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Mistletoe Jam, January 26 – 28, 2018

Save the date....MISTLETOE JAM....date CHANGE **January 26, 27, 28th** this year!!!!

Many of you have been coming every year to our annual Mistletoe Jam, sponsored by the Garden City Strummers of Augusta, at the Mistletoe State Park in Appling, GA. This year, due to a major conflict at the park we have had to **change our date**. Please be sure to mark your calendars now for this annual event. The event is free, except for $5 entrance per car to the park. We invite all players to attend and usually have a big crowd, as well as lots of onlookers. We will open our doors Friday evening for any early attenders and jam for a while. Then Saturday morning we will open from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm. Bring food to share for lunch, and also a potluck if you are staying for dinner. We have an enclosed, warm shelter with a full kitchen. It all overlooks a lovely beach on Lake Thurmond. Sunday morning we usually have a short jam with lots of hymns and then clean up and go home by lunchtime. Cabins are available at $165 per night (sleep 8) and must be reserved for 2 nights. Campsites with full hook-up are $32 per night. You can reach the Mistletoe Office by calling 706-541-0321. This is a no-teaching event....just jamming and fellowship! Come and join us! If you have any questions, please call: Pat Colbert, 706-860-3437, or e-mail at pogosbill@aol.com.

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About The Tablature . . .

The tablature this month is arranged by Tull Glazener.

"We Gather Together" is a Dutch hymn written in 1597 by Adrianus Valeius to celebrate the Dutch victory over Spanish Forces.

It made its first appearance in an American hymnal in 1903 and is often sung in American churches the day before Thanksgiving.

Spotlight on Satellites

Garden City Strummers

The Garden City Strummers of Augusta, GA were invited to play at Callaway Plantation's annual Mule Day Festival just outside of Washington, GA on Saturday, October 14th. We had 12 of our members all sitting around on the huge porch of this old plantation house having the best time sharing our traditional tunes. The venue gave us two one-hour slots to play, so we were also able to take some time to eat and visit around all the interesting buildings on the plantation as well as shop the vendors and see other activities going on.

If you have never been to Mule Day before....come next year. It is an annual October event and loads of fun!

Peach Pickers

A group of Peach Pickers dulcimer players from the Fayetteville Senior Center recently played for one of our members' subdivision at their Club House. The program was varied with some fiddle tunes and some waltzes.

Hilltop Strummers

On Tuesday, October 10, 2017, the Hilltop Strummers of Canton, Georgia, and guests, met for a picnic and practice at Pool's Mill Park in Forsyth County, Georgia.

The food was delicious and plentiful.

The String Band tried out their "Pignoses" with a brief concert in the open air in preparation for a Playout at Gibb's Gardens on October 29th. Then the whole group jammed to the Lucky 13.

We have Mary Cissel to thank for organizing this fun event and introducing us to this lovely park with its pavilion, covered bridge, and waterway.

Yonah Pickers

The Yonah Pickers have enjoyed a number of delightful special events in recent months in addition to their regularly scheduled performances. As the color returns to the mountains, they are looking forward to even more opportunities to share music in the area. Most recently some of the members were at Travelers' Rest near Toccoa, for *Pioneer Days*. They enjoyed the experience of stepping back into the early 1800's and playing lots of music for the visitors. A few of the members returned to Cades Cove in TN to share mountain dulcimer with several people in local Churches and cabins. This was their second trip there this year. Both trips were filled with lots of music and camaraderie.

The largest member participation in some time was at the dedication of the new Wildlife center at Unicoi State Park, near Helen, GA in September. They are looking forward to upcoming opportunities to play

for new church groups and possibly some local schools groups too.

One of the new sets of music on which the group is working was tabbed for them by a member, Margo Taylor. It is a set of "patriotic" music. They are planning to use it at events near days such as the upcoming Veterans' Day. Next on the list will be Christmas music old and new. There have also been social gatherings and regular two times a month practices. This group shows great flexibility and cooperation in the sharing of the leadership roles for the recurring performances. Seven different members have assumed responsibility for leading these performances.

The group continues to welcome new members at any level and playing any instrument. If you find yourself in the White / Habersham county area on a practice day, you are always welcome to join in! Please note: They have changed their practice days. They are now practicing on first and third Fridays at the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville only, 2:30-4:30. Also, the beginners group is suspended at this time. For questions about anything in this article please contact bswhitmire@windstream.net.

Land of Waterfalls

After having a full club discussion, it was decided to create a list of 50-60 selections that would be used during the following year during the two regular monthly "Monday" playouts. These "Monday" playouts held at two local nursing homes and help the newer players transition thru advanced beginner to novice and then to intermediate levels of skills. The playout lists will be repeated every three months with minor variations to encourage mastery of the music. Practice sessions are held prior to the playouts.

The advanced novices and intermediates play a little more advanced music at two separate and different "Wednesday" playouts each month and practice weekly. Many of the club's players take part in both groups which really allows this system to work and adds to the enjoyment of all. It's not always clear who gets the most fun out of these playouts, the audience or the players.

On **January 10th Tull Glazener** will once again provide a workshop for our club and any other players that care to join in. It's so much fun to visit with and share this event with other clubs so they are encouraged to travel to Brevard to attend. More details next month. Inquiries can be made to Carol Juhl at cajuhl1234@gmail.com.

Peach Jam

NGFDA folks took over open shelter #2 for the weekend; commuting, camping, and staying in cabins and Pine Mountain motel. Betsy and Dale Anthony won the farthest-travelled this year. Really nice jams this year! And, for the first time, everyone scurried home Saturday late evening in anticipation of tropical storm Nate hitting the area. Thanks to the fantastic folks who pulled together to form the now *LEGENDARY PEACH JAM TRAVELING PICK-UP BAND!* Saturday afternoon, the group presented their "performance JAM" at the Park amphitheater, playing for an hour with a request to extend by a few tunes. The Park sent the following thank you email to everyone who played:

"Thank you and all the other wonderful musicians for your willingness to share music with us at the park. What you all do is an important cultural gift and we appreciate your talents. I am sorry about the rain, but glad it wasn't worse. Hope your event in Helen is enjoyable. Mike Smith, Park Naturalist, Amy Waite, Interpretive Ranger, F. D. Roosevelt State Park"

NGFDA Officers

No board member nominations were received for the coming election. All current officers have agreed to continue in their positions for one more year.

We Gather Together

(trad. Dutch melody - 1597)

(Melody)

Arranged and translated by Edward Kremser, 1877 Arranged by Tull Glazener

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We Gather Together

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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.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 Mon.	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
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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