
There is a new life, we'll build it together;
Come fare away with me.

THE DOGWOOD DULCIMER ASSOCIATION
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CONTACT PARK MANAGER FOR CAMPING RESERVATIONS
PHONE: (850) 256-5555; (NO EMAIL)

EVENTS OCTOBER 18 - 25, 2015

10/18-10/24 JAMMING DAILY AT 2 PM & 6 PM *(AND AS DESIRED)*
10/21 WEDNESDAY 11:30 AM DAVE'S CATFISH HOUSE – LUNCH OUTING *(1504 S MAIN ST, ATMORE AL)*
10/23 FRIDAY 2 PM HOMEMADE JAMMING *(5 PM SUPPER ON YOUR OWN)*
6 PM SWEET HOMEMADE JAMMING + BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

10/24 SATURDAY 12 PM COVERED DISH LUNCH *(ALL PARTICIPANTS BRING A DISH)*
1 PM OPEN STAGE *(DULCIMER CLUBS ONLY)*
2 PM & 6 PM HOMEMADE JAMMING

10/25 SUNDAY 9 AM MUSIC SERVICE

(CAMPERS GIG @ CENTURY CARE CENTER AT 1 PM ON 10/20 TUESDAY & 10/22 THURSDAY)

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(3 Hours)
~
LARRY CONGER

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- Strengthen & enhance your Satellite playing with focus on ensemble approach to tunes and the individual techniques to help you smooth out your playing
- New ideas and pieces for your Satellite group to work on

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COST Friday Eve & Saturday All Day Participants: **$30.00** includes Jams, 3 Hours of Workshops, Lunch-Pot Luck, and Mini-Concert.
Additional Saturday Concert Tickets for Non-participants - $5.00

SCHEDULE	**Friday**	**4:00pm -- 9:00pm**	Relaxed Evening **JAM & COFFEE SOCIAL** (All Acoustic Instruments Welcome)
	Saturday	**9:00am – -9:00pm**	
		9:00am-10am	**Registration & Coffee**
		10:00am-12Noon	**WORKSHOP**
		12:30-1:30pm	**LUNCH; POT-LUCK**
		1:30-2:30pm	**WORKSHOP S**
		3:00-6:30pm	**SATELLLITE GROUP (2 or more players) OPEN-STAGE and POT-LUCK LEFTOVERS**
		6:30-7:30	**CONCERT with LARRY CONGER**
		7:30-9:00pm	**JAM** (All Acoustic Instruments Welcome)

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Main Phone 706-778-0040 www.cornelia.hamptoninn.com
- Motel is 2.8 miles from the Church event location
- $102 plus tax (negotiated). Rates are normally $119 for 1 adult or $124 for 2 adults
- 10 rooms are blocked – ask for "Dulcimer Event" reduced rate
- All rooms have microwave, refrigerator, wireless internet
- A complimentary hot/cold breakfast is offered every morning in the Atrium
- Outside salt water pool and 24hr fitness room

Additional motels in the area.

- Cornelia is a great little northeast Georgia town and area to explore! "Food, Falls, Forests, and Fun" http://explorecornelia.com/
- From Atlanta: I-85 N to I-985 to Cornelia Exit.
- From Hampton Inn or other motel, drive to Cornelia Main Street (aka Historic 441) Turn onto Pine Street; church is on the right - red brick, great parking lot w/portico.

For Additional Information: Peggy Martin (678)478-2456 Lynn McCollum (706)499-3212

2015 Fall Festival-Update Unicoi Lodge and Park Is A Cool Ticket for A November Getaway!

By President/Festival Director,
Mike Van Demark

It's hard to believe that we are thinking of cool days, beautiful music, good friends, and challenging classes already! Does that sound like a good recipe for Fall Fun? Then make your plans to be part of the 2015 Fall Festival November 19-22.

Our faculty members are planning interesting workshops and wonderful evening concerts. The usual great line-up of vendors are committed to be there for your shopping pleasure and it is easy to imagine the Unicoi Lodge alive with dulcimer music and lively conversation.

Vendors this year will be on the 2nd and 3rd level this year as to alleviate the congestion we had last year on the 3rd level.

You will find the room reservation information in this issue of the *Footnotes*. There is no on-line reservation service, so it is best to make your arrangements by phone 800-573-9659. Be sure to give the NGFDA group number for the NGFDA event #06123.

We have special prices for this event which includes a full breakfast for those staying 3-4 nights in the lodge or Campground.

If you missed the June issue of Footnotes, here is a list of our guest faculty:

- Jess Dickenson (Hammered Dulcimer)
- Jeff Hames (Mountain Dulcimer)
- Lorinda Jones (Mountain Dulcimer)
- Jim Miller (Mountain Dulcimer
- Michael Shull (Mountain Dulcimer)
- Linda Thomas (Hammered Dulcimer)
- Bob Thomason (Mt. Dulcimer Building Workshop)

Returning to the 2015 Fall Festival are several other special faculty members who have been so appreciated in the past as follows:

- Ken Bloom (Bowed Dulcimer)
- Gwen Caeli (Mountain Dulcimer)
- Larry Conger (Mountain Dulcimer)
- Elaine Conger (Mountain Dulcimer)
- Jeff Furman (Mountain Dulcimer)
- Guy George (Hammered Dulcimer, Steel Drums, Penny Whistle & Emcee)
- Sharrie George (Ukulele)
- Tull Glazener (Mountain Dulcimer)
- Marsha Harris (Mt. Dulcimer & Native American Flute)
- Anne Lough (Autoharp and Mt. Dulcimer)

The Traditional Sunday Morning Gathering will be organized and directed by Larry and Elaine Conger and Tull Glazener. Larry, Elaine and Tull have extensive experience in putting together groups of instruments to perform together. This should be a great program. We will have some familiar religious and Christmas tunes as well as other tune we have not heard.

Please share this event with your dulcimer groups and encourage them to become members of NGFDA so that they can receive all of the festival information by the beginning of registration. The registration process will begin on Tuesday, September 1st through October 11th. Once again payments can be accepted through PayPal Credit Card Processing or personal check. Festival registration fees will remain at the reasonable price of $105.00 again this year. Registrations will be done online via our website at www.ngfda.org. For our members who do not have access to a computer or the internet, you can request registration forms and information to be sent to you via U.S. Mail. Please send your request to: Mike Van Demark P.O. Box 197 Ocoee, TN. 37361

More information about the festival will be included in the August newsletter. We hope to see you in November!

2015 Unicoi State Park Lodge Rates for Fall Festival

It's not too early to start thinking about the 2015 Fall Festival at Unicoi November 19-22. Once again NGFDA has negotiated great prices this year when staying in the Lodge, Cabins or Campsites which will include a breakfast for a single/double occupancy room (2 people). Each additional person (over 2) staying in the room will be charged only $11.56 per person per day but that will also include a breakfast for them. Please make sure you tell Unicoi how many people are going to be in your room, cabin or campsite. This will make it much easier at check-in time so that everyone receives a breakfast ticket! Last year there was a problem with people not receiving a breakfast ticket when they checked in because the number of people changed from the time they made the reservation to the time they arrived to check in.

You can always change your reservation to go up or down but Unicoi must know the # of people staying in each type of room.

Below is a schedule of prices published for Unicoi. When making your reservation (telephone at 1-706-878-2201) you must include **Event #006123** to receive these special rates. Unicoi has already received several calls for this popular event so doesn't be left out this year and get your reservations made today!

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			

Please include this event on your calendar for November so you don't miss out on this great festival. Registration for this event will begin on Tuesday, September 1st and close on October 11th.

Spotlight on Satellites

Gainesville Strummers

With summer beginning, the Strummers are winding down for vacations, but not before the last concert of the season at Harris Homestead. Every four years there is a Heritage Day fundraiser to help preserve this historic property and one of Strummer members plays there during their open monthly tours. For the second year running members of the Gainesville Strummers joined together with musicians from other groups and presented a selection of traditional tunes (including those newly put together medleys), as part of a day of cultural entertainment for an excellent cause. The focus now for the group is to develop a set of new tunes, to expand the playlists and improve skills. Have a great summer everyone—Regular practice begins again on Thursday, August 6.

Frettin' On Faith

The Frettin' On Faith dulcimer group played to an exuberant crowd on June 9. The setting was Concord Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Fretters set was a mix of gospel and old fiddle tunes which the crowd sang along with. A noon meal was served which was enjoyed by all, including the dulcimer group! One Fretter stated, "It was a good thing we played before we ate or we'd be too full to play." So all is still good here in Ringgold, Georgia. As always . . . "keep on frettin'".

Dalton Dulcimers

Dalton Dulcimers was saddened by the sudden death of Mike White, one of its long-time members. Mike was a kind, 'gentle giant' with a wonderful sense of humor that kept us laughing at practice. He quietly helped others in many ways as attested to by this picture where he acquainted adult day care clients with the dulcimer after a playdate. He went back there many times on his own to teach or play music for the folks. There will always be a hole in the club's circle with the absence of Mike.

Yonah Pickers

The Yonah Pickers participated in a unique event recently. In late May, they performed a very special concert. This concert was to raise funds to help send their leader, Lynn McCollum to Dulcimer U this

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Yonah Pickers

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summer for specialized training in teaching Mountain Dulcimer. The concert was the brain child of members of the group. The whole group worked together to develop and present the hour long program at the Sky Lake Community Center. Many members of the group were able to participate in the performance. There were about 60 members from the local community in the audience. Added attractions of the evening were the two door prizes awarded to enthusiastic recipients, provided by Ms. McCollum herself. In addition to being a talented dulcimer player and leader, she is a professional photographer and the door prizes were two one hour, private photo sessions! The members of the audience who won were very excited!

The group played and sang a variety of music including traditional mountain music, fiddle tunes, gospel music, folk, a little Ten Pan alley, and one "silly" song. The audience joined in on singing familiar songs. At one point, a little information was provided about the origins of the mountain dulcimer and the songs of Jean Ritchie. Both were well received. When "The Peace Round" was sung, the entire audience and all the Yonah Pickers participated.

As has been mentioned in previous articles, the Yonah Pickers group consists of several different instruments including mountain dulcimers, guitars, violin, wash tub base, harmonica, and banjo. Each one brought a special texture to the performance. The violin player, Margo Taylor, played a beautiful solo arrangement of "Ashokan Farewell." One of the banjo players, Jerry Corley, created a "foot stomping, hand clapping good time" with his solo version of a combination of "Cripple Creek" and "Boil Them Cabbage." The haunting sounds the harmonica, played by Drew Taylor, added to the group performance on "Down in the Valley" and "Amazing Grace" brought a special depth to the songs. Everyone always enjoys the steady time keeping washtub base also played by Drew Taylor, and the children and some adults in the audience could not wait to ask about it after the concert. The players are always grateful for it as well. It makes playing on rhythm so much easier. Another member of the group, Dale Hardee, did a dramatic reading of part of the recently released lyrics to the song by Joe Collins, "Carolina Waltz" as the group played this favorite song in the background after which it was played at full volume. The combination was very moving.

One particularly fun part of the evening was the energetic rendition of "The Chicken Dance." Everyone was "dancing in their seats" and two members of YP were dancing on their feet leading the dance moves complete with a chicken hat and a metal dancing chicken! Two members of the audience came down front to join in the fun. Smiles and laughter filled the room. It was great fun! The group closed their performance as they always do with "Amazing Grace" accompanied by most of the audience joining in on the singing.

As mentioned earlier, the performance was a "pass the hat" fund raising event. The group surpassed their fund raising goal! They raised enough money, in combination with the scholarship that Lynn received from the folks at Dulcimer U, to send their leader on her way to Dulcimer U this year and they made a start on next year's tuition! After the concert Lynn was heard to say, "I lead such a wonderful group of people. And am very blessed and very grateful! It is a real joy to be part of such a supportive group." Everyone was very pleased with the results of the concert. In addition, great fun was had by all!

If you find yourself in the Habersham and/or White county areas on practice days, you are welcome to come by and play. For more information on anything in this article, please contact: bswhitmire@windstream.net.

Upcoming Events

July 11, 2015

On July 11, Butch Ross will be performing at the Chatsworth, Georgia Train Depot. It's a fundraiser for their building. https://www.facebook.com/ChatsworthDepot. Also, that morning he will be teaching a workshop for all levels, and probably Civil War themed (that day is also Civil War day at the depot). The workshop will start at 10am and be $20 per person, admission to the show is included in that fee.

The concert will start at 2:00 pm. All the proceeds from the concert go to the restoration of the depot. So everybody wins on this one.

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August 16, 2015

Audrey H. Miller – Scottish Dulcimer

Free "Dulcimer Traditions" Workshop

Gwinnoters is presenting a special panel workshop Sunday August 16, 1:30 to 4:30 on the Traditions and Legacy of Mountain Dulcimer. Old instruments by famous makers, both with and without a 6+ fret, will be played and demonstrated. Participants will learn about noter drone tunings, playing with noters and quills, and the difference between DAD and DAA tunings. If you have one of these treasured instruments, please bring and share your part of dulcimer's unique history. Event will be held at Fairview Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 857 Duluth Hwy., Lawrenceville, Georgia. For questions please contact gwinnotersdulcimer@gmail.com.

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 Jphn 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	1st Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall 208 Willowbend Road	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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