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Dulcimer Troupers

As summer is approaching, Dulcimer Troupers are taking it a little more slowly, enjoying lazy days of summer. Earlier this year Dulcimer Troupers were delighted to have Larry Conger come for a workshop and concert. What a way to get inspired! Each spring the Troupers play for the annual Azalea Storytelling Festival and one of the crowd favorites this year was Larry Conger's arrangement of "Brethren We Have Met To Worship".

Shortly after the Azalea Festival each year the Troupers play for the Hospice Memorial Service. For the first time the service was held at the Callaway's Hills and Dales, which was a beautiful venue. Harmony Methodist Church is one of the Troupers favorite places to play because the ladies of the church always have a delicious meal prepared. After all - eating is one of our favorite pastimes! One of this year's most popular arrangements was "Be Thou My Vision" introduced by Nancy Larson playing the psaltry as the Troupers joined in. "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness' completed the choices this spring at First United Methodist Church LaGrange. Hope everyone has a dulcimer magic summer!

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About The Tablature . . .

The tablature this month is arranged by Gary Sager.

As you know Gary does a lot of "dulcimer doctoring" at festivals and doesn't get the chance to jam as much. Consequently many new jam tunes have popped up. He asked Mary Jane Cookingham, a great jammer who knows many tunes, to make a list of some of the newer tunes she had learned. Roscoe was on that list. As you can see, it was tabbed last August before he went to the Gateway Dulcimer festival in Belleville, IL. It just happened that Ilace Mears, the national hammered dulcimer champion, was at that festival and she already knew Roscoe and was making it a goal to get all hammered dulcimer player to play it as a jam tune. Now, mountain dulcimer players can as well. Have fun with it....it's a great tune.

Spotlight on Satellites

Allatooners

Current, old, honorary, stray Allatooners, and significant others met Sunday, July 9, for a low country boil and jam on the shores of Lake Allatoona. It was a beautiful clear day and people enjoyed the shady patio at Peggy Martin's house overlooking the lake. Everyone pitched in with shrimp and sausage contributions for the pot and brought side dishes. A jam, of course, soon broke out and continued throughout the afternoon as dulcimer players were joined by guitars, accordions, fiddles and mandolins. Some standards like *Spotted Pony* and *Black Mountain Rag* were mixed up with some fun crooked tunes like *Texas*, and even a sprightly *Washington Square* was heard before folks dug into the shrimp, corn, sausage and taters. The last hardy souls finally drove off in the golden glow of a sinking sun to their various homes in Georgia and Alabama.

Mountain Sounds Dulcimer

Keith Oler of the Mountain Sounds Dulcimer Club in Blairsville, GA recently attended the Smithville, VA Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree where he won first place playing his mountain dulcimer. Keith is a charter member of Mountain Sounds and resides in Murphy, NC.

Gold Country Players

Gold Country Players in Gainesville have stayed home this year and simply enjoyed playing together. After deciding to focus on the music and not stressing about playouts, the group has gone from

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strength to strength and attracted other players with the same preferences. Visitors from other groups have also been a very welcome addition to some of the weekly sessions.

When the group closes up shop for a month in August there will still be work going on behind the scenes; this includes developing a more structured plan for beginners and a huge overhaul of the digital Jam Book. The latter part of the year will be another adventure with some new tunes and many old ones.

South Carolina Connections

Gwen Caeli has relocated to the Spartanburg / Greenville area of South Carolina and is looking for dulcimer enthusiasts in the area, along with a few players in Greenville that are looking to widen their "dulcimer circle". They hope to connect with more players in the "Upstate" area, those interested in learning about the instrument or have forgotten there is a dulcimer under their bed! Gwen is currently teaching and conducting workshops in Spartanburg, and is still available for distance learning through online lessons with Skype or Facetime. She can be reached through her website www.gwencaeli.com, or email at gwencaeli@gmail.com.

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

Fall Festival Tuition Scholarship(s) Application Coming in August!

Thanks to proceeds from the 2016 Fall Festival dulcimer raffle, NGFDA is afforded the opportunity to offer **10 festival registration tuition scholarships** to the 2017 NGFDA Fall Festival! Application for scholarship will be open to NGFDA members of all ages. Applicants must be responsible for their own transportation, lodging and meals, and must be able to attend the full Festival program. The tuition scholarship application form will be published in the NGFDA newsletter website in August. Satellites are encouraged to promote application by their members who need financial support in order to attend the festival.

Logo Contest

This year's logo, thanks to contest winner Carmen Armstrong!

21st Annual !!

Peach Jam

October 6, 7, 8 2017

(October 4-6 Earlybird Camp & Jam)

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

Camping Area #2, Covered Open Shelter

Camping – Cabins – Nearby Motels – Day Tripping

Details & Schedule in September Newsletter and www.ngfda.org

(Contact Rhoda Green srgreen@comcast.net 678-833-5995)

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Dulcimer Arrg. by Gary Sager 08/2016

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.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	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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Name_____

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Home Phone_____ E-mail address*:_____

Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

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

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