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Garden City Strummers

The Garden City Strummers of Augusta, GA had a great time again this year playing at Mule Day in Washington, GA. The event is held yearly at Callaway Plantation, a Civil War era working farm with lots of historic buildings on site that can be toured. This was the group's third year playing here and there are always many people listening and asking questions.

Two one-hour performances off the front porch of the plantation house are expected each year, with time between to catch lunch and visit the vendors and activities on the grounds. Member, David Minor did his usual awesome job singing and playing guitar, keeping everyone together.

Next, the Strummers have been asked to play for a church fundraiser in Augusta at St. James United Methodist on November 3rd. Over the past year the group's playing level has really jumped up several notches. Hopefully this will give us many more opportunities to share our love of these wonderful instruments.

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About The Tablature . .

Anne first heard this delightful carol some thirty five years ago on Jean Ritchie's "*Kentucky Christmas Old and New"* album. She was struck by the purity and simplicity of the tune, especially as sung and played by Jean. It became one of her favorites and she has been singing and playing it ever since. She has included it in her book *Child in a Manger*, which is a collection of more traditional Appalachian and European Carols.

The song is sometimes known as *The Holly Bears the Berry*, but its official name is *Sans Day Caro*l. It is included in the *Oxford Book of Carols* where the following background is given:

"*The Sans Day* or *St. Day Carol* has been so named because the melody and the first three verses were taken down at St. Day in the parish of Gwennap, Cornwall. St. Day or St. They was a Breton saint whose cult was widely spread in Armorican Cornwall. We owe this carol to the kindness of the Rev. G.H. Doble, to whom Mr. W.D. Watson sang it after hearing an old man, Mr. Thomas
Beard, sing it at St. Day."

The harmonization in the *Oxford Book of Carols* includes some minor chords, but it was scored there for four part choral singing. Anne tried using these minors when I first arranged the tune, but found they detracted from the essence of the song. If you would like to try these, you could substitute an e minor chord for the A chord in measure 3, an f# minor chord for the A7 in measure 9 and an e minor chord for the A7 chord in measure 15.

What Anne loves about folk music is the fact that there is no right or wrong way to play a tune. Whatever your ear tells you is what you should play.

You can enjoy this tune as a solo piece or as a group and / or harmony tune. If at all possible, include the folksy lyrics. For those of you who are more venturesome, try singing the melody and playing the harmony or a simple chord accompaniment. There are several versions of the tune on Youtube, including Jean's at https://youtu.be/tIyPuJfs7us. The Chieftains also have a wonderful version on their *The Bells of Dublin* recording, https://youtu.be/Gk4P4J6wdHY

Spotlight on Satellites

Tugalo Valley Strummers

The Tugalo Valley Strummers enjoyed playing dulcimers and dressing in pioneer garb for the annual Pioneer Days at Travelers Rest State Historic Site in Stephens County, Georgia. The group gathered on the porch of the old stagecoach inn and presented a full program of traditional music to a record crowd at the event. In addition to mountain dulcimer, there was a hammered dulcimer, a fiddle and spoons. After playing a two-hour stretch, some of the members stayed to play another set with Yonah Pickers.

The Strummers also played this month at the Clary Care Center in Toccoa. The Tugalo Valley Strummers meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in the family life center at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Toccoa, beginners at 5:30 and all levels at 6:30. Visitors tab books are available if you would like to sit in.

Peach Pickers

A group of Peach Pickers from the Fayetteville Senior Center played recently at Azalea Estate Nursing Home.

Events

Peach Jam

Peach Jam had a great group of players who enjoyed the fine weather and jammed Friday and Saturday with a delicious pot luck lunch!

Mistletoe Jam

The Garden City Strummers again will host the annual Mistletoe Jam this January 18th-20th, 2019. This will be over the Martin Luther King weekend. Save the date…. more details will be in the December newsletter. Mistletoe State Park, Appling, GA. Come for the weekend or just on Saturday....FREE!!!

Pat Colbert: 706-860-3437 or pogosbill@aol.com

2018 Fall Festival

This month is it!

Registration packets, t-shirts, tote bags, etc. can be picked up Nov. 14, 7:00 pm -9:00 pm. (Wednesday night before classes start.), in addition to each morning before the start of the festival.

A Jam board will be in front of festival office. You can sign up to use a room that doesn't have classes that period to jam, practice, test out an instrument, etc.

Swap tables are on the first floor. Cards to write prices and your contact information will be at the registration pick-up area. The swap tables are for the attendees to sell and buy used instruments.

Open stage-sign-up will be at the registration table. Open stage will be after classes on Friday and after the membership meeting on Saturday. All levels of experience invited, whether alone or in a group. Three minutes to share shouldn't be too intimidating, especially as people are kind and supportive.

NGFDA membership meeting will be Saturday at 4:15 pm. A quorum is needed. The future of Fall Festival needs discussion and ideas.

Board meeting will be Friday at noon in the festival office. If you want something brought up, contact the president, John Shawhan.

Spot the faculty outside of class by looking for their black name tag holders.

Raffle this year will be for a Mike Clemmer dulcimer donated by NGFDA member May DeWees. You will be able to see it before you buy a raffle ticket(s). Proceeds go the NGFDA scholarship fund.

Instrument storage, as in the past, will be in the Festival office. The Festival Director or someone she trusts will be in there most of the time.

Saturday night's concert will start 15 minutes earlier than Thursday's and Friday's, hopefully to give time to set up for the contra dance a tad earlier.

Pam Deemer
NGFDA Fall Festival Director

NGFDA Board of Directors

The 2018 NGFDA Annual Membership Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 17, from 4:15-4:30 p.m. in Masters Hall at Unicoi State Park, during the Fall Festival. The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following Slate of Nominees for the elected positions on the NGFDA Board of Directors. The Slate has been approved by the current Board. A vote of the membership will be taken. Floor nominations will be accepted for vote. By NGFDA bylaws, all terms of office shall begin immediately upon election. (Appointed positions to be announced separately at a later date.) The following nominees have agreed to serve if elected:

President……John Shawhan
Vice President……Joe Collins
Secretary……Laurell Wilson
Treasurer……Barbara Stevens

The Sans Day Carol

The Holly Bears A Berry

Arr. by Anne Lough

Cornish

2. Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,
   And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross;
   And Mary bore Jesus Christ....

3. Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,
   And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all;
   And Mary bore Jesus Christ....

4. Now the holly bears a berry, as blood it is red,
   Then trust we our Savior, who rose from the dead;
   And Mary bore Jesus Christ...

Sans Day Carol

Harmony

Arr. by Anne Lough

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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 Sspatts6@gmail.com
Dixieland Dulcimers	Griffin, GA	Weekly-Mondays	10:00	Crestview Baptist Church fellowship hall, Griffin, GA	Donna Harpe 770-228-5597 phillip_harpe@bellsouth.net Dave Graves 770-227-4890 drg636@gmail.com
Dusty Dulcimers	Madison County	Monthly – 4th Monday	6:30	Danielsville Public Library 1315 Hwy 98 Danielsville, GA 30633	Marty Philips 678-863-7191 Mark Stricklett email: mstricklett@windstream.net
Garden City Strummers	Evans, GA	Monthly – 2nd 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				None at this time
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	Martha Raby 770-893-3453 Mraby@tds.net
In Town Down Home	Atlanta, GA	Monthly, 3rd Sat.	2:00	Tenth Street United Methodist Church 425 Tenth Street, NW	Rudine Davis H 404-250-0605; C 404-790-7179 davises@bellsouth.net
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 Monday - Practice 3rd Monday & 4th Wed.- Playouts	9:45-10:45	St Philip's Episcopal Church (in the basement) 256 East Main St Brevard, NC	Leader: Linda Schieve 828-885-2328
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 Laurie Wilson 229-389-9611 Laurell.Wilson@hotmail.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 Tuesdays	3:00-5:00 11:00 6:00-8:00	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
Roman Sunshine	Rome, GA	Weekly, Monday	10:00	Charles Parker Senior Center Kingston Rd	JT Bishop 706-234-0477 Jtbljb@bellsouth.net
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 706-297-9509 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.	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.

NGFDA sanctions these groups as satellites, but each one sets its own agenda, meeting place and procedures.

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