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Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players

A July event was held in the auditorium at the College Walk Retirement Center in Brevard. It was well attended and the audience enjoyed hearing a little bit about the history of each selection. Many familiar pieces were included so that the audience could join in the singing.

Then in August a small group of the players helped at the Gorges State Park "Eclipse Weekend Event" by playing in their visitor center. This has been one of the group's favorite venues in the past and remains so. It was interesting to discover that only five players could be heard and sound great in a very large room with good acoustics.

Gorges Star Park has a gorgeous new visitor center with lots of things for all ages to experience and great hiking trails. If some of the folks in Georgia have never ventured up Rt 281 toward Brevard, NC it might be something to put on your wish list. The Park is in the total eclipse zone so many hundreds are expected there for the Eclipse Event.

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About The Tablature . . .

The tablature this month is arranged by Gary Sager.

He had heard some fiddle players perform this tune several times back in 2009 and thought it a pretty cool tune. So, he got online and found that it had been composed by Curt Bouterse in 1974. On YouTube he found one sample of it being performed by a claw hammer banjo player in the key of C. He tuned his dulcimer to CGc, lowering each string down one note from Dad and followed along with the YouTube video a good number of times until he had it down. He then contacted Curt to make sure he did not mind if he tabbed it out for mountain dulcimer. Enjoy Nixon's Farewell.

Spotlight on Satellites

Tugalo Valley Strummers

The Tugalo Valley Strummers took a summer break during the month of July. The month of August found the Strummers back in full swing with a performance at the Clary Center in Toccoa on the 15th. Instead of a regular class on the 2nd Monday in August, the Strummers went to a member's cabin on the creek for a cookout and practice. The group was happy to welcome four new prospective members to the event. As fall approaches the Strummers are starting to get ready for upcoming special events. If you find yourself near Toccoa on the 2nd or 4th Monday of the month, feel free to stop by. There are visitor's tab books available.

Gold Country Players

Gold Country Players (GCP) have shut up shop for the summer, but are already making plans for September.

Ok, the plans are in place! A Dulcimer Course for Beginners!

Gold Country Players (GCP) will start a dulcimer basics class on Sep 8th at 4:15 pm until 5pm. The class will be held at the First Baptist Church on Green Street in Gainesville and will last 8 weeks. The class will be for those new to the mountain dulcimer and will cover history of the instrument, learning its parts, how to tune it and the basics of playing. Participants will learn left and right hand techniques while playing simple, well known songs.

The course is FREE, the course materials are $10.

After 8 weeks, participants are invited to join the GCP group which meets from 2:00 to 4:00 on Thursday each week. The Basics class is not a requirement to join the GCPs and individuals are invited to join the GCP group at any time.

For more information, contact us through Facebook or at goldcountryplayers@gmail.com.

Please, ask questions if you have any. Share with your friends.

#dulcimer #music #countrystyle #gospelmusic #Appalachian

Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

Come jam with us on September 9, 2017 from 10 am to 2 pm. Dulcimer Day at Dauset Trails, 360 Mount Vernon (Church) Road, Jackson, GA 30233 www.dausettrails.com.

We will be at pavilion #2 this year. All acoustic / folk instruments are welcome, but the focus will be the dulcimer. If you don't play the dulcimer, bring your fiddle, spoons, washboard, guitar, ukulele, concertina, mandolin, harmonica, pennywhistle, autoharp, and especially your bass (we love those who keep the beat). We will have a few cardboard dulcimers available for anyone who would like to give one a try.

Bring a picnic lunch and your family….the park is a great place to tour…animals, trails, etc. Come for an hour or come for the day! The park is open to the public from 9 AM to 7 PM so come early and stay late if you choose. Free admission and parking.

Contact Barbara Stevens, 478-457-6539, gbs468@aol.com with any questions.

Volunteer Needed

NGFDA is seeking a volunteer to chair the Nominating Committee for 2018 slate of officers. The chair would solicit nominations from the membership for three officer positions (President, vice President and Secretary / Treasurer), prepare a newsletter article for the September newsletter, and present the nominations at the board meeting at Unicoi during the Fall Festival. If you are interested, please contact John Shawhan, NGFDA President via email at jshawhan@windstream.net or cell phone at 478-542-0495 for additional details.

2017 Fall Festival News

The schedule of classes and instructors is posted to the NGFDA website www.ngfda.com now. NGFDA members should log in to see the schedule and information. If you do not have access to the internet and wish the information and registration form, please telephone me at 404-550-0699 to leave your mailing address. If you are a member and have forgotten how to log in, contact Mike VanDemark at mvandem@gmail.com. Non-members can also email me at pdeemer@gmail.com for the information and registration form.

Festival registration fees for NGFDA members remains at $105.00. Registration will begin on Thursday, September 1st and close on October 15. In past years, only NGFDA members could register. This year, **non-members can register from October 1 to October 15. The fees for a non-member will be $140.00.** Dues are annual and members pay their dues on a calendar year basis for 2018 beginning with the Fall Festival Registration process. Dues for 2018 must be paid at the time of registration in order to attend. Members who do not attend the festival can begin paying January 2018 via US Postal Service.

Alas, Bradley Ellis discovered when he went to his college orientation last month that he would not be able to teach at our festival after all. We still have very good instructors. In addition to the usual mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, bowed dulcimer, autoharp, ukulele and penny whistle workshops, there will be two traditional fiddle workshops (Janet Furman), some singing workshops (one shape note), and a workshop by Coleen Walters of Doofus fame on making your own CD. If you have a baritone mountain dulcimer, bring it for Janita Baker's excellent class and ensemble work. There will also be a couple relatively easy music theory workshops, a workshop on teaching / learning the dulcimer, one on history of the mountain dulcimer, and .... Well, you have to look at the schedule yourself!

21st Annual !!

Peach Jam

October 6 – 7- 8, 2017

F. D. Roosevelt State Park at Pine Mountain, GA

Camping Area #2, Covered Shelter

(Contact Rhoda Greene srgreene2@comcast.net 678-833-5995)

Yes, the NGFDA FDR Amazing Pick-up Performance JAM Band Assembles, by Park Request, Again!

General Time Layout

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY - FRIDAY **Earlybirds**

- Leisurely JAMMING & GATHERING at shelter and at campers --- schedule around your personal plan day excursions

FRIDAY EVENING JAM w/ Coffee (6:00 pm - 10:00 pm)

- Also, for those who wish to participate, we will choose tunes to play (for the Saturday public presentation at the Amphitheater) Bring your NGFDA & *Join The Jam* TAB books. This is for ALL playing levels!!!! (See Rhoda or Peggy for tune list)

SATURDAY JAMMING ALL DAY under the Shelter (9:30 am - 10:00 pm)
9:00 am Coffee available in Shelter

9:30 am-12 Noon

- "Jam-practice" tunes - for presentation – everybody attending Peach Jam welcome!
- Jamming continues into the afternoon for those not participating in the public presentation

I:00 pm- 2:00 pm Public Presentation at the Park Registration Office CCC Amphitheater

- Bring your chair to the Amphitheater. The Park lists this as a Park NGFDA event. We will play our Jam-Presentation list

2:30 pm - 5:00 pm JAMMING CONTINUES IN SHELTER – Beginner Intro & Slow jam available

Covered Dish Supper on Saturday Night

(5:30 p.m.)

Followed by Evening JAM & Coffee

7:30 – 10:00 EVENINGJAM AND COFFEE

SUNDAY Morning Gospel JAM w/Coffee (10:00 am - 12:00 noon)

Nixon's Farewell

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Dulcimer Arrangement-Gary Sager Feb. 2009

2017 Unicoi State Park Lodge Rates for Fall Festival

It's not too early to start thinking about the 2017 Fall Festival at Unicoi November 16-19th. Once again NGFDA has negotiated rates when staying in the Lodge, Cabins or Campsites which will include a breakfast. Each additional person staying in the room will be **charge $11.56 per person per day** to include a breakfast for them. Please make sure you tell Unicoi how many people are going to be in your room, cabin, or campsite so that they can include the breakfast tickets. This will make it much easier at check-in time so that everyone receives the ticket.

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 per night charges published for Unicoi. When making your reservation (telephone at 1-706-878-2201) you must refer to promo code **06125** to receive these special rates. Unicoi has already reserved 50% of the block held for this popular event, so don't be left out this year and get your reservations made today.

Event #06125 (Unicoi Lodge Reservation # 1-706-878-2201)

Type of Room	1 person	2	3	4	5	6
Less Than 3-Nights Lodge	$143.01	$154.57	$177.63	$200.69	$223.75	$246.81
3-Nights Lodge	$130.36	$141.92	$164.98	$188.04	$211.10	$234.16
4-Nights Lodge	$120.01	$131.58	$154.63	$177.69	$200.75	$223.81
1-Bedroom Cabin	$166.01	$177.57	$189.13	$200.69	XXXX	XXXX
2-Bedroom Cabin	$183.26	$194.82	$206.38	$217.94	$229.50	$241.06
3-Bedroom Cabin	$217.76	$229.32	$240.88	$252.44	$264.00	$275.56
RV-Site 40' Full Hookup	$41.56	$53.12	$64.68	$76.24	$87.80	$99.36
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 Thursday, September 1st and close on October 15th for NGFDA members. Registration for non-members will begin on October 1st and close on Oct. 15th.

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.pb101@gmail.com www.allatooners.org Satellite Scribe: Marianne Wurtele bluegrass_m@hotmail.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.	Jim Jackson 678-447-6730 Jackson9786@gmail.com
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@gmail.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
Garden City Strummers	Evans, GA	Monthly – 3rd Monday Monthly – 3rd Thursday Beginner Slow Jam	7:00-9:00 7:00-9:00	4537 Glenda Lane Evans, GA 30809	Pat & Bill Colbert 706-860-3437 pogosbill@aol.com
Gold Country Players	Gainesville, GA	Weekly – Thurs. Main Session Basic Session	 2:00-4:00 4:15-5:00	First Baptist Church Room 235, 751 Green Street, N.W.	Ro Johnson goldcountryplayers@gmail.com
Gwinnoters	Lawrenceville, GA	Monthly, 3rd Sun.	4:30-7:30	Bethesda Park Senior Center 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville	Peggy Carrano 937-901-6417 peggycarrano@gmail.com Linda Depkin suzie.d@mindspring.com
Hammered Dulcimer	Support Group for Hammered Dulcimer Inquiries				Agene Parsons 423-718-5730 ageneparsons@gmail.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 770-377-8734 chwatts@mindspring.com Rudine Davis H 404-250-0605; C 404-790-7179
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	Leader: Carol Juhl 828-862-8422 cajuhl1234@gmail.com Mary Sherwood sherwood@comporium.net
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	January-October 4th Wednesday November-December 2nd Wednesday	1:00-3:00	Senior Solutions 101 Perry At. Seneca, SC	Joan Krech 864-944-7094 joankrech@bellsouth.net Bonnie Lamarand 864-888-3328 lmrnd@att.net
Peach Pickers Satellite Peach Pickers INSTRUCTION	Sharpsburg, GA 1)Fayette Senior Ctr 2)Bridge Community Ctr	Monthly, 2nd Sunday Wednesdays Wednesdays	3:00-5:00 11:00 6:00-8:30	Trinity Church 8817 Highway 54 W Sharpsburg, GA 4 Center Drive, Fayetteville Bridge Community Ctr. 225 Willowbend Rd Peachtree City	Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 pohobson@ gmail.com Wanda Dawkins 678-899-0453 hrwmdawk@yahoo.com Call Pat Call Wanda
Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMGIAFAD)	Centerville, GA	Weekly, Thurs.	6:30-7:15 Lesson 7:15-8:30 Jam	1st United Methodist Church 600 N. Houston Lake Rd.	Laneah Maddox 912-687-3621 laneahmaddox@yahoo.com http://wrmusic.tripod.com/sonicsoundsdulcimerclub
Tugalo Valley Strummers	Toccoa, GA	2nd & 4th Monday evenings Beginners All Levels	 5:30-6:30 6:30-8:00	Ebenezer Baptist Church Family Life Center 49 Rose Lane Toccoa, GA 30577	Margo Taylor 706-391-4861 Margotaylor808@gmail.com
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	Clarkesville, GA	Bimonthly-Beginners 1st & 3rd Fri. Bimonthly-Everyone 1st & 3rd Fri.	2:00-2:30 2:30-4:30	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.

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Please start/renew my membership in NGFDA, including a subscription to the monthly *Foothills Footnotes* newsletter. Tab books available to members only, one copy per member at a cost of $10 (if mailed, add $2 mailing fee). Individual membership: $20. Family membership: $30. Please make checks payable to NGFDA. Dues, according to NGFDA bylaws, are renewable each November regardless of when you join.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ E-mail address*:_____

Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

Playing Level (check one): ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

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