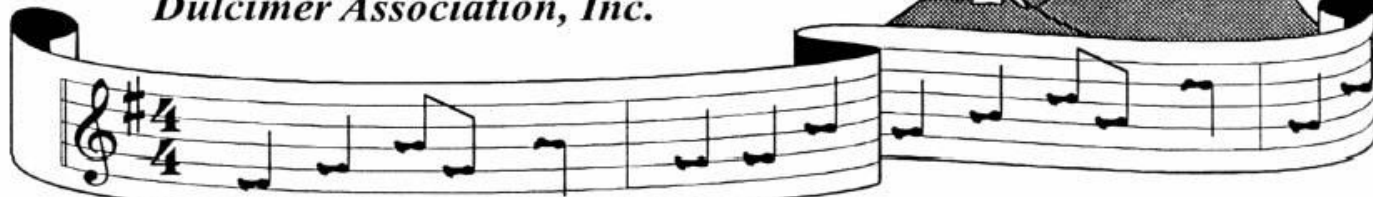


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## **2022 NGFDA Annual Meeting**

Here are the minutes from the NGFDA Annual Business Zoom Meeting held on Sunday, January 16, 2022.

Present: John Shawhan, Mike VanDemark, Barbara Stevens, Clara G, Kathy Minor, Lynne Ometer, Melanie Ligon, Stephen Seifert, Jan Stone, Karen McCraw, Valerie Parker, Dave Graves, Laurell Wilson

Mike VanDemark opened the meeting.

President's Report – John Shawhan:

For the last two years NGFDA has had two excellent virtual festivals as live festivals have been put on hold due to the Coronavirus. John stressed the need to recruit more volunteers as the current Board Members have held their positions for several years and new blood is needed to put the club into the future.

Fall Festival Director' Report – Mike VanDemark:

NGFDA membership is now at 326 members.

Preliminary plans for a live festival in 2022:

Mike will check Facilities in Dalton GA this month as the facilities in Toccoa are being refurbished and UNICOI is still too expensive. Mike suggested 15 Instructors for the Live Festival and pay them the same way NGFDA paid the Instructors for the NGFDA Virtual Festival at \$10.00 per participant in the instructors' classes. NGFDA would guarantee a minimum of \$100.00 per class if the class attendance is less than 10 participants. Local Satellites would be needed to help with the live festival. There will be a small registration fee for all participants to cover costs of holding the festival.

There were not any new Board Members recruited for 2022 so the NGFDA Board will remain the same for another year:

- President – John Shawhan
- Vice President – Mike VanDemark
- Secretary – Laurell Wilson
- Treasurer – Barbara Stevens
- Fall Festival Director – Mike Van Demark
- Liaison to NGFDA Satellite Groups – Lynn McCollum
- Membership Chairman – Mike VanDemark
- Newsletter Editor – Jan Stone
- Webmaster – Mike Van Demark

Treasurer Report – Barbara Stevens:

Update on NGFDA accounts:

Main checking - \$ 1,198.18

Scholarship Funds - \$ 2,624.20

Event Funds - \$ 9,123.56

*Minutes continued on the next page...*

## 2022 NGFDA

# Annual Meeting Minutes cont'd

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All other newsletter-related matters, including material intended for publication, should be directed to **Jan Stone** at the email address listed in the above column. The deadline for publication submissions for the March issue is **February 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** *Foothills Footnotes* is published monthly by the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association, Incorporated.

Secretary's Report – Laurell Wilson:  
Overview of 2021 NGFDA Virtual Festival:

48 Instructors offering 405 Classes with 4,299 class slots sold which equated to 30% of the available 14,175.

There were 616 participants. Included participants from 45 states and 17 overseas locations in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

Open Discussions Included:

There was a lot of interest in retaining the Virtual Festivals as well as having live Festivals.

Stephen Seifert was thanked for his expertise during the virtual NGFDA Fall Festival.

Discussions were held regarding having more Jam Sessions at the live festival and possibly having online lessons the week before the live festival.

It was suggested the best way to get more volunteers is to have strong satellites.

It was suggested to have Zoom meetings with the Satellites to request volunteers and to mentor and/or train volunteers.

Both Lynne Ometer and Kathy Minor have volunteered to help where needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurell Wilson  
Secretary

## 2022 NGFDA Club Dues

Done

Just a reminder: Membership dues for 2022 were due January 1, 2022. If you haven't paid yet, head on over to the NGFDA website to find out several ways to pay your club dues: [www.ngfda.com](http://www.ngfda.com).

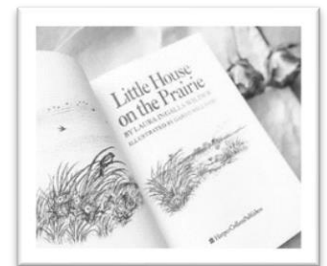
## About the Tablature...

Just in time for Valentine's Day, this month's tab is a sweet song, "Blue Juniata." There are two parts – maybe you can play it on a courting dulcimer. In the song, bright Alfarata, the Indian girl, sings the praises of her warrior while she travels along the Juniata River, which is located in central Pennsylvania. This character is the namesake of the city of Alpharetta, Georgia.



The song was one of the most popular parlor songs of the nineteenth century, appearing in numerous published editions and arrangements.

It is mentioned in Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House Books as one of the songs sung frequently



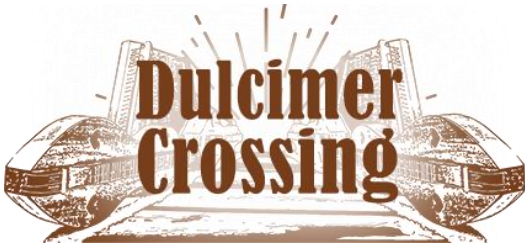
while she was young, and Mark Twain wrote about it as a song he heard in minstrel shows. It is the first song published by an American woman to achieve such a high level of popularity.

The musical setting is simple, in keeping with the nineteenth-century parlor tradition. However, somewhat unusual for a parlor song, it possesses a lively tone and occasional snappy rhythms. These characteristics perhaps explain why it became a successful crossover song between the parlor and minstrel stage.

Here's a midi file of the tune to get you started:

<http://freesongsforkids.com/audio/play/126>

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# Blue Juniata

Mrs M D Sullivan

♩ = 80

*mf*

1 Wild roved an In - dian girl, — Bright — Al - fa - ra - ta, Where sweep the  
 2 Gay was the moun - tain song Of bright — Al - fa - ra - ta, Where sweep the

A 3 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 3 3 3  
 DUL D 4 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 2 4 4 2 0  
 D 7 7 6+ 4 4 4 4 6+ 7 7 7 7  
 DUL A 7 5 3 4 0 0 3 3 3 3 4 5 7 7 5 3

wa - ters of the blue — Ju - ni - a - ta, Swift — as an an - te - lope, — Thro' the for - est  
 wa - ters of the blue — Ju - ni - a - ta, Strong — and true my ar - rows are, In my paint - ed

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 DUL A 4 2 0 1 3 2 4 4 3 7 7 8 7 7 5 3 3 4 4 4 4

go - ing, Loose — were her jet - ty locks, In wa - vy tress - es flow - ing.  
 quiv - er, Swift — goes my light ca - noe, In down the rap - id riv - er.

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 DUL A 5 7 10 10 7 8 7 5 3 3 1 3 2 4 4 3

"The Blue Juniata"  
as first published

Wild roved an Indian girl,  
Bright Alfarata,  
Where sweep the waters  
Of the blue Juniata!  
Swift as an antelope  
Through the forest going,  
Loose were her jetty locks,  
In many tresses flowing.  
Gay was the mountain song  
Of bright Alfarata,  
Where sweep the waters  
Of the blue Juniata.  
"Strong and true my arrows are,  
In my painted quiver,  
Swift goes my light canoe  
Adown the rapid river.  
"Bold is my warrior good,  
The love of Alfarata,  
Proud waves his snowy plume  
Along the Juniata.  
Soft and low he speaks to me,  
And then, his war-cry sounding,  
Rings his voice in thunder loud,  
From height to height resounding."  
So sang the Indian girl,  
Bright Alfarata,  
Where sweep the waters  
Of the blue Juniata.  
Fleeting years have borne away  
The voice of Alfarata;  
Still sweeps the river on—  
Blue Juniata!

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SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	6:30-8:30	First United Lutheran Church of Kennesaw 3481 Campus Loop Rd (formerly Frey Lake Rd.)	Peggy Martin 678-478-2456 <a href="mailto:martin.pb101@gmail.com">martin.pb101@gmail.com</a> www.allatooners.org Satellite Scribe: Marianne Wurtele <a href="mailto:bluegrass_m@hotmail.com">bluegrass_m@hotmail.com</a>
Bent Tree Strings	Jasper, GA	Monthly, 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	2:00-4:00	Club Tamarack Dining Room in Bent Tree. Bent Tree is 6 miles east of Jasper off Cove Road.	Sally Long 404-351-5257 <a href="mailto:sallylong@tds.net">sallylong@tds.net</a>
Dalton Dulcimers	Dalton, GA	Weekly Wednesdays	2:30	First United Methodist Church 500 S. Thornton Ave.	Sherry Patterson 706-278-7256 <a href="mailto:Sspatts6@gmail.com">Sspatts6@gmail.com</a>
Dixieland Dulcimers	Griffin, GA	Weekly-Mondays	10:00	Crestview Baptist Church Fellowship hall, Griffin, GA	Donna Harpe 770-228-5597 <a href="mailto:phillip_harpe@bellsouth.net">phillip_harpe@bellsouth.net</a> Dave Graves 770-227-4890 <a href="mailto:dr636@gmail.com">dr636@gmail.com</a>
Dusty Dulcimers	Danielsville, GA	Monthly – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	6:30	Danielsville Public Library 1315 Hwy 98 Danielsville, GA 30633	Marty Philips 678-863-7191 Mark Stricklett email: <a href="mailto:mstricklett@windstream.net">mstricklett@windstream.net</a>
Garden City Strummers	Evans, GA	Monthly – 2nd Monday – fast jam	7:00-9:00 7:00-9:00	4537 Glenda Lane Evans, GA 30809	Pat & Bill Colbert 706-860-3437 <a href="mailto:pogobill@aol.com">pogobill@aol.com</a>
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, NW, Gainesville GA 30501	Sandy Lesli <a href="mailto:goldcountryplayers@gmail.com">goldcountryplayers@gmail.com</a>
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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 <a href="mailto:Mraby@tds.net">Mraby@tds.net</a>
In Town Down Home	Atlanta, GA	Monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.	1:00	St. Luke's Lutheran Church 3264 Northside Parkway Atlanta, GA 30327	Rudine Davis H 404-250-0605; C 404-790-7179 <a href="mailto:davises@bellsouth.net">davises@bellsouth.net</a>
LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers	LaGrange, GA	Weekly, Thurs. mornings	10:45-12:15	First United Methodist Church for jamming/practice	Ann and Perry Wilder 706-882-5027 <a href="mailto:perrywilder@bellsouth.net">perrywilder@bellsouth.net</a>
		Weekly, Tues.	11:30	Beginning classes	
Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players	Brevard & vicinity, NC	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - Practice 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed.- Playouts	9:45-10:45	St Philip's Episcopal Church (in the basement) 256 East Main St Brevard, NC	Leader: Linda Schieve 828-885-2328
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 <a href="mailto:gbs468@aol.com">gbs468@aol.com</a> Laurie Wilson 229-389-9611 <a href="mailto:Laurell.Wilson@hotmail.com">Laurell.Wilson@hotmail.com</a>
Mountain Sounds	Murphy, NC	Bimonthly 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays	1:00-3:00	Foster Flea Market 100 Blairsville Hwy (Hwy 129) Murphy, NC	Pam Johnson <a href="mailto:Mountain.Sounds@aol.com">Mountain.Sounds@aol.com</a> Facebook page: Mountain Sounds Dulcimer Club
Peach Pickers Satellite	Sharpsburg, GA	Monthly, 2nd Sunday	3:00-5:00	Trinity Church 8817 Highway 54 W Sharpsburg, GA	Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 <a href="mailto:pohobson@gmail.com">pohobson@gmail.com</a> Wanda Dawkins 678-899-0453 <a href="mailto:hrvmdawk@yahoo.com">hrvmdawk@yahoo.com</a> Call Pat Call Wanda
Peach Pickers INSTRUCTION	1) Fayette Senior Ctr 2)Bridge Community Ctr	Wednesdays Tuesdays	11:00 6:00-8:00	4 Center Drive, Fayetteville Bridge Community Ctr. 225 Willowbend Rd Peachtree City	
Roman Sunshine	Rome, GA	Weekly, Monday	10:00	Charles Parker Senior Center Kingston Rd	JT Bishop 706-234-0477 <a href="mailto:Jtbjtb@bellsouth.net">Jtbjtb@bellsouth.net</a>
Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMGIAFAD)	Centerville, GA	Weekly, Thurs.	6:30-7:15 Lesson 7:15-8:30 Jam	1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church 600 N. Houston Lake Rd.	Elizabeth Garrett, 478-225-8071 <a href="mailto:elizabeth@comsouth.net">elizabeth@comsouth.net</a> Jean Noble, 478-971-1782 <a href="mailto:jeannoble@cox.net">jeannoble@cox.net</a>
Tugalo Valley Strummers	Toccoa, GA	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday evenings Beginners Novice Intermediate	5:00-5:45 5:45-6:30 6:30-8:00	Ebenezer Baptist Church Family Life Center 49 Rose Lane Toccoa, GA 30577	Margo Taylor 706-297-9509 <a href="mailto:Margotaylor808@gmail.com">Margotaylor808@gmail.com</a>
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) <a href="mailto:mccord0304@gmail.com">mccord0304@gmail.com</a>
Yonah Pickers	Clarksville, GA	Bimonthly-Regular 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays Bimonthly-Beginners 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays.	11a -1p 1:00-1:45	Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarksville	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 <a href="mailto:yonahpickers@yahoo.com">yonahpickers@yahoo.com</a> Brenda Sue Whitmire <a href="mailto:Bswhitmire@windstream.net">Bswhitmire@windstream.net</a>

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