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2018 Lee County Gathering. . .Down From the Mountains

April 26-29, 2018

The festival is hosted by the Whistle Stop pickers and will feature the musical expertise of **Bing Futch**, **Ann Lough**, **Danny & Dottie Shepherd**, **Jim & Cheri Miller**, and many more. The Gathering is in its 10th year in beautiful downtown Loachapoka, AL, just 45 miles from Columbus, GA. For registration and class information please go to: www.leecountyhistoricalsociety.org and we hope to see you there.

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About The Tablature . .

"My Wild Irish Rose" was written by American singer, actor, producer, and song writer Chancellor "Chauncey" Olcott (born 1858 in Buffalo, NY). He was a first generation Irish American, whose parents had immigrated to the U.S. from Killeagh, County Cork. He traveled to London as a young man to study singing, and upon his return to the United States, began a theatrical career as the leading tenor in many of the sentimental operettas depicting Irish themes that were popular on Broadway at the time. He also proved to be a talented composer and lyricist, writing complete scores to a number of Irish musicals including "Sweet Inniscara", "A Romance of Athlone", and "Old Limerick Town".

His songs captured the mood of his Irish-American audiences by combining melodic and rhythmic phrases from traditional Irish music with melancholy sentiment. Some numbers from his musicals became very popular, such as "Mother Machree" from *Barry of Ballymore*, and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" from *The Isle o' Dreams*. He composed "My Wild Irish Rose" for his musical *A Romance of Athlone,* and it quickly became his most popular composition, and has withstood the test of time. The title was suggested by his wife Margaret, who during a visit to Ireland some years earlier, had been presented a flower by a young boy. When she asked him what it was, he replied that it was "... a wild Irish Rose". She suggested the phrase to her husband when he was trying to come up with a new song title.

After Olcott's death in 1932, his wife wrote and published a biography of his life titled "A Song in His Heart". In 1947, Warner Brothers produced a movie of his life based on that biography, and titled it "My Wild Irish Rose".

The song has become a traditional standard in the barbershop quartet repertoire, and is also often sung during St Patrick's Day celebrations in the U.S.

A 3-part arrangement (melody, harmony, and bass) of this tune is now available in Tull's latest tab book entitled "3-String Waltzes - Volume II", a compilation of 25 waltz tunes arranged for mt. dulcimer ensembles.

Lyrics
My wild Irish Rose, the sweetest flower that grows.
You may search everywhere, but none can compare with my wild Irish Rose.
My wild Irish Rose, the dearest flower that grows,
And some day for my sake, she may let me take the bloom from my wild Irish Rose.

Spotlight on Satellites

In Town Down Home

In Town Down Home welcomed Debbie Summer to the group's January meeting. Debbie is learning to play dulcimer with the help of ITDH member, Jane von Seggern. Since Debbie is new to the dulcimer, we played standards out of the Tab book, but we can tell that she's going to advance in her playing ability real fast! We look forward to having Debbie join us each month.

March is our "Personal Challenge" meeting. Everyone will bring a piece of music they really want to learn play, but have had some problems playing or have put to one side 'for another day' because, well, everything is easier if you put it off 'til 'another day'. No excuses this time--we'll practice those pieces a bit before the March meeting and then bring copies to share. Fingers crossed, we'll all leave the March meeting playing those personally tricky pieces a little better than when we arrived.

In Town Down Home meets the third Saturday of the month, at 2 p.m., at Tenth Street United Methodist Church. We welcome members of other NGFDA playing groups to join us. Visitors of all playing levels are welcome!

Whistle Stop Pickers

In an effort to keep the love of the Mountain Dulcimer alive, the Whistle Stop Pickers satellite group in Loachapoka, Alabama held a six week Beginning Mountain Dulcimer Class. There were a total of sixteen new dulcimer players between the ages of 7 and 90. The class learned to play together, how to chord and many of our favorite jam songs. This picture was taken on the last class day and unfortunately several group members were out with the flu. Deborah McCord led the class.

The Whistle Stop Pickers meet every second and fourth Saturdays from 1:00-3:00 at the Lee County Historical Society Museum in Loachapoka. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Deborah McCord at mccord0304@gmail.com

NGFDA Satellite Liaison – A Changing of the Guard

Please welcome Lynn McCollum as your new Satellite Liaison! Satellite Leadership was notified at the November 2017 Fall Festival that Lynne would transition into the Board of Directors position early this year. The Liaison position was established in 2009 to support our network of Satellites; an integral component to NGFDA operations. I have enjoyed working with everyone in that Liaison capacity and will continue to support as we complete the NGFDA Satellite New Player Orientation Guide and revise the NGFDA Satellite Guidelines. Stay strong and keep having fun! **Peggy Martin**

New Satellite Liaison

My name is Lynn McCollum, I have been appointed to serve as your satellite liaison. My job is to be a consultant to the board and individual satellites within the NGFDA satellite network. I'm also responsible for ongoing reviews and evaluation of the satellite network program. Also to process sanction of new NGFDA satellite applications through the board. I make recommendations concerning satellite needs and address existing satellite difficulties and coordinate any satellite focused gatherings determined by satellite leadership consensus.

I hope to pop into your satellite club meeting from time to time and get to know each of you. I know a lot of you from being the membership coordinator for many years.

Email me or call me help or support you in some way. I'll be seeing you at events. Lynn McCollum Lynnmccollum50@gmail.com, 706-499-3212.

2018 Fall Festival

Requirements for the t-shirt logo contest for the 2018 Fall Festival:

Because we are primarily a mountain dulcimer organization, at least that should be in the design, but it would be good if the hammered dulcimer and bowed dulcimer were also featured. Please include the date, Nov. 15-18, 2018; the place, Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA., and that it is the 30th Fall Festival. Colors maybe used, but keep in mind the logo will be on a t-shirt. Shades of a single color probably won't be possible. The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2018.

Here's hoping wining registration as well as the t-shirt will prompt creativity in more people this year!

In Memory of

Serving as the NGFDA Membership Committee Chair for many years in the 90's and past NGFDA President (2003), Cathy Watts also was as the Fall Festival Director (2000-2002). This long-time, loyal NGFDA member and dear friend to many passed away February 16. She was an early member of the NGFDA and kept the In Town Down Home satellite (one of the two original NGFDA satellites) on going up until the present. In addition, she was also one of the founders of the Sweet and Lows dulcimer band, which was most active in the 1990s and early 2000s. She was a thoughtful, well-organized person with a great sense of humor and a vast, enthusiastic love for the mountain dulcimer. Physical disability prevented her from playing dulcimer for much of the past couple of years, but she still attended In Town Down Home meetings and Sweet and Low practices to laugh, share, and support. Her beloved church was where ITDH met for many years, thanks to her. Her husband, Ed, has said donations in Cathy's memory can be made to it: Tenth Street Underwood Memorial United Methodist Church, 425 Tenth Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30318. Sympathy cards can be sent to Ed Watts, 1187 Verdon Drive, Dunwoody, GA 30338.

Membership Dues

Dear Members:
As of the writing of this newsletter we have approximately 145 members that are delinquent in paying their 2018 Membership Dues. I have contacted those members via email and or snail mail reminding them that the dues are now due.

I am asking that if any of you have not paid the dues for 2018 to please do so as soon as possible. As you know membership dues are for the calendar year and run from January – December. Single Dues are $20.00 per year and for a family they are $30.00.

By being a member of this great organization you have many benefits including this newsletter monthly and many opportunities to attend various events sponsored by the club. As well as a piece of music each month.

You can either pay your dues by going to our website at www.ngfda.org and going to the "Membership Renewal" tab and paying them with a credit card which insures you an immediate renewal. Alternatively, you can send a check to the following address and your record will be updated once the check has been received.

NGFDA
c/o **Barbara Stevens**
114 OAK LEAF CIRCLE
EATONTON, GEORGIA 31024

If you have any questions regarding your dues you can email me at: ngfdaclub@gmail.com

Regards,
Mike Van Demark

Tull Glazener Workshop
April 7, 2018
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
260 Wade Rd.
Loudon, TN

Presented by
Mountain Echoes Dulcimer Club

9:00 – 10:00 am	Registration
10:00 – 11:30 am	**Session One** – Introduction to flat-picking – (beginner to intermediate)
11:30 – 12:30 pm	Lunch – Bring your own lunch or we can provide places to purchase food nearby.
12:30 – 2:00 pm	**Session Two** - "Sum of the Parts" multi-part ensemble arrangements. (intermediate to advanced)
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 – 4:00 pm	**Session Three** – "Sum of the Parts" multi-part ensemble arrangements. (intermediate to advanced)
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Break
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Mini Concert by Tull Glazener

Cost: $20.00 per session, $50.00 for all three sessions

Registration: Registration and payment must be received by April 4th, 2018 using the attached registration form.

For additional information contact:

Marilyn Kanwischer
129 Kawga Way
Loudon, TN 37774
(865) 657-9801
Email: knitter0320@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

Tull Glazener Workshop
April 7, 2018

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SESSION ONE	☐	$20.00
SESSION TWO	☐	$20.00
SESSION THREE	☐	$20.00 or all three $50.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED $_____

Checks made payable to: TULL GLAZENER

Registration and payment must be received by April 4th, 2018.
Mail form and payment to:

Marilyn Kanwischer
129 Kawga Way
Loudon, TN 37774

I/We understand and agree that neither the Church, nor it's trustees, representatives, employees, clergy, and agents may be held liable in any way for an occurrence in connection with the Activity which may result in injury, harm, or other damages.

My Wild Irish Rose

Chauncy Olcott, 1899
Melody

Arranged by Tull Glazener

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HAMMERED DULCIMER ACADEMY

at

Jerry Read Smith's PERELANDRA / PERFORMANCE CENTER

East side of Asheville, NC near the Blue Ridge Parkway/31 Patriots Drive-Asheville, NC 28805

JUNE 4 - 8, 2018

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****TUTION REFUNDS 50% AFTER MAY 1***

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  Chords for Jam Sessions, Embellishments, Back-up/Accompaniments, Playing well with other Instruments
- *Extensive "Hands On" Playing Time*
- *Repertoire Building*
- *Good Musicianship*
- *Supportive, No-Stress Environment*

Mel Bay Author
Career Educator

WEEK SCHEDULE:

Sunday, (3rd) - Check into Lodging / Friday, (8th) Class Ends 4:00 pm

Daily Schedule: Monday
8:30 am —Class Meets at Studio
9:00 am —Morning Class
12:00-1:00pm - Lunch Provided at Perelandra
1:00 - 4:00pm - Afternoon Class
After 4:00pm - "On Your Own" Rest/Shopping/Practice/Dinner

LODGING OPTIONS INCLUDE:

Campgrounds
Asheville Super 8 - 828.505.4648
Biltmore East Quality Inn - 828.298.5519
Days Inn Biltmore East - 828.575.0532

QUESTIONS?? Contact me at: lindadan@primary.net or 816.941.7834 or 816.519.3840

REGISTRATION FORM

*NAME*_____

*ADDRESS*_____

*PHONE*_____

*EMAIL*_____

*AMOUNT ENCLOSED*_____

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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
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
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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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 $_____

Total Enclosed $_____

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