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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.

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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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All other newsletter-related matters, including material intended for publication, should be directed to **Carolyn Welsch** at the email address listed in the above column. The deadline for publication submissions for the May issue is **April 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m**. *Foothills Footnotes* is published monthly by the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association, Incorporated.

About The Tablature . . .

The tablature this month is arranged by Anne Lough. You may recognize this beautiful old air if you saw the Outlander Series. It was the theme tune running throughout. The air itself is quite old, possibly going back several hundred years. The plaintive lament of the lyrics refers to the destruction of the mighty, great oaks of Portmore, destroyed by a windstorm in 1760. Portmore Castle and estate was on the shores of Lough Beg in County Antrim in the northeast of Ulster. In a more general way it refers to the general demise of Ireland's old oak forests, many being destroyed by the English and often hauled off for ship building.

Like so many of the ancient Celtic airs, this should be played slowly and with great feeling, taking time to pause and draw out certain chords and notes. Many of the melody notes can be "flat picked" or picked individually without strumming across all the strings. Try slowly drawing your pick from the bass string up through the melody string on some of the chords, giving a harp like arpeggiated effect. This is especially lovely on the minor chords as in measures 9 and 14. This tune is also beautiful played in a finger-picking style.

Before beginning to play Bonny Portmore, I would suggest going to Youtube and listen to Loreena McKennitt's haunting version of the song. Listen to the effect of ornamentation, triplets, slides and rubato. I add more of these when I play the tune, but did not write all of them in the tab. After listening yourself, you will get a better idea how to effectively express the beauty and plaintive cry of not only this air but so many in the Celtic tradition.

Enjoy!

Spotlight on Satellites

Tugalo Valley Strummers

The Tugalo Valley Strummers have been "getting their Irish on" by learning some Irish tunes for St. Patrick's Day. Members Margo Taylor and Drew Taylor played several Irish numbers at the Toccoa Daughters of the American Revolution meeting in March. The members are excited about getting a new logo for the group and having shirts made for future performances. In April the Tugalo Valley Strummers are looking forward to their first performance at a local assisted living facility. It is always rewarding to give back to the community and to share the love of dulcimer music.

Upcoming Events

Hammered Dulcimer Academy at Perelandra Studio in Asheville

Anne Lough will be teaching a Novice hammered dulcimer week at Jerry Reed Smith's beautiful Perelandra Studio in East Asheville the week of April 24th. Contact Anne at annelough@bellsouth.net or (828) 627-2704 for further information. Space is limited

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April 21 & 22 at Hard Labor Creek State Park. Contact Kat Vallish at (678) 468-7561 with any questions. See attached flyer.

29th Annual Fall Festival Update

Many years ago Fall Festival goers were wowed by a little, red-headed boy's dulcimer playing. He was a pupil of Joe Collins and came with him to most of our Fall Festivals. Now Bradley Ellis is going to attend college and has begun teaching dulcimer at festivals. Recently he did a fine job at the dulcimer festival in Shelby, N.C. As a consequence, he has been chosen to finish off last month's faculty list fort the NGFDA 2017 Fall Festival.

Special Fall Festival lodge, cabin, and camping rates and the code to get the rates have not been determined yet, but should be in the May newsletter.

This has not been done in a while, but let's give it a try again:

NGFDA Fall Festival T-shirt and tote bag logo design contest!

Must be included in the design:

The fact it is the 29th NGFDA Fall Festival
A mountain dulcimer
A hammered dulcimer
A bowed dulcimer
Date of the festival: November 16-19, 2017
The location: Unicoi State Park

Other instruments that may be included, although not necessary because it is primarily a dulcimer festival: autoharp and ukulele.

You will get a free t-shirt and tote bag as well as be mentioned in the festival packet.

Designs must be sent to pdeemer@gmail.com by June 1, 2017.

A little addenda to the Fall Festival column:

Janet Furman is willing to assist in a couple classes, but also is willing and able to teach either a bowing class for bowed dulcimer or a fiddle class, if there is interest. If interested in either of these two choices, please email pdeemer@gmail.com.

Pam Deemer
Fall Festival Director

Bonny Portmore

Arr. by Anne Lough

Irish

Bonny Portmore

CHORUS:

O Bonny Portmore, you shine where you stand,
And the more I think on you the more I think long.
If I had you now, as I had once before
All the lords in old England would not purchase Portmore.

1. O Bonny Portmore, I am sorry to see
   Such woeful destruction of your ornament tree.
   For it stood on your shore for many's the long day
   Till the long boats from Antrim came to float it away.

CHORUS

2. All the birds in the wood, they do bitterly weep,
   Saying "Where shall we shelter, O where shall we sleep?"
   For the oak and the ash, they are all cut down
   And the walls of Bonny Portmore they are down to the ground.

CHORUS

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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