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Dixieland Dulcimers

The Dixieland Dulcimers of Griffin, GA focus on performing at various venues such as church functions, festivals, county fairs, historical societies, and such. Our music is a mixture of gospel, bluegrass, folk and traditional mountain music. Our aim is to spread knowledge and understanding of the dulcimer wherever we can find an audience. Currently, we have about 20 members which includes singers, guitars, mandolin, harmonica, bandjammer, bass dulcimer, and of course several mountain dulcimers

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All other newsletter-related matters, including material intended for publication, should be directed to **Carolyn Welsch** at the email address listed in the above column. The deadline for publication submissions for the October issue is **September 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m**. *Foothills Footnotes* is published monthly by the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association, Incorporated.

About The Tablature . .

This month's tab "Pretty Little Girl With the Blue Dress On" by Don Pedi.

This is a version of the "Pretty Little Girl With the Blue Dress On" that Don remembers from playing with Doug Wallin of Madison County, North Carolina. Doug had a wonderful singing voice and sang many unaccompanied ballads passed down for generations in his family. He also was a "one string" fiddler who would play tunes and songs on his fiddle. Doug played and sang the first two verses presented here. Don added the other three verses. Calico, in this case, a cotton fabric with figured patterns on it, was also a slang expression for a girl. This version is from the Simply Old-Time Dulcimer Book (with accompanying CD). It also appears on the Short Time Here CD. Both the book and CD are available at www.donpedi.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.

Peach Jam 2018

Peach Jam, a jamming good dulcimer time, occurs October 12, 13, and 14 at FRD State Park at the shelter near Campground #2. Those joining in can follow the blue and white "Dulcimer Event" signs to shelter at the Campground #2.

For those wanting earlier jams, Peggy Martin will be near the shelter at Campground # 2 at a campsite on October 10 through October 14. She will hold informal jams October 10-11. The night of October 12 will kick off the official Peach Jams. The time? About 7 PM unless Peggy places a notice of a different time at the shelter.

On Saturday, October 13, NGFDA and hosts Peach Pickers will hold a jam from about nine-ish in the morning to 12 noon, stopping for a Pot Luck luncheon. About 1 or 1:30 PM the afternoon jam begins, running until…….

There will be a general jam first led by Rhoda Greene. Players are asked to bring ideas of what to play. They may bring tab, their own tabs or extra copies for those tab-bound players. David Hobson, whose fingers are not as nimble as they once were, will probably lead a separate slow jam after a while that morning.

All kinds of instruments are welcome. Banjos. Guitars, Dulcimers, Hammered Dulcimers. Recorders, Native American Flutes. Basses and Washtub Basses. Even accordions and other such instruments. Well, maybe not tubas and such.

"Noobies" to the dulcimer world are welcome, as are listeners.

Sunday morning there may be some hymn playing at the shelter in Campground #2 if the spirit moves people.

Players will need to bring their own folding chairs. Neither the park nor NGFDA will provide those. Ice and some refreshments will be provided Saturday.

A specific campsite or cabin must be reserved ahead of time through the Georgia State Parks Reservation Center. The weekend of October 13 will be a busy time at FDR with a wedding in the park, a festival at nearby Liberty Pool, and a nearby home Auburn game. Those wanting a reservation in the Pine Mountain area need to be looking now.

For further information or questions, text David Hobson at 404-218-2522 or at cdavidhobson@gmail.com.

NGFDA Fall Festival Update

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE 30th NGFDA FALL FESTIVAL IS NOW POSTED ON WWW.NGFDA.COM
ONLINE REGISTRATION HAS ALSO BEGUN!

Instructions for registering and paying are on the website. If you do not have access to a computer, contact Festival Director, Pam Deemer, at (404)-550-0699. If you do not want to make an online payment, but have computer access, you can email Pam at pdeemer@gmail.com

The Unicoi State Park Lodge has a very beautiful mountain setting. Although not so cheap, it is the most convenient place for a festival with classrooms, concert hall, food, lodging and activities for non-festival tagalongs all in one place. Unless you want to go into town for shopping, other activities and food, you'll never need a car the whole festival. However, because Helen is very close by, you will find many hotels and motels there, at least 20! With the festival so close to the holidays, Helen is especially decorated and geared up for fun and entertainment. Because of its Alpine theme, Helen has more than one Germanic restaurant, but it also has many other kinds of restaurants as well as the usual fast food places. If you choose to stay in Helen itself, know that the classes and evening concerts have been scheduled such that you will have time for breakfast, lunch and dinner

If you have been following the Fall Festival updates in the newsletter or on Facebook, you'll know there will be a lot of fun and learning as well as some new faces and topics., most of whom and which were suggested by past years' participants' evaluations. This year there will be official dancing as well as singing and playing music!

Except for the faculty and Lodge staff, the festival is completely manned by volunteers, from the director on down. They are generally a very friendly bunch who will try to be as helpful as they can. When you are at the festival, don't be afraid to ask if you need help or directions.

See you there.

Pretty Little Girl With The Blue Dress On

Source: Doug Wallin
Madison County, North Carolina
Arrangement: Don Pedi

Play your fiddle and play it slow.
I'm gonna dance with Calico (3x)

Play your fiddle and play it low.
I'll take a walk with Calico (3x)

Corn stalk fiddle and a shoe string bow.
I'm goin' home with Calico (3x)

Pretty little girl with the blue dress on
Stole my heart and away she's gone (3x)

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

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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 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 & 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.	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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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

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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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