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Tribute To Betty Fleming

If you have ever been to Unicoi for the NGFDA Festival or to the annual Mistletoe Jam in Appling, GA in January each year, you probably have met Betty Fleming. A long-time member of NGFDA and the Garden City Strummers, as well as leader of it for many years too, she loved jamming and teaching others about this wonderful instrument, the mountain dulcimer. Sadly, she lost her battle with cancer on July 23rd. Strummers had been coming in to play music for her during her last days and, as weak as she was, you could tell the music brought her joy.

The beautiful quilt that graced the wall at every Mistletoe Jam was hand made by her….as well as a huge pot of clam chowder to feed the hungry crowd. She will be greatly missed. Think of her as you read this…take up your dulcimer and play a round or two of Spotted Pony for her, and she will hear it from Heaven. It was her favorite and she could really rip it.

You will not be forgotten Betty…those you taught will continue your legacy!

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About The Tablature . .

This month's tab "There Is A Balm In Gilead" by Nina Zanetti.

There is a Balm in Gilead is a beautiful African-American spiritual. For a challenging version, play the arrangement straight through to the end: you'll notice that the last eight measures of this arrangement repeat the melodic line of the first eight measures, but with a more complex harmonization for players who like variations. For a simpler version of the arrangement, try the following "road map": play through the tune until you get half way through measure 16 (the 3-1-1 chord), then, instead of continuing through the rest of the page, go back to the beginning, and end on the first chord of measure 16. Also, something to note: any notes that have the "birds eye" over them are to be held extras long (approximately twice their normal value).

There is balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole;
There's power enough in heaven, to cure a sin-sick soul.

This arrangement is from my tab book *Glories Immortal: A collection of Hymns from America's Past.* This book contains fifty hymns arranged for Appalachian dulcimer, with background on American folk hymn traditions, the history of the hymns, lyrics, and tips for playing the tunes, which includes samples from the early American "tunesmiths," Shaker music, Moravian music, shape-note (Sacred Harp) tunes, African American spirituals, and gospel / old-timey hymns. For more information on this or any other books or CDs, as well as information on my workshops, schedule, and free audio and tab samples, please visit my website www.ninazanetti.com.

NGFDA Board of Directors

The NGFDA Board of Directors Nominating Committee WANTS YOU!

We are recruiting dedicated and active volunteers to serve in the following Board of Directors positions which will come open for 2019:

President
Vice President
Secretary

Give it some thought and step up to the plate to give a little back to the NGFDA!

Who can fill these positions? NGFDA members who are:

- willing to roll up your sleeves and work as a board member, and team player, for a healthy NGFDA
- dedicated and active in NGFDA
- maintaining strong ties to the dulcimer community
- able to represent and reflect the NGFDA community
- able to "play well with diversity" (as does our membership) in all ways that matter: age, gender, skills, backgrounds, talents.

We know you exceptional NGFDA members are out there – don't be shy - please help us find you!

The nominating process: a final slate of officers will be presented to the Board for approval In September, published to NGFDA Membership in October, and voted on in November at the 2018 Fall Festival, NGFDA Business meeting.

Contact Peggy Martin, Nominating Committee Chair for questions at: martin.pb101@gmail.com 678-478-2456.

Spotlight on Satellites

Dixieland Dulcimers

After having taken time off during the summer the Dixieland Dulcimers of Griffin, GA will be kicking off the 2018 - 2019 season with a practice session on July 30. Our first "gig" of the new season will be on August 11 at St. George's Court which provides independent living for senior citizens. Shortly thereafter we will be providing entertainment for Griffin's Crestview Baptist Church's annual seniors luncheon. As the season progresses, there will be more "gigs" to follow.

Land of Waterfalls

Most of our players have opted to continue practicing and playing in our "Let's Have Fun on Mondays" group this summer. This has really pleased our audiences at the three senior facilities. The beginners have joined our Novice / Intermediate group as well having the addition of a women's vocal group referred to as the "BeautyShop" Quartet. Lot's of fun!

As usually happens, a couple of people ask about learning how to play the dulcimer then a couple more and next thing you know another beginner group forms. So this month, four new players will be starting out, again using Carol Walker's "DNA Dulcimer Ditties Book 1". This book makes teaching the classes so easy with its progressive arrangements and lessons.

Peach Jam 2018

Peach Jam is happening this year on the weekend of October 13 at FDR State Park. Come join us amid changing fall colors and play. The focus is changing this year to just jamming. There will be no prep for any performance. We want to have relaxed jamming starting as early as Wednesday for any campers who want to join Peggy Martin at FDR. Friday night is usually a good time jam for campers.

Saturday will have just a bit of structure. We plan to jam at the shelter in Camping Area #2 starting after breakfast. For some people that will be at 9 AM or so. Others may want to join by 10 AM. There will be a potluck lunch around 12 noon, give half an hour or so and in the afternoon, more jamming! No performance in an amphitheater, just jamming until...

So bring your dulcimer(s) and other instruments -- even a banjo, if you dare. Bass fiddle? Guitar? Washtub bass? Fiddle? Flute? You bet! Bring some favorite tunes you want the group to jam with also. Not music as such. Just tunes in your head.

If you want to camp, the State Park System has instituted changes on how you make reservations for campsites. You must choose a designated campsite, not just any old one. So you will need to call park reservations at 800-864-7275 to make a reservation and **pay for it**. You may go online to "gastateparks.org" to make and **pay for** a reservation for a designated site. (I found the trail map on the FDR sub-web site very useful. If you find you must cancel, you must do so thirty days beforehand or forfeit your deposit. Sorry. That is not NGFDA's policy. **Again, the state now requires that you reserve a designated site and pay for it ahead of time.**

Hurry to make a reservation if you plan to attend Peach Jam and camp at FDR. Camping sites are going fast even now. Come August, there may not be any left.

David Hobson, 2018 Peach Jam coordinator for the Peach Pickers

NGFDA Fall Festival Update

Playing for Others

Now's the time to think about doing something for Open Stage at the NGFDA Festival and practicing for it. It doesn't matter what level you are at. The point is to share love of playing, the instruments and songs. For those who have never performed or rarely performed, it's a chance to build experience and skills. Solos, duets, trios, quartets, whole satellite groups are welcome. Performers will play one piece or no longer than three minutes maximum. That's not so bad, is it? Sometimes it can seem harder playing for fellow musicians, but actually the audiences at the Fall Festival have always been very kind and supportive. Depending on how many sign up for Open Stage, there may be one on Friday after the last workshop and one on Saturday after the NGFDA business meeting. Some people may want to get it over with as soon as possible after taking Nancy Galambash's "Preparing to Play in Public" class; others might want to wait until after Butch Ross' workshop Saturday on performing.

Speaking of workshops and performing, Jim Miller will be leading one on playing for dances on Saturday morning in anticipation of Anne Lough's instruction and calling of dances Saturday night after the Saturday evening concert. EVERYONE is invited to play or dance that night. Those who want to play might consider attending workshops that make it easier to play more smoothly and faster and in shifting keys. Jamming is also good practice! More on jamming in future Fall Festival updates.

Because fiddles and guitars are very essential to contra and square dances, this year Janet Furman will again teach a few fiddle classes and Jim Miller will teach a rhythm guitar accompaniment workshop.

More on the performing vein: Judy House is scheduled to conduct workshops on playing for children and seniors. Playing for each group can be less terrifying and very satisfying.

Registration and sign up **o**nline for workshops will begin September 1. More information will be found at www.ngfda.com/events.

There is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual

slow; fingerpick

DAD tuning

dulcimer arrangement copyright by Nina Zanetti

2018 Unicoi State Park Lodge Rates for Fall Festival, 2018

It is not too early to think about making reservations for the NGFDA Fall Festival, Nov. 15-18, 2018. Once again NGFDA has negotiated rates for staying in the Lodge, which will include a breakfast for one. **Each additional person staying in the room will be charged $10.00 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, 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 **06126** to receive these special rates.

Event #06125 (Unicoi Lodge Reservation # 1-706-878-2201)

Type of Room	1 person	2	3	4	5	6
Less Than 3-Nights Lodge	$149.00	$159.00	$169.00	$179.00	$189.00	$199.00
3-Nights Lodge	$137.50	$147.50	$157.50	$167.50	$177.50	$187.50
4-Nights Lodge	$126.00	$136.00	$146.00	$156.00	$166.00	$176.00

All lodging includes taxes, fees, and breakfast buffet for each person in the room. (Additional parking permit fees for more than one vehicle per room are not included.) One parking permit per room is included in the room fee. **Each additional vehicle per room needing a parking permit will be charged $5.00.**

Cabins and camping spots are NOT included in the promo code. NGFDA could not afford to guarantee they would be rented.

Meals (Taxes and gratuities NOT included):

Breakfast (for those not staying at the Lodge): $11.95

Lunch: $15.95

Dinner: $19.95

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	Ann Clark 706-789-2236 Marty Phillips 678-863-7191 Mark Stricklett
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
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 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 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
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.	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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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

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