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21st Annual !!

Peach Jam

GRAB YOUR INSTRUMENTS AND COME TO THE 21st PEACH JAM!
October 6 – 8, 2017 F. D. Roosevelt State Park at Pine Mountain, GA
Camping Area #2, Covered Shelter

(Early Birds) WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY (Oct. 4-5) Leisurely JAMMING & GATHERING around your personal plan day excursions

FRIDAY ALL DAY & EVENING JAM w/ Coffee (6:00p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

SATURDAY JAMMING ALL DAY under the Shelter (9:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

SATURDAY JAM PRESENTATION for the Public I:00p.m.- 2:00p.m. at the Campground Amphitheater The Park requests this! We call it organized jamming by the Now-Legendary Peach Jam Traveling Pick-up Band♪. The Park lists this as a Park NGFDA event, and it makes the Park Rangers happy. Friday, we will choose tunes from the NGFDA TAB book ("blue book") D tuning tunes; *Join The Jam* tab book; try out other tunes everyone can play. Tunes for the play list will be added and deleted by popular vote of those who show up for Friday evening and Saturday morning JAMs at the campground shelter. Final agreed upon play list will be distributed when decided. This is for ALL playing levels!!!! Fun, safety in numbers☺

SATURDAY Additional Breakout Groups: **New Beginner Instruction w/ Peggy & Wanda** (All day; just ask for assistance) Afternoon **Slow JAM w/ David Hobson**

SATURDAY POT-LUCK DINNER 5:30PM **Hotdog grilling galore, casseroles 'n such**

SUNDAY Morning Gospel JAM w/Coffee (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

What to Bring: Chair, Pot-luck contribution for Saturday evening, instruments

Directions I-185 Exit 34 - Go east on GA 18. Cross US 27. Follow GA 354. The park entrance is on the right. Follow blue NGFDA Event signs

Come for the day or stay in the area FDR has campsites and cabins. Day trip, or reservations 1-800-864-7275. Motels are within 1-2 miles of the campground. ¬ Fishing lake at campground ¬ Callaway Gardens is located about 2 miles away ¬ Park parking pass ($5.00) or State Park Annual Pass is required; Day Pass can be purchased at Park Office or collection boxes throughout Park & campground Trading Post.

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About The Tablature . . .

The tablature this month is arranged by Joe Collins.

"Parson's Farewell" is an English dance tune that appeared in John Playford's *The English Dancing Master* in 1651. Playford was a shop owner in London who was a favored publisher of music during the reign of Charles II. When Charles fled to mainland Europe after being defeated by Cromwell in 1651, Playford was strongly advised to change his profession by the staunch Puritan supporters of Cromwell. There was no place for frivolous dance tunes in the new Puritanical England.

Playford probably did not compose the vast majority of tunes he published, but he collected country tunes that had been around for a long time. His tunes, of course, outlasted Cromwell, and *The English Dancing Master* is recognized as an important collection to this day.

In addition to providing the tab for this newsletter, Joe Collins has also posted a midi sound file of "Parson's Farewell" that is referenced on the tab. If you are interested in other free tabs by Joe, check out his website at www.jcdulcimer.com.

If you want to hear a great modern arrangement of this tune, Joe suggests that you check out the one created for the "Black Sails" Starz Original TV series at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViiCuW8xQVA.

Spotlight on Satellites

Tugalo Valley Strummers

The Tugalo Valley Strummers are back in full swing. On September 12, some intrepid members of the group made their way past downed trees and power lines to play at the Wilkinson Retirement Center in Toccoa. It is always such a delight to play for these wonderful folks who are so appreciative of the music. The Christmas season will soon be here so the Strummers are bringing out the Christmas folders to begin preparations for several holiday events. If you find yourself near Toccoa on the 2nd or 4th Monday of the month, feel free to stop by. The group meets at 6:30 in the Family Life Center at Ebenezer Baptist Church. There are visitor's tab books available.

Allatooners

Several members of the Allatooners Satellite participated in Red Top Mountain State Park's annual Harvest at the Homestead. Each year, the 1800's log cabin on Lake Allatoona is brought to life with reenactors who exhibit period music, crafts, cooking and other pioneer skills relating to harvest time. Donna Reyes is shown by the back porch of the cabin teaching the basics of dulcimer playing to a couple of the many children who showed up over the weekend of September 16-17. Among the adults who also showed interest was one grateful woman who painted Donna's picture in front of the cabin! Allatooners volunteers included Dee Dee Nash; and Peggy Martin and Marianne Wurtele, who jammed for two days on the front porch, trading off period music on multiple instruments with other NGFDA members Lynne Smith, Howard McGhee, Vikki Ganger, Denise Womack and Tom Womack.

Hilltop Strummers

On Wednesday, September 20, 2017, the Hilltop Strummers of Canton, Georgia, played for the Super Seniors of Bascomb United Methodist Church in Woodstock, Georgia. This was the third invitation to perform for this group. A delicious lunch was provided prior to the concert.

Barbara Asperger was our leader for this playout. She introduced the instruments that were present and Dan Asperger and Stan Oliver handed out "Dancing Dans" and demonstrated how to use them during fiddle tunes. Also, lyrics were distributed for all to sing along on old favorites.

Barbara introduced each song with some interesting background information in which we all learned something new.

Gwinnoters

On Sept 18, 2017, Gwinnoters, a satellite in Gwinnett County, GA, had a play out as part of the Patio Pickers at the Bethesda Senior Center near Lawrenceville. The group was small but mighty.

Claudine Nickens, Vikki Granger, Jim Hamlett, Bridget Baker and Peggy Carrano were the players.

Gwinnoters was well received by the attendees and had several requests for future performances in the area.

The group meets on the third Monday of the month from 4:30-6:30 at the Bethesda Senior Center. We are looking for new and experienced dulcimer players to join the group.

For any information please call Peggy Carrano at 937-901-6417.

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

The schedule of classes and instructors is posted to the NGFDA website www.ngfda.com now. NGFDA members should log in to see the schedule and information. If you do not have access to the internet and wish the information and registration form, please telephone me at 404-550-0699 to leave your mailing address. If you are a member and have forgotten how to log in, contact Mike VanDemark at mvandem@gmail.com. Non-members can also email me at pdeemer@gmail.com for the information and registration form.

Festival registration fees for NGFDA members remains at $105.00. Registration will begin on Thursday, September 1st and close on October 15. In past years, only NGFDA members could register. This year, **non-members can register from October 1 to October 15. The fees for a non-member will be $140.00.** Dues are annual and members pay their dues on a calendar year basis for 2018 beginning with the Fall Festival Registration process. Dues for 2018 must be paid at the time of registration in order to attend. Members who do not attend the festival can begin paying January 2018 via US Postal Service.

To hear a soundfile of this tune, go to www.jcdulcimer.com/workshop/misc/parsons.mid

Parson's Farewell

Tune in DAd
capo on 4th fret

from Playford's *The English Dancing Master*, 1651

Dulcimer Arrangement
by Joe Collins

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NGFDA Fall Festival Registration Scholarship Application 2017

10 REGISTRATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
FOR NGFDA MEMBERS WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FESTIVAL OTHERWISE

This year, NGFDA will award 10 Fall Festival tuition scholarships to applicants from its membership. Proceeds from the 2016 Fall Festival dulcimer raffle, have afforded NGFDA this generous opportunity to support enthusiastic members who may not be able to attend otherwise. The tuition scholarship application form is published in the NGFDA newsletter, on www.ngfda.org, and through email distribution to NGFDA Playing Satellite Leadership. Satellites are encouraged to promote application by their members who need financial support to attend the festival.

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ **Applicant must have current (or recently submitted) NGFDA membership.**
- ✓ **Applicant must** be responsible for own transportation, lodging and meals, and able to attend the full Festival program.
- ✓ Application for scholarship is open to NGFDA members of all ages, and all playing levels.
- ✓ **Applicants must submit application provided here.**

GUIDELINES

- ✓ Complete this form and submit the form below as instructed.
- ✓ **Application form must be received or post-marked by October 31, 2017.**
- ✓ Scholarship payment will be made by NGFDA to NGFDA Fall Festival Registration.
- ✓ **Application must be either emailed to** martin.pb@comcast.net **, or postal mailed to NGFDA 114 Oak Leaf Circle, Eatonton, GA 31024**
  (If postal mailing, send only via regular mail No express, overnight, or return receipt mail will be accepted)
- ✓ Applications will be reviewed by NGFDA Scholarship Committee, and winning recipients will be notified by phone **by November 3rd.**
- ✓ **Any questions or concerns may be directed to Peggy Martin at 678-478-2456 or** martin.pb@comcast.net.

NGFDA Fall Festival Registration - Scholarship Application FORM

2017 APPLICATION MUST BE EMAILED OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 2017

Name: _____

Address_____

Phone#: _____ Cell#:_____

E-Mail: _____

Current NGFDA Member?

Able to make own lodging and meal arrangements?

ESSAY: Please state your current involvement with NGFDA (membership, any activities, Satellite affiliation etc.)

Signature: _____Date:_____

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.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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NGFDA Membership Form

Please start/renew my membership in NGFDA, including a subscription to the monthly *Foothills Footnotes* newsletter. Tab books available to members only, one copy per member at a cost of $10 (if mailed, add $2 mailing fee). Individual membership: $20. Family membership: $30. Please make checks payable to NGFDA. Dues, according to NGFDA bylaws, are renewable each November regardless of when you join.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ E-mail address*:_____

Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

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

***Members can automatically access our monthly newsletter at www.ngfda.org by clicking "newsletter" and entering your email address as *listed above*. The newsletter is posted around the 25th of each month.**

I wish to get my newsletter ☐ on the NGFDA website ☐ by email ☐ by mail

Do you want to order a Tab Book? (check one) ☐ Yes / ☐ No

Please add $12.00 for Tab Book and postage

Tab Book $_____

Membership Fee $_____

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