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COME JOIN THE FUN AND LEARN!
SUMMER SATELLITE GATHERING - AUGUST 3 & 4, 2012

NGFDA Sponsored in Collaboration with Satellite Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club of Centerville, Georgia
Dulcimer Instruction by **STEVE SEIFERT**

LOCATION: Perry, GA 31069 at First Christian Church of Perry, 2100 US Highway 41 North
The church is one mile east of Interstate 75 Exit 138. Motels, restaurants, and campground are just 2 miles south of the church on Macon Road – also easy access from I-75 Exit 136.

COST $35.00 includes workshops, lunch, and concert

SCHEDULE Friday 6 pm-9 pm Relaxed Evening JAM and COFFEE SOCIAL
Saturday 9 am-9pm WORKSHOPS (10am-noon) (1:30pm-3:00pm)
Lunch; prepared by Church Youth Group (1:30-3:00pm)
CONCERT Sonic Sounds Satellite & Steve Seifert (6pm-7:15 pm)
JAM (7:30pm-9pm)

INSTRUCTION for ALL PLAYING LEVELS 3 ½ hours of instruction with Steve Seifert:

- Effective fingering strategies for clean playing at various speeds; (10am-noon)
  How to train yourself to play fast, even really fast! How, exactly, to play really slow!
  How to decide which chords to choose - up and down the neck
- Fun application of things just learned – "El Paso" dulcimer orchestra style (1:30-3:00pm)

DIRECTIONS
30 miles South of Macon. Easy access from I-75. All available on GPS and Internet maps.

CAMPGROUND Boland's Perry Overnight Park ($35/night with full hook-up) 800 Perimeter Rd.
• Exit 136 478-987-3371

MOTEL UPDATE!!!: Motels are two miles from church on Macon Rd (which parallels I-75)

HOWARD JOHNSON (478) 987-8400 100 Market Place Drive Exit 136 (across from Wal-Mart)

- **$39.99 (Double) $49.99 (Queen)**
- **Use Reservation Code SHAWHAN to get NGFDA rate**
- **Hot Breakfast and wireless**

Ramada Inn (478)987-3313) 200 Valley Drive • Exit 136

- $55 and up (no NGFDA group rate)
- Hot breakfast and wireless

Additional Perry Local Information
Perry Convention and Visitors Bureau 478-988-8000 or www.perryga.com
Perry Chamber of Commerce - Georgia (www.perrygachamber.com/)

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Unicoi Is The Hot Ticket For November

Cool days, beautiful music, good friends, and challenging classes. Does that sound like a recipe for fall fun? Then make your plans to be part of the 2012 Fall Festival November 15 - 18. Our faculty are planning interesting workshops and delightful concerts. The usual great line-up of vendors are committed to be there for your shopping pleasure and it is easy to imagine the Unicoi Lodge alive with dulcimer music and lively conversations.

You will find the room reservation form attached in this issue of the Footnotes. There is no on-line reservation service, so it is best to make your arrangements by phone, being sure to give the group number for the NGFDA event.

If you missed the May issue of Footnotes, here is a list of the faculty. For the mountain dulcimer players, you may have classes with Janita Baker, Sue Carpenter, Larry Conger, Jeff Furman, Tull Glazener, Anne Lough, Molly McCormack, Maddie McNeil, Sarah Morgan, Karen Mueller, and Butch Ross. Hammered classes will be taught by Jody Marshall and also Maddie McNeil and Anne Lough. Karen Mueller will be teaching Autoharp as well as Anne Lough. Ken Bloom will be teaching the Bowed Dulcimer.

Please share these plans with your dulcimer groups and encourage them to become members of NGFDA so that they receive the information that will be sent out later this summer. Registration will begin September 1, as usual, and will be done on-line for all those who are able to do that. More information about having registration mailed to you and more specific information about class offerings will be in the next newsletter.

About The Tablature . . .

Mike Anderson provided the tablature for "Mari's Wedding." Mairi's Wedding (also known as Marie's Wedding, the Lewis Bridal Song, or Mairi Bhan) is a Scottish folk song originally written in Gaelic by Johnny Bannerman for Mary McNiven. Written using a traditional Scottish tune, it was first played for McNiven in 1935 at the Old Highlanders Institute in Glasgow's Elmbank Street. Hugh S. Roberton translated the Gaelic version into English in 1936.

It is also a Scottish country dance, 40 bar, reel time, devised in 1959 by James B. Cosh.

Mike Anderson is one of the most versatile folk performers and educators in the Midwest. Under Mike's leadership, the New Salem Storytelling Festival, and the Clayville Music and Storytelling Festival before that, events of national renown. Mike is also nationally renowned, appearing at the Nat'l Mt. Music Festival, holding a prestigious position on the faculty of the Mt. Dulcimer Workshops at Appalachian State Univ., Boone, NC and West Carolina University, NC, Dulcimer Workshops, and presenting workshops and concerts across the U.S.

Mike's children's concerts are very popular. He received a National Children's television award for his show "Mike's Music Works." Under the auspices of the Illinois State Board of Education, Mike has conducted many teacher and parent workshops for developing literacy through the art of storytelling. His Early Childhood shows are legendary.

Mike plays guitar, banjo, jaw harp, nose flute, bones, and more. He is best known as an outstanding mountain dulcimer player - one of the very best in the state and indeed the entire Midwest.

As an author and elementary school teacher, Mike has honed his skills as a storyteller and is one of the best yarn-spinners and worst pun-tellers anywhere.

The combination of music, storytelling, humor, and educational background has made Anderson one of the most sought after performers and speakers in the Midwest. Mike Anderson is a driving force on the Illinois folk scene and is one of the people we can thank for keeping traditional music and storytelling alive.

Mari's Wedding

Scottish Country Dance

Tablature by Mike Anderson
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www.dulcimerguy.com

Looking Ahead to the Coming Year

By President Tom Womack

Fall Festival 2013 does not have a home. Unicoi State Park has informed us that they will be renovating the lodge during 2013 and will not be able to complete the modernization in time for our November festival. No other venue seemed practical as a temporary substitute. The wonderful atmosphere and convenience that we realize at Unicoi just did not seem possible to duplicate within our operational budget and satisfying our complex logistical demands.

Consequently, we will focus our attention during 2013 to bettering communications within and between our satellite groups. There is talk going on in favor of having several satellite reunions of the type that we have planned in Perry, Georgia in August. See the club website for complete information about the Perry get-together. Also, we can all give more support for our other wonderful annual events, Mistletoe (January), Spring Thing (May), Peach Jam (October). Dates and venues for our 2013 satellite reunions will be announced later.

Another way to cheer yourself up is to fantasize about the really BIG 2014 Fall Festival that will be our happy reunion in the new improved halls of the Unicoi Lodge. So, enjoy the Fall Festival this November; and in 2013 make yourself a regular at your local satellite meetings. Then tune up the car and make the drive to all of the wonderful events that fall regularly during the year.

Spotlight on Satellites

Yonah Pickers

This month the Yonah Pickers had the pleasure of playing in a variety of environments. One very special event was their performance at a special program for the Children's Summer Reading Program at the Cornelia Library. About 12 children and six adults participated in the music of the day. "Old McDonald Had a Farm" became "Old McDonald Had a Band" and everyone had their own rhythm instruments to play as the group played their dulcimers. There were many other songs, activities, and even a special dulcimer story written by Marlene Eubanks, a member of the Yonah Pickers. This day also included opportunities for the children and parents to play dulcimers of different kinds and even a little dancing. There were lots of smiles all around. A number of other events are scheduled for later in June that will appear in the next newsletter. PLEASE NOTE: The regularly scheduled second and fourth Sunday meetings for the Yonah Pickers are CANCELED for July. For more information please contact: bswhitmire@ windstream.net.

Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club met at The Young America School of Music for the regular monthly meeting on Saturday, June 2. The special seminar presented by Aaron O'Rourke was well attended by club members and members of other satellites. Everyone enjoyed lesson time learning new playing concepts from Aaron O'Rourke. Afterwards everyone enjoyed playing together.

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club will meet for its regular monthly meeting together on July 7 at The Young America School of Music from 1-4 p.m.

Other clubs and any other players are welcome to come and play with the club on first Saturday at Young America Music School.

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club will not hold its regular meeting in August. Instead members are encouraged to participate in the NGFDA Summer Satellite Gathering being hosted by the Centerville Sonic Sounds.

Gwinnoters

The Gwinnoters will be gathering at the Isaac Adair Historic House in Lawrenceville on June 24. Looking forward to it.

Upcoming Events

September 21-22, 2012

Eighth Annual Memphis Dulcimer Gathering. Two days of workshops, jams, demonstrations, midday concerts, open stage, vendors.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. each day. Workshops are held from 9:00 a.m. until about 4:30

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p.m. both days. Lunch is available from the church (must be reserved and paid in advance) or you may bring your own lunch. Concerts and vendor times are held during the lunch break. There will be an evening instructor-led jam and an instructor concert. Detailed schedules with class topics can be accessed on the link below.

Instructors include: Rick Thum, Ken Kolodner, Lee Cagle, Ilace Mears, Agene Parsons, Guy and Sharrie George, Bing Futch, Anne Lough.

Cost of all events (workshops, vendor area, jams, midday concerts, Friday night concert) (excluding lunch) is $95 per person. If paid by September 10, cost is $85 per person (lunch is an additional $8 per day).

A one day pass is $50 per person. Advanced registration for one day is helpful but not necessary.

Concert tickets are $10 per person.

Lunch is available with advance registration and payment by 9/10 at a cost of $8 per day. No lunches will be available on site without prior reservation. Lunch includes hot entree, salad, dessert, drink and gratuity.

THE TOTAL COST OF ALL EVENTS PLUS LUNCH BOTH DAYS IF PAID BY September 10 is $101. To receive the discount price, all pre-registrations must be postmarked by September10 *** NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! ***

If you do not order lunch, you may still bring a sack lunch to join us for music and fellowship during the midday events.

Hotel Information: This year, we will be recommending that participants stay at Hampton Inn Walnut Grove, 33 Humphries Center Dr., Memphis, Tennessee, USA 38120, 901-747-3700
$85 plus tax, includes full breakfast buffet
Open for reservation: Currently deadline to reserve: August 20, 2012. Make the reservation for the group rate for Memphis Dulcimer Gathering. Hampton Inn is located at the corner of Walnut Grove and Humphries Blvd. just east of the Walnut Grove exit from I-240. From the Inn, festival participants will travel west on Walnut Grove Road and the church is located on the north side of Walnut Grove just a few miles from the hotel.

Additional information available at leecagledulcimers.com.

September 26-28, 2012

Melodies and Musings Festival 2012. As part of Marshall County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program's celebration and preservation of Appalachian music, RSVP Recreation Center and one hammered dulcimer instructor. This is the fourth year for RSVP to host this southeastern regional dulcimer festival, Melodies and Musings – Our Appalachian Legacy. Registration forms and information can be found on the festival website www.melodies-and-musings.com. Call RSVP, 256-571-7734 or email: mcrsvp@mcrsvp.org for more information.

The festival will offer Mountain Dulcimer Tracks at the Beginner/Novice, Intermediate and Advanced skill levels. Each level will receive 15 hours of mountain dulcimer instruction over the three days working with each of the four nationally known instructors each day. This year's instructors will be Bill Collins, Delaware; Steve Eulberg, Colorado; Heidi Muller, Washington and West Virginia; and Butch Ross, Tennessee. Sessions will focus on playing technique, repertoire building and ensemble playing.

Anne Lough will instruct the intensive three day hammered dulcimer track at the intermediate level.

Participants can choose an additional four hours of Appalachian music heritage and culture classes from 15 offerings. Evening activities will include: Wednesday free night to enjoy a local restaurant with jamming at the Hampton Inn after dinner; Thursday Night BBQ, Open Stage and hammered dulcimer instructor's concert and Friday night mountain dulcimer instructor's concert will be open to the public. Jamming, vendors, contra dance, singing and more!

Registration is $125, after September 1, $135. Space is limited. Cost includes 15 hours of dulcimer instruction working with nationally known instructors, three afternoon fun "Pick n' Choose" classes (see website for details), and one entrance to evening activities. Meal plan available, see website.

Festival workshops made possible in part by the following partners: National Endowment for the Arts grant, Alabama State Council on the Arts grant, City of Guntersville and RSVP.

Come join the fun this year at the same great location on Beautiful Lake Guntersville, 1500 Sunset Drive, Guntersville, Alabama.

Special Rates at Best Western and Super 8 Motel

The Best Western Hotel and the Super 8 Motel in Helen have rooms available for the Fall Festival. In order to make registration easier, a block of rooms has been set aside for the NGFDA. To make a reservation, just call the Best Western at 706-878-2111 or the Super 8 Motel at 706-878-2191and tell them you are part of the "Dulcimer Group" and that you would like the special rate of $45.00 per night plus tax for the days of the Unicoi festival. Both facilities offer a continental breakfast; the Super 8 Motel has an indoor pool; and the Best Western rooms are suites. This is the fifth year the Best Western has offered this rate.

Unicoi State Park & Lodge

GROUP INDIVIDUAL RESERVATION FORM

POLICIES

Additional discounts are not valid in conjunction with any special promotion, discount rate or group rate.

5% occupancy tax and 7% sales tax added to all rooms, unless an INDIVIDUAL tax-exempt certificate is furnished in advance. Please note that individuals are not covered by a state tax-exempt certificate for master billing purposes. Payment for guestroom charges must be paid by agency check and a copy of the exemption certificate must be presented in advance or at check in to receive individual tax-exempt status.

A $5.00 Georgia State Park Pass valid for the duration of your stay will be assessed on all vehicles.

Reservations must be made by October 14, 2012

Reservations received after cut off date will be subject to prevailing rates and availability. There is a 2-night minimum for groups booked over weekend dates. Special requests are honored where possible but **ARE NOT GUARANTEED**.

Please note that your room(s) and rates are reserved within a negotiated block of rooms. Your credit card will be charged one night stay at the time the reservation is received and **refunds will not be issued if cancellation is received less than 30 days prior to your arrival.**

We love pets, but they are not permitted in guest rooms. We do have a limited number of dog friendly cabins. Please call for more information. Additional fees do apply.

Fax Completed Form to: **706-878-1897**

Mail Checks and Completed Form to

Unicoi State Park & Lodge
P O Box 849
Helen, GA 30545

Check-in Time: 4 p.m.
Check-out Time: 11 a.m.

Lodge rooms contain two double beds (max occupancy 4), some rooms also have a carpeted sleeping loft with twin mattresses (reached by climbing a ladder, the room with loft accommodates 6).
While at Unicoi, you may be reached at 706-878-2201.

Visit us at www.unicoilodge.com

Name of Group North GA Foothills Dulcimer Association

Event #03396 (Required when making telephone reservations 800-573-9659 ext. 560 or #560 with automated attendant)

Dates November 14-18, 2012

Per Night	Weekday	Weekend
One Bedroom Cabin	$110.00	$120.00
Two Bedroom Cabin, Lakeview	$130.00	$140.00
Two Bedroom Cabin, Smith Creek	$135.00	$145.00
Three Bedroom Cabin	$140.00	$150.00
Lodge Room Rates Double Occupancy	$110.00	$110.00
Additional per Adult Charge Lodge Rooms	$10.00	

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Daytime Phone No. _____

Evening Phone No. _____

E-mail Addresses _____
(optional)

Accommodation Requirements _____

No. of Adults _____ **No. of Children** _____

Special Requests _____

All rooms are nonsmoking **ADA Compliant**

Every effort will be made to honor special requests; however, due to fluctuating counts, they are not guaranteed.

Sharing room with _____
(all share with guests must register at front desk in order to provide proper tel forwarding and for security purposes).

Please indicate your preferred method of payment.

_____

CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT UPON REQUEST AND RECEIPT OF PREPAYMENT.

SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
AlphaFretters	Alpharetta, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Sat.	10:00- 12:00	Senior Activity Center 13450 Cogburn Road	Dell Makuch 770-667-0620 makuchd@bellsouth.net NOT CURRENTLY MEETING
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 Suzanne Carter suzanne1951@windstream.net
Dalton Dulcimers	Dalton, GA	Weekly Wednesdays	2:30	First United Methodist Church 500 S. Thornton Ave.	Sherry Patterson 706-278-7256 jspatts@windstream.net
Frettin' On Faith	Ringgold, GA	Weekly, Sundays	4:00	First Baptist Church downtown Ringgold on U.S. Highway 41 (Nashville St.) in the choir/music room	Michael Whitfield 706-673-6730 mewhitfield@windstream.net Website: www.tiptopwebsite.com/frettin
Gainesville Strummers	Gainesville, GA	Weekly – Thurs.	1:30- 3:30	First Baptist Church Room 208, 751 Green Street, N.W.	Louise Gunnin 770-983-9893 rgunnin@bellsouth.net
Garden City Strummers	Augusta, GA	Monthly, 3rd Mon.	5:30- 7:30	Marks Baptist Church 1405 Marks Church Rd.	Betty Fleming 706-541-2146 bfleming7823@comcast.net
Gwinnoters	Lawrenceville, GA	Monthly, 4th Sun.	2:00- 4:00	Lawrenceville Female Seminary 455 South Perry Street	Nora Roy 770-963-2541 nsr45@charter.net
Hart String-Strummers	Hartwell, GA	Bimonthly 2nd Tues. & 4th Sat.	Tues.- 6:30 Sat.-1:30	Hart Regional Arts Council Art Center 338 E. Howell St.	Mary Alice Ray 706-376-6591 706-371-0176 mary.alice.ray@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	Dan or Barbara Asperger 678-493-6970 (H); 770-633-1987 (C) daasp@windstream.net
In Town Down Home	Atlanta, GA	Monthly, 3rd Sat.	2:00	Tenth Street United Methodist Church 425 Tenth Street, NW	Cathy Watts 770-393-3454 chwatts@mindspring.com
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	Weekly, Wed.	1:00- 3:00	Silvermont Opportunity Ctr. 364 East Main St. Brevard, NC	Mary Sherwood 828-966-9628 sherwood@comporium.net Ann Brown 828-877-5506 grumps@comporium.net
Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club	Macon, GA	Monthly, 1st Sat.	1:00 Lesson 2:00 Jam	Young America School of Music 6361 Zebulon Road	Ron Rowland 478-968-0684 ronrowland@windstream.net Karen Stewart 478-954-6759 galadybug53@gmail.com
Mountain Sounds	Blairsville, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Tues.	1:30- 3:30	Senior Center	LaDale Trimble 706-835-1688 raydale@windstream.net
N.W. Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Monthly, 2nd Sun.	1:30- 4:00	Towne View Baptist Church Modular Bldg. C 1115 Shiloh Road	Peggy Martin 678-478-2456 martin.pb@comcast.net www.allatooners.org
Oconee Belles & Beaus	Salem, SC	Bimonthly, 2nd Thurs. 4th Tues.	2:00- 4:00 1:00- 3:00	Keowee Key (Routes 130 & 183 So. of Salem, SC) Activity Center, Whitewater Room	Joan Krech 864-944-7094 joankrech@bellsouth.net Bonnie Lamarand 864-888-3328 lmrnd@att.net
Peach Pickers	Peachtree City, GA	Monthly, 2nd. Sun.	3:00- 5:00	The Bridge Community Center 208 Willowbend Road	Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 phobson@mindspring.com Sam and Rhoda Greene 678-833-5995 (Home) Sam@greenemountaindulcimer.com Rhoda@greenemountainembroidery.com
SEHDP (Southeastern Hammered Dulcimer Players)	Support Group for Local HD Satellites	www.SEHDP.com for Individual Satellite Info.			www.sehdp.shutterfly.com Patsy Jordan sehdpmail@gmail.com
Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMGIAFAD)	Centerville, GA	Weekly, Thurs.	6:00- 6:30 Lesson 7:15-Jam	1st United Methodist Church 600 N. Houston Lake Rd.	Laneah Maddox 478-971-8223 912-687-3621 laneahmaddox@yahoo.com http://wrmusic.tripod.com/sonicsoundsdulcimerclub
Towaliga Toe Tappers	Jackson, GA	Monthly, 3rd Sun.	2:00- 3:30	Towaliga Baptist Church Kinnard's Mill Road	Karla Redman 678-447-5063 Redmans5@mindspring.com David Ridgeway, Jr. 770-775-3120 770-294-1151
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) bigalmccord@bellsouth.net
Yonah Pickers	Helen, GA Clarksville	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Sun. BiMonthly Practice 1st & 3rd Mon.	2:00- 4:00 3:00- 5:00	Mountain Lakes Resort Members Lodge Highway Alt. 75 between Cleveland and Helen, GA Episcopal Church Duncan Bridge Road	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 lynnmccollum@windstream.net Brenda Sue Whitmire bswhitmire@windstream.net

NGFDA sanctions these groups as satellites, but each one sets its own agenda, meeting place and procedures. Last Updated 06/15/12

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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 $7 (if mailed, add $4 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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Do you want to order a Tab Book? (check one) ☐ Yes / ☐ No
Please add $11.00 for Tab Book and postage

Tab Book $_____

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