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Spring Thing 2017

Beautiful weather greeted the members for the April "Spring Thing" held April 21st and 22nd at Hard Labor Creek State park. Twenty-three players attended this event. Dave Haas provided a wonderful series of workshops topped off with his great sense of humor and musical talents. He spent the morning working on basics and dedicated the afternoon to advanced techniques including harmonics and arpeggio pieces. Dave also brought plenty of his arrangements, books and CD's to share with all!

Don't miss Spring Thing 2018 – it's a great time to dust off the old dulcimer!

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About The Tablature . . .

The tablature this month is arranged by Sue Carpenter.

"Bright Phoebe" is a traditional Canadian folk song about a sailor who returns from the sea to find that his true love has died. You can hear concertina player and singer Ellen Cohn perform it at the 2012 Mystic Sea Music Festival on YouTube.

Spotlight on Satellites

Gold Country Players

Gold Country Players in Gainesville has been hit hard by respiratory infections and family commitments this spring, but has still been able to keep a small group playing every week. Still working on new tunes from a couple of Tull Glazener books, the group has continued to develop harmony skills. After an hour of that it's Jam Time!

Members of the beginner session known as 'Focus on the Basics' have had to step out of their comfort zone and deal with a different teacher and a different style. The group rose to the challenge and have learned to play two new tunes 'Over the Sea to Skye' and 'Dumbartons' Drums', two lovely Scots ballads. Not too difficult, but the task was to add chords to the basic melody tab in the first tune and then for the group to convert the second tune from DAA into DAD before adding chords! The group has worked hard and achieved much. Focusing on a single tune for a whole hour can give the opportunity to consider tuning, timing, rhythms, music theory, strum styles, fingering, chords and chord changes, listening, working and playing together. An impressive achievement for any level of player.

Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club Jugfest 2017

Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club, with additional people from the Macon Dulcimer club, provided background music at the picnic area for this year's Jugfest in Knoxville, GA. The South Georgia gnats were there in grand scale to meet us. However, we quickly passed around the gnat-be-gone and put those critters away. After two hours of playing we broke for lunch and a picture and when we returned to the tent to resume our playing, the sky opened up and the rains came. We realized the tent was very efficient at being a sunshade, but had very little benefit in a heavy downpour. Needless to say, we quickly reached agreement to pack it in for the day and let the rain continue.

Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players

Once again the group was invited to play at Connestee Falls in Brevard for their Women's Showcase. Attendees were greeted by the music as they arrived in the front door.

Later that month four of the players were able to join Don Burger in Jonesboro, TN on one morning of his Dulcimer Week which featured Joe Collins in concert. Situated on a downtown corner under a lovely shade tree the five players entertained folks sitting on benches, visited with budding dulcimer players and met the mayor plus many other movers and shakers in that delightful old historic town. Amazing things are happening in that town thanks to the hard work of many creative people.

Tugalo Valley Strummers

The Tugalo Valley Strummers enjoyed joining forces with the Yonah Pickers to provide entertainment for the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the Travelers Rest State Historic Site. There was plenty of strummin', pickin', and grinnin' with a good time being had by all. The Strummers also entertained participants in the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Spring Ramble through Stephens County, playing at the historic depot and museum. This month the Tugalo Valley Strummers took their music to the Wilkinson Center in Toccoa, a local senior living facility. The group played while the residents enjoyed their lunch. Feel free to drop in anytime you are in the area on the 2nd or 4th Monday. Guest tab books are available.

Bright Phoebe

Traditional Canadian
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Key of A Dorian
Capo: 1st Fret

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Bright Phoebe 2

Traditional Canadian

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Bright Phoebe
Lyrics

Bright Phoebe was my true love's name
So fair a girl that was ever seen
So fair a girl that was ever seen
If you'd travel this wide world over.

Oh, she and I we did agree
That married shortly we would be
As soon as I returned from sea
We would settle that solemn bargain.

Before I did return from sea
My lovely damsel was slain from me
The pride and glory of my heart
In her cold grave lay mouldering.

I am forsaken, I am forlorn
I wish to God I had never been born
I'd have died before the billows' roar
Since fortune had proved so cruel.

I will go down to some silent place
Where no other man shall behold my face
I'll spend the remainder of my days
Lamenting for bright Phoebe.

My arrangement of "Bright Phoebe" can be fingerpicked or flat picked. By tuning to DGD and placing a capo at the 1st fret, you'll be playing in the key of Am Dorian. The melody fret numbers are highlighted in bold and are in a slightly larger font. Try to play the filler notes more quietly than the melody, especially when playing the lower octave melody part. Please feel free to contact me (sue@suecarpenter.net) if you have any questions about playing this arrangement.

NGFDA Fall Festival Update

Here's hoping that all of you have marked November 16-19 on your calendar to attend the 29th Annual NGFDA Fall Festival at Unicoi State Park, which is beautifully nestled in the North Georgia Mountains in Helen, Georgia. This year we have a great lineup of faculty and workshop leaders. We have a few new faculty members that have either never attended, or it's been a while since they attended. They are as follows:

• Janita Baker (Mt. Dulcimer and Baritone Mt. Dulcimer)
• Bradley Ellis (Mt. Dulcimer)
• Janet Furman (Fiddle)
• Madeline MacNeil (Mt. Dulcimer and Ham'd Dulcimer.)
• Coleen Walters (Recording)
• Neal Walters (Autoharp and Mt. Dulcimer)

Returning to the 2017 Fall Festival are several other special faculty members. They are as follows:

• Ken Bloom (bowed dulcimer)
• Gwen Caeli (Mt. Dulcimer)
• Joe Collins (Mt. Dulcimer)
• Jeff Furman (Mt. Dulcimer)
• Guy George (Hammered Dulcimer. Steel Drums & Pennywhistle)
• Sharrie George (Ukulele)
• Tull Glazener (Mt. Dulcimer)
• Anne Lough (Mt, Dulcimer, Ham'd Dulcimer, Autoharp)
• Don Pedi (Mt. Dulcimer)
• Rick Thum (Ham'd Dulcimer)

Joe Collins and Tull Glazener will again lead the Sunday morning gathering with holiday and traditional dulcimer music that can be enjoyed by everyone. Due to popular demand, Guy George will also be the evening concerts' MC again. In addition, if there are enough musicians and dancers, Anne Lough may call a contra dance session. A jam board is planned for letting people know when, where, what kind, and level. (Some may be planned (like the holiday and turtle jam ones), while others may be ad hoc.)

Festival registration fees for NGFDA members will remain at $105.00 for the full festival; one day, at $55; and $50 for children under 12. Registration will begin on Thursday, September 1, and close on October 15. Dues for 2017 must have been paid at the time of registration in order to attend.

In past years, only NGFDA members could register. This year, non-members can register from October 1 to October 15. The fee for a non-member will be $140.00. (As a reminder, if someone joins the club now, their membership is only good through December 31, 2017).

Dues are annual and members pay their dues on a calendar year basis beginning with the Fall Festival Registration process. Members who do not attend the festival can begin paying January 2018 via US Postal Service.) Registration packets with more information will be sent to NGFDA members this summer.

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 Mon. Bimonthly-Everyone 1st & 3rd Mon.	1:00-1:45 2:00-4:00	Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 Lynnmccollum50@gmail.com Email lynnmccollum50@gmail.com for details.

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