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Gene Griner – by Peggy Ertz

It is with extreme personal sadness that Rick and I write this tribute to our long-time friend, Gene Griner. 19 years ago, we first learned of the NGFDA through a visit to Bob Thomason's Dulcimer Shop in Helen. After attending our first Peach Jam in 1998 and meeting Peggy Martin, we were determined to start a satellite group in the Augusta area. We placed ads in the local IWanta for players and also met with Rogers McGee in Aiken for his input. Shortly thereafter, we received a phone call from an extremely excited self-described prison minister who wanted to meet with us. Thus started the Garden City Strummers in 1999. Rick, Gene and I continued to search out local players. We started with 5 and built to over a dozen, meeting for years in our dining room! When this became a problem, Gene was fundamental in locating a church willing to give us room to meet at no cost. Gene was a founder and steadfast member of the Garden City Strummers for the 19 years that followed. He helped us with the first dozen Mistletoe Jams, founded by the satellite group members, and continued to be active with that event after other members stepped forward to run it. Gene played with several other groups and also played AutoHarp and Psaltry. He attended numerous Unicoi Festivals and could always be counted on to help you find an instrument. He has always been a constant and generous presence in the lives of all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

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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 August issue is July **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 "The White Swan" was tabbed by Sue Carpenter. A recording of this duet is on her Following the Muse CD.

The duet is arranged for both beginning and intermediate level players with the intention of allowing a beginning player to grow into the next level with practice. The chord structures are about the same for each level, but the intermediate level has many more melody/harmony notes. These melody/harmony notes are written in a larger, bold font. The chord formations are an ideal way for beginners to learn how to play melody notes on the middle and bass strings.

I hope everyone enjoys this waltz.

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.

2018 Fall Festival Tuition Scholarships

NGFDA will award 5 Fall Festival tuition scholarships to applicants from its membership this year. This tuition scholarship application form is published in the NGFDA newsletter, on www.ngfda.org and through email distribution to NGFDA membership.

Satellite Leaderships encouraged to promote application by their members who need financial support to attend the festival.

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Spotlight on Satellites

Tugalo Valley Strummers

The Tugalo Valley Strummers enjoyed playing for the Farmer's and Artisan's Market at the Currahee Club just outside Toccoa on Saturday June 23rd. The weather was very warm, but beautiful, as the sounds of mountain dulcimers drifted over the grounds of the Amenities Center. The mountain dulcimers generate a lot of interest on the part of those who have never seen or been close to one before. It is always fun to share our love of the mountain dulcimer with the community. After taking a break for the month of July, the Tugalo Valley Strummers, will resume meetings on August 13th. Visitors are always welcome. Visitor tab books are available.

Fall Festival T-Shirt Design

Last year there was only one submitted a design. It was fortunate it was very lovely and appropriate. This year six designs were received and, in order to be as fair as possible, the designs were submitted to a panel of six without designers' names attached. And the winner is:

JOE COLLINS! Congratulations, Joe!

He is not teaching this year and only leading the Sunday gathering, but he wants to take classes from this year's instructors. Maybe branch out into other instruments, Joe?

Thank you, you other five who took the time, energy and talent to submit designs. Your efforts were very much appreciated, even though you were not the winner. It took time and discussion to decide.

The White Swan

Melody - Beginner Level

Traditional American Fiddle Tune
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Harmony - Beginner Level

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Melody - Intermediate Level

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Harmony - Intermediate Level

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NGFDA Fall Festival Registration Scholarship Application 2018

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5 REGISTRATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
FOR NGFDA MEMBERS WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FESTIVAL OTHERWISE

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ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Applicant must have current (or recently submitted) NGFDA membership.
- ✓ Applicant must be responsible for own transportation, lodging and meals, and able to attend the full Festival program.
- ✓ Application for scholarship is open to NGFDA members of all ages, and all playing levels; satellite affiliation not required.
- ✓ Applicants must submit application provided here.

GUIDELINES

- ✓ Complete this form and submit the form below as instructed.
- ✓ Application form must be received or post-marked by Monday, October 1, 2018.
- ✓ Scholarship payment will be made by NGFDA to NGFDA Fall Festival Registration.
- ✓ Application must be either emailed to martin.pb101@gmail.com, or postal mailed to NGFDA 114 Oak Leaf Circle, Eatonton, GA 31024 (If postal mailing, send only via regular mail No express, overnight, or return receipt mail will be accepted)
- ✓ Applications will be reviewed by NGFDA Scholarship Committee, and winning recipients will be notified by phone by October 8th.
- ✓ Any questions or concerns may be directed to Peggy Martin at 678-478-2456 or martin.pb101@gmail.com.

NGFDA Fall Festival Registration - Scholarship Application FORM

2018 APPLICATION MUST BE EMAILED OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2018

Name: _____

Address_____

Phone#: _____ Cell #:_____

E-Mail: _____ _____

Current NGFDA Member?

Able to make own lodging and meal arrangements?

ESSAY: Please state your current involvement with NGFDA (membership, any activities, Satellite affiliation etc.)

Signature: _____Date:_____

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
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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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 $_____

Mail membership form and payment to: **NGFDA 114 Oakleaf Circle Eatonton, GA 31024**

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