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Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players – In the Spotlight

The Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players held a one day workshop with Tull Glazener. Thirty-five attendees enjoyed three classes with Tull. The afternoon ended with a half hour concert for the workshop participants plus several folks from the community. The evening before Tull joined the local players for a lasagna dinner and fellowship at one of the nearby homes.

Many members purchased Tull's newest CD lesson "Take Me Home Country Roads" and Volume 2 of his "3 String Waltzes" series which includes some popular pieces like "Angel Band" and "Just As I Am". Many of these arrangements will be very popular with the residents of the senior facilities that we visit each month.

The photo shows some of the members of he LOWDP club. The members are "hale and hearty" as they agree to travel on many cold and dismal days to entertain at so many different centers because they know the residents are looking forward to their coming and playing upbeat and sometimes sentimental music.

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The beginner players are starting to join in the playouts along with the more experienced ones. They play in what is called the "Monday Group" which practices and plays out on Mondays. The more experienced players practice and playout on Wednesdays. Many players are able to participate in both groups. Visitors are always welcome to any practice. Just contact us for a playlist for that practice.

About The Tablature . .

This month's tab is The First Waltz With You by Gwen Caeli.

It's that time of year again – Valentine's Day, where affectionate greeting cards began appearing in the 15th century and is now a major consumer day filled with relentless TV commercials for gifts to bestow upon a loved one. Gwen finds that music is a great way to lose the remote, get out of the consumer mayhem and get her fingers moving on the fretboard. After that, she "may splash around in an over-sized chocolate fountain"!

Gwen learned "The First Waltz with You" from the fiddling of Bruce Osborne, a player and composer of fiddle music from Ontario, Canada. He learned the tune from Hope Grietzer, who plays fiddle for contra dances in New York, is involved in the New York State Old Time Fiddler's Association and teaches fiddle privately and at Broome Community College. A student brought her this lovely waltz, but no one knows where it came from. It is just as beautiful on mountain dulcimer as it is on fiddle. As we learn best by hearing music before attempting to play, Gwen will post a sound file on the "Free Tab/FAQ" page at www.gwencaeli.com.

Spotlight on Satellites

Tugalo Valley Strummers

The Tugalo Valley Strummers kicked off the new year with a performance at the Clary Care Center in Toccoa. It is always such a joy to bring music to the residents as they enjoy their lunches.

The Strummers also played several numbers for the Stephens County Historical Society meeting following a brief talk by Margo Taylor on the history of the dulcimer.

The group is starting to prepare for St. Patrick's Day by adding some new Irish tunes to the playlist for March. If you are in the Toccoa area on the 2nd or 4th Monday evenings, you are welcome to come visit. There are guest tab books available.

Gold Country Players

Gold Country Players have started off the year with enthusiasm! Each year the group sets a different target. Last year the group learned more 2, 3 and 4 part pieces. This year the focus is on Jam Tunes. Members have put together a list of around 70 tabs (some familiar and some as yet unfamiliar) and are focusing a part of the weekly session on improving the playing of a particular tune.....it's taken home to practice too!

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Because individual members of the group have different skill levels, members set their own targets for achievement, but playing without the music is encouraged. Unsurprisingly there are a number of fiddle tunes in the list so those stiff fingers are getting a workout. Oh, to be young again!

Over the years it has been obvious that playing favorite pieces is fun and familiar. Gold Country Players do spend a good portion of each session doing just that.....as a reward for stepping out of the comfort zone first. It's always good to have a challenge. Happy New Year Everyone!

2018 Fall Festival News

First the bad news: Even though costing about $3000 less than last year, the Fall Festival finished in the red at the same rate as the previous year. NGFDA cannot continue to lose so much money each year. The NGFDA Board has reluctantly voted to raise the NGFDA Fall Festival member registration fee to $125. For many years the registration fee has been $105 for the 3 1/2 days duration of the festival. That's less than $35 a day, a bargain in comparison with more recent festivals. Non-member fee would go up from $140 to $155. Non-members will register at the same time as members.

Unicoi State Park Lodge had to be contracted again to be the host of the Fall Festival. The lodging rates have not yet been officially given, but appear to be the same. Last year the breakfast charge in the room rate was actually discounted and should be between nine and ten dollars this year. (There is also a new cook this year.) Doing without the breakfast was discussed, but if people still wanted to pay separately, it would be more expensive. The buffet arrangement and also non-buffet were also discussed. Unicoi does not have enough staff to handle individual food orders all at once from a huge group in a timely manner. Long time participants may remember the aggravation when the tavern tried to operate next to the cafe. Classes were missed and people were not happy.

Having the time to eat elsewhere for lunch and supper at a cheaper cost is important, and is one of the reasons for the amount of time between the morning and afternoon classes and between the last workshop and the concerts. Four shorter workshops were tried in the past and there were complaints from both the participants seeking food and lodging elsewhere and the vendors, who complained people didn't have enough time to shop.

To answer why the NGFDA Fall Festival has continued to be at Unicoi for so many years, other than the space, convenience of lodging and event in the same place, and view: The rate NGFDA receives for the rental of the Lodge itself is at a 30% discount. Unicoi also does not charge NGFDA for the vending tables, which it normally does, and lets NGFDA make money renting the tables to vendors. Unicoi really, really loves the festival being there and has been very accommodating.

That said, alternative sites are still being explored, but finding a less expensive place with the same space and convenience has proved very difficult for several years, Past directors have tried. Those options explored were more expensive, not big enough, or not available at the right time. The Board is always open to your suggestions.

Now for some good news:

An anonymous person, who very much wants Janita Baker to return this year, is donating the cost of Janita's airfare. Linda Brockinton, whom so many of you suggested on your evaluation sheets, has agreed to teach.

Others who have responded that they would be happy to be part of Fall Festival:

New for this year or returning after an absence so far:
Danny and Dottie Shepherd
Nancy Galambush (the dulcimer and cello player people saw on stage last year)
Jim Miller
Matthew Dickerson
Aaron O'Rourke

Returning:
Ken Bloom
Anne Lough
Rick Thum (who has also agreed to M.C. the concerts)

Yes, some past strong favorites have been left off the rotation for now, People advised more different faces were needed. Joe Collins wanted to give newer instructors a chance to make themselves more known and took himself off the roster, but he has agreed to lead the Christmas jam and the Sunday gathering, because he'll be there anyway.

Stay tuned for news of future Instructors!

The 2017 t-shirt design contest resulted in a very lovely logo, even though there was only one submission. This year it is hoped there will be more submissions. Would free registration as well as the shirt or tote bag better spark more people's creativity? If so, the competition will end July 1.

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

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Mail form and payment to:

Marilyn Kanwischer
129 Kawga Way
Loudon, TN 37774

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The First Waltz With You

Tuning: DAD
Style: strum chords, pick single notes
Structure: AAB

Composer unknown
arr. and harmony Gwen Caeli

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The First Waltz With You

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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 jspatts@windstream.net
Dixieland Dulcimers	Griffin, GA	Weekly-Mondays	10:00	Crestview Baptist Church fellowship hall, Griffin, GA	Donna Harpe 770-228-5597 phillip_harpe@bellsouth.net John Garret 770-223-8405 jgsped@yahoo.com 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				Agene Parsons 423-718-5730 ageneparsons@gmail.com
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	Bob & Sandra Hange 770-265-5308 bhange65@gmail.com
In Town Down Home	Atlanta, GA	Monthly, 3rd Sat.	2:00	Tenth Street United Methodist Church 425 Tenth Street, NW	Cathy Watts 770-377-8734 chwatts@mindspring.com 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 706-391-4861 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.

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