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Mistletoe Jam – Garden City Strummers

The Mistletoe Jam was a tremendous success this year. Our sign-in sheet for players and visitors showed 139 and it is very possible that many did not sign in at all. The weather was SO kind to us. We were able to play both inside and outside (for our slow jammers that couldn't take the speed inside!) Saturday is always the BIG day as many come just for that day, but we had a nice handful on Friday evening and Sunday morning too.

If you missed it this year...please consider coming next year. It is always the weekend of Martin Luther King Birthday holiday. The park loves for us to come and gives us the shelter for free as long as it is open to the public for anyone to come and listen. This makes it a great way to share our love of this wonderful instrument with people who have never seen one played before.

Welcome Tugalo Valley Strummers of Toccoa– our newest NGFDA network Satellite!

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About The Tablature . . .

The tablature this month is arranged by Joe Collins (www.jcdulcimer.com) and will give you another song to play on St. Patrick's Day. "That's an Irish Lullaby" is an Irish American song written by James Royce Shannon in 1913. Chauncey Alcott recorded it in June of that year, and by December, it was the #1 song in America. It rose in popularity again when Bing Crosby sang it in the 1944 film *Going My Way*. Crosby's version sold over a million copies and made it to #4 on the Billboard Charts.

Notes from Joe Collins on playing the piece: In measures 3, 11, 12, 22, and 30, I have provided two options for playing the melody (in large, bold print in all my tab). For those playing the suggested chords, it is easiest to play the 5 on the middle string. For those using the one-string method, it might be easier to play the note on the 2nd fret on the melody string. In my tablature, the parentheses indicate an alternative noting.

A couple incidentals have been taken out of the original version to make it a little more accessible for all dulcimer players.

Spotlight on Satellites

The Allatooners

The Allatooners were delighted to have a drummer in their midst at the February meeting. He is Peter Enders of Woodstock, who moved here from Upstate New York last May. He brought a variety of percussion instruments, including a cajon, bodhrán, hand drum and spoons. The group went around the circle and jammed with their favorite songs and enjoyed having the very talented rhythm backup. Before the group disbanded, Marianne Wurtele played through the French song, Amaryllis, which she tabbed for last month's newsletter, so that everyone could hear how it sounds played on the dulcimer. The group did not meet in January, due to so many people being busy with other engagements, but December's Christmas party had a good turnout of about 14 people, including honorary Allatooner Laurie Simpson, who added a new dimension to the music with her beautiful singing. No one went away hungry, either, with all of the home cooked treats. Pictured left to right playing at the February meeting are Peggy Martin, Peter Enders, Dee Dee Nash, Donna Reyes, Joanne Kohler and Judy Griffin.

Tugalo Valley Strummers

There is a new kid on the block. The Tugalo Valley Strummers, located in Toccoa, Georgia, are delighted to have been sanctioned as a new satellite of the NGFDA.

The group recently celebrated its one year anniversary as a dulcimer group. The Strummers meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings in the Family Life Center at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 49 Rose Lane, Beginners meet at 5:30. The larger group, comprised of various levels of ability and experience, meets at 6:30. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

If you would like to come visit, call Margo Taylor at 706-391-4861 for details.

Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players

On March 13 the club will host a workshop with Carol Walker directed at the beginner and novice players. The beginner group keeps growing by word of mouth. Since no formal beginner classes were available in January some of the novice players agreed to work with them twice a month at a separate time using Carol Walker's beginner books which they had also used as beginners.

So it was with great delight that Carol offered to visit the club in Brevard and provide some classes while returning from teaching in the Lagniappe Fete in Baton Rouge. For more information about Carol you can see her website at musicladycarol@aol.com. Our club has used her beginner books for several years and finds them very helpful.

For more information about the Brevard workshop please contact Glenn Cutler at gjcutler@citcom.net.

29th Annual Fall Festival News

Instructors have almost all been selected and have responded to invitations to teach. Here are the ones so far, along with the instruments on which they may potentially give instruction. (Classes to be chosen once the faculty sends their lists of possible classes in the future months).

Janita Baker: regular mountain dulcimer and baritone dulcimer
Ken Bloom: bowed dulcimer & other(?)
Gwen Caeli: mountain dulcimer
Joe Collins: mountain dulcimer
Jeff Furman: mountain dulcimer
Guy George: hammered dulcimer & other(?)
Sharrie George: ukulele
Tull Glazener: mountain dulcimer
Anne Lough: autoharp, hammered dulcimer, shape note singing, mountain dulcimer
Maddie MacNeil: mountain and hammered dulcimer
Don Pedi: mountain dulcimer
Rick Thum: hammered dulcimer
Neal Walters: autoharp and mountain dulcimer
Coleen Walters: one class in creating your own CD

Coleen has also offered to teach a class on the upright bass, if anyone would be interested and willing to lug their own to the festival. If you are interested, please email pdeemer@gmail.com

Another activity, if there is interest for dancers and advanced musicians, is a contra/square dance, maybe on Saturday. Anne Lough says she can call. For those who have never played for a contra or square dance, we could have a jam or two for a quick class on basics/practice. Again, please contact pdeemer@gmail.com

More information will be given in future newsletters.

Pam Deemer, NGFDA 2017 Fall Festival Director

That's an Irish Lullaby

Tune in DAd

1918 James Royce Shannon

Dulcimer Arrangement by Joe Collins

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Register now for

Spring Thing

We are thrilled that **Dave Haas** has agreed to teach our workshops for Spring thing this year. Dave lives in Charleston, WV, and loves to perform and teach others how to play the mountain dulcimer! He has been playing the dulcimer since 1990, and loves to share the mountain dulcimer and its history with schools, churches, and civic organizations. To read for more about Dave go to www.davehaasmusic.com.

April 21 and 22, 2017

Shelter #2

Hard Labor Creek State Park

Rutledge, GA

Friday:	2:00 PM	Set Up
	4:00 PM	Jam
	6:00 PM	Grillin' Out
Saturday:	9:00 AM	Registration
	10:00 AM	Workshop
	12:00 PM	Potluck Lunch
	2:00 PM	Workshop
	4:30 PM	Open Mike/Jam
	6:00 PM	Potluck Dinner
	After Dinner	Jam

Make Payments by April 7, 2017

Cost $35 Member, $55 for Non-Member.

Payments can be made on ngfda.org or by check made payable to NGFDA and mailed to Barbara Stevens at 114 Oak Leaf Circle, Eatonton, GA 31024.

Call Kat Vallish at 678-468-7561 with any questions.

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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: 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	Cleveland, GA Clarkesville, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Sun. Bimonthly-Beginners 1st & 3rd Mon. Bimonthly-Everyone 1st & 3rd Mon.	2:00-4:00 1:00-1:45 2:00-4:00	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 2/22/17

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