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DULCIMER TROUPERS

Dulcimer Troupers ended the year with Christmas performances in LaGrange nursing homes and Active Life Center. As the new year began, the Dulcimer Troupers were fortunate to have Larry and Elaine Conger come to LaGrange for a workshop and concert. The Dulcimer Troupers also entered the First United Methodist Church's talent show playing 'Black Mountain Rag' and 'Sally Slapped Me With a Flounder' for which Ann Wilder wrote some comical lyrics. The most recent play-out was the annual Azalea Storytelling Festival where the Troupers joined some wonderful storytellers. Troupers are preparing to play for Callaway Baptist Church in April and West Georgia Hospice in May.

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About The Tablature . .

May 5, 2018 marks the 154th anniversary of the birth of Elizabeth Jane Cochrane, who is better known from the pen name she wrote under, "Nellie Bly", which she took from the title of the popular song written by Stephen Foster. Bly is often referred to as the "mother of modern investigative reporting", and became renowned for her undercover reporting. She posed as a sweatshop worker to expose poor working conditions faced by women. In 1887, Bly began working for the newspaper New York World, which at the time was the largest newspaper in New York City. One of Bly's earliest assignments at the paper was to author a piece detailing the experiences endured by patients of Bellevue Hospital, a mental institution on Blackwell's Island in New York City. In an effort to most accurately expose the conditions at the asylum, she pretended to be a mental patient in order to be committed to the facility, where she lived for 10 days. Bly followed her Bellevue exposé with similar investigative work, including editorials detailing the improper treatment of individuals in New York jails and factories, corruption in the state legislature and other first-hand accounts of malfeasance. She also interviewed and wrote pieces on several prominent figures of the time, including the likes of Emma Goldman and Susan B. Anthony. Bly went on to gain more fame in 1889, when she traveled around the world in an attempt to break the faux record of Phileas Fogg, the fictional title character of Jules Verne's 1873 novel "Around the World in Eighty Days". Traveling by ship, horse, rickshaw, sampan, burro, bicycle, and other vehicles, she completed the trip in just 72 days.

Stephen C. Foster (1826-1864) is often referred to as the "father of popular American music". As a songwriter, he is primarily known for his parlor and minstrel music. Foster published over 200 songs in his lifetime. Some of his better known works include "Oh Susanna", "Camptown Races", "My Old Kentucky Home", "Swanee River", "Hard Times", and "Beautiful Dreamer". Many of his compositions remain popular more than 150 years after he wrote them. He named the song "Nelly Bly" after a servant he had met at a friend's house one evening after dinner while he was entertaining them. It stands out as one of the few "happy songs" Foster wrote, since he tended to dwell more on themes of sentimental melancholy and sad memories of the past.

Spotlight on Satellites

New Satellites

Please welcome our two newest satellites:

“Roman Sunshine”. They are located in Rome, GA. They meet 10am every Monday at the Charles Parker St Ctr on Kingston Rd.

They are an established group who welcome beginners and are eager to grow their group. Contact JT Bishop at 706-234-0477.

“Dusty Dulcimers” in Madison County. They meet at the Danielsville Public Library at 1315 Hwy 98 in Danielsville once a month on the 4th Monday at 6:30.

They have been established since 2014 and are welcoming to beginners. They are led by Ann Clark (706-789-2236) and Marty Phillips (678-863-7191) with Mark Stricklett as their scribe. Stop in and visit if you are in the area, they would love to have you!

Gold Country Players

Gold Country Players were a smash hit at Morningside Assisted Living in Gainesville this week. Hard to believe that? Taking a step away from tradition for the first half of the program, the group played a range of music from Tull Glazener’s Tin Pan Alley and 3-String Choir. The harmonies were amazing and the residents joined in with every song! It's a reminder that no matter where a group plays, if the music catches the audience's hearts then the event will be a success.

Gold Country Players do not play a lot of venues, preferring to spend time learning new pieces and jamming together. However, when the group does go out it's with a Playlist to match the venue. Not always the best players in the dulcimer world, everyone can miss a note or two, but the enthusiasm of the group is catching, the willingness to be different is appreciated and both audience and players benefit.

How satisfying it is to leave them singing.

Allatooners

Allatooners Get Organized!

The Allatooners spent their March and April meetings regrouping and putting together notebooks of their most played songs, starting with the DAD tabs from the Blue Book and other sources. The goal is that during jamming, the newer members have a short list of songs to turn to to play with the older members who play by ear instead of sorting through the overwhelming number of books, handouts and downloads from the internet that we have accumulated over the years. The Allatooners meet every second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the First United Lutheran Church of Kennesaw and welcome players at every level.

Hilltop Strummers

On January 28th, the "Friends of the Hilltop Strummers" played for the Orange United Methodist Church in Lathemtown, and on February 18th, they played for the New Hope Baptist Church in Canton, GA.

On February 20th, the Hilltop Strummers played for the folks at Winnwood Assisted Living in Marietta, GA.

On March 20th, we played for Provident Village in Canton, GA.

Also in March, we had an "official" photo made of the group. Unfortunately, a few of our members were not available due to travel, etc.

On April 21st, we were invited to play at the Stripling, Lovelady, Homiller House in Ball Ground, GA. We were only allowed a dozen or so players due to space constraints. The Ball Ground Business Association held this fundraiser for their association and in order for the public to meet and greet Ball Ground businesses.

2018 Fall Festival

This should be fun and interesting: Ken Bloom and Aaron O'Rourke are thinking about teaching a blues and jazz workshop at the NGFDA Fall festival!

Only one entry so far for designing this year's logo for Fall Festival. Nobody else wants a chance to win Fall Festival registration and t-shirt? The design should include "30th NGFDA Fall Festival, Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA, Nov. 15-18, 2018". It would be good if at least a mountain dulcimer were depicted, but better yet, if a mountain dulcimer, a hammered dulcimer and a bowed dulcimer were in the logo, but not required. Please send entries to pdeemer@gmail.com.

Nelly Bly

Stephen C. Foster - 1850

Melody

Arranged by Tull Glazener

Verse

D A7

Nel - ly Bly! Nel - ly Bly! Bring the broom a - long, We'll

D G A7 D

sweep the kit - chen clean my dear, And have a lit - tle song.

A7

Poke the wood, my lad - y love, and make the fire - burn, And

D G A7 D

while I take the ban - jo down, just give the mush a turn.

Chorus

D G D A7

Hi, Nel - ly! Ho, Nel - ly! Lis - ten love to me, I'll

D G A7 D

sing for you and play for you A dul - cet mel - o - dy.

Eagle Creek Music www.tullglazener.com

Nelly Bly

Stephen C. Foster - 1850

Harmony

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Nelly Bly

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Bass

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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	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 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
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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