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See You at PEACH JAM October 2 -7

F. D. Roosevelt State Park on Pine Mountain;
Camping Area #4 Covered Pavilion

TUESDAY – FRIDAY	As they happen	Leisurely JAMS & personal excursions	Gathering & Main Jamming under covered pavilion. Break-out groups locate under canopy, and trees – or wherever you land! Have FUN
FRIDAY EVENING	6:00pm - 10:00 pm	JAMMING w/hot drinks	
SATURDAY	**9:30am-10:00pm**	**JAMMING w/hot drinks ALL DAY**	
	(find Sam)	New Beginner Instruction ALL DAY	
	1:00 – 4:00	SLOW JAM break out group	
	5:30pm	POT LUCK DINNER	
	7:30 pm – 10:00pm	JAMMING w/hot drinks	
SUNDAY	9:30am – 11:30am	GOSPEL JAM w/hot drinks	
Additional details at www.ngfda.org under Club Events, Peach Jam All times listed are approximate; based on participation and group consensus			

NGFDA 2013 Slate of Nominees

The 2012 NGFDA Annual Membership Business Meeting will be held on Friday, November 16, at 4:00-4:30 p.m. in Masters Hall at Unicoi State Park during the Fall Festival. The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following Slate of Nominees for the elected positions on the NGFDA Board of Directors. The Slate has been approved by the current Board. A vote of the membership will be taken. Floor nominations will be accepted for vote.

By NGFDA Bylaws, all terms of office shall begin immediately upon election.

The following nominees have agreed to serve if elected:

President ----------Sam Greene
Vice President ----------Ron Rowland
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The Right to Copy

By Gwen Caeli

Ever wonder why you seldom hear the familiar "Happy Birthday" song being sung as restaurant servers gather round your table with a rousing birthday wish and free dessert? Simple, they would be infringing on a "copyright" that is currently owned and strictly enforced by Time Warner. The six-note six-word melody goes back to 1893 and two Kentucky sisters. Under the 1976 Copyright Act, the song is copyright protected until year 2030 and could be extended beyond that date.

Copyright law is complicated. "Old Joe Clark" has 179 copyrights filed, most of them artist arrangements heard on sound recordings. Albert E. Brumley wrote 800 songs including gospel greats like "I'll Fly Away" and "Turn Your Radio On". His family still owns the copyrights. They were compensated with a large undisclosed amount when part of "I'll Fly Away" was used without permission or payment in a 1997 Grammy-winning recording.

Congress enacted the first copyright law in 1790 and then centralized the process in 1870 by moving from district courts to the Library of Congress. Since 1870, the Copyright Office has registered more than 33,640,000 claims of copyright. Current laws can seem overly strict and increasingly complicated, especially with the advent of digital music. Remember the 2010 fine of $1.5 million levied against a Minnesota woman? A federal jury required her to pay $62,500 for each of 24 songs she downloaded and

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Summer Satellite Gathering in Perry, Georgia

By Peggy Martin

This year's Summer Satellite Gathering, sponsored by NGFDA in collaboration with Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club Satellite of Centerville, was an event well worth attending. It opened with the presentation of colors and Pledge of Allegiance by the Boy Scout troop sponsored by the First Christian Church of Perry. It was yet another successful coming together of terrific folks, over the mighty little dulcimer. The Sonic Sounds and the Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club Satellites worked in collaborative spirit to orchestrate a rewarding experience for us all at the First Christian Church of Perry. Many thanks to John Shawhan, Laneah Maddox and members of Sonic Sounds, and Ron and Ginny Rowland and members of Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club Satellite who saw to it that we were well cared for with set up, registration table, coffee and snacks, lunch, stage sound, and break out rooms. A special thanks to Robert Shawhan, Youth Minister at First Christian Church of Perry, for coordinating lunch and serving as sound man for the evening concert. Everyone appreciated and enjoyed both the ambiance and functionality of the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

Steve Seifert presented three and one half hours of an excellent new workshop for all levels, which focused on effective strategies for left hand fingering, right hand ergonomics, pick management and rhythm strategies. Hopefully, those who attended will take the information gleaned back to their respective Satellite members for many months of "continuing education" from this gathering. Steve demonstrated, yet again, his mastery of technique and patience!

The evening concert audience enjoyed nine-year-old Annabel's presentation, and then the Sonic Sounds members (with some Middle Georgia Satellite talent thrown in□) opened the early evening concert with a great presentation of tunes. Steve Seifert wowed the concert audience with his teachings of the day presented in concert format; making the myriad of right and left hand techniques and the musicality look so simple!

The Right to Copy

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shared. Civil sanctions for infringement can carry fines from $30,000 to $150,000 per each willful act. Copyright infringement can be costly in the world of commercial music!

Thankfully, the dulcimer community is far from this commercialism! However, as dulcimer enthusiasts, we should be aware of our right to copy as we download free tablature, copy workshop handouts for playing groups or copy favorite tablature from purchased books. Our goal is to enjoy the music as we learn and play in a social setting. Responsible players will remember that the moment our wonderful national dulcimer champions, teachers and book authors write down their tablature arrangements, the work is immediately established as their property by law. Many of these artists are full-time musicians earning their income by producing tablature and recordings. Let's support them by purchasing their creations and asking for permission to copy.

About The Tablature . . .

From Bing Futch who wrote the music for this edition of *Foothills Footnotes*: "Here is my tab for "Campin'," an original tune that was composed last year just before heading off on The RV Project Tour. The tune came to me in a dream while doing the fundraising for a camper in which to travel. The morning after the drive began, I awoke with this song in my head and quickly arose to write it down. There are words that are sort of murky and have yet to be attached, but I think you'll be able to hear where the word "Campin'" shows up in the melody."

Campin'

Written by Bing Futch
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Fall Festival Registration Has Been Extended

The registration deadline for the NGFDA Fall Festival at Unicoi State Lodge has been extended until **October 15**. Fewer members than expected have registered; so please ask all satellite members and dulcimer friends to go to the web site, www.ngfda.org, look at the great faculty we have engaged and the interesting courses we are offering. The National Dulcimer Champion, Sarah Morgan, is one of our faculty members.

The daily schedule has been arranged this year so participants can take three two-hour classes on Friday and Saturday without any overlap in times. Also, if you are a hammered dulcimer or autoharp player, there will be an outstanding instructor dedicated to your classes this year. These changes are in response to the 2011 evaluations.

Since Unicoi Lodge is undertaking an extensive renovation, that space will not be available to NGFDA in 2013. There is not another space that size that can be reserved for a reasonable fee, so next fall NGFDA will not be able to offer a four-day festival with so many outstanding faculty members. You really do not want to miss this 2012 Festival.

All of the instructions for registering are on the web site. If you have questions about registration or do not use the computer easily, you may call Mike Van Demark , 423-338-2307.

Membership News

by Lynn McCollum
Membership Chairman

The NGFDA wants to welcome the following new members:

- **Peggy Taylor**
  Knoxville, TN
- **Sue Thornton**
  Greenback, TN
- **Linda Schembri**
  Wallace, NC
- **Sandy Hudson**
  Watkinsville, GA
- **Jan Stone & Beryl Baca**
  Warner Robins, GA
- **Freda Jones**
  Willard, NC
- **Thomas Gantt**
  Barnwell, SC
- **Tina Whittington**
  Barnwell, SC
- **Carol Williams**
  Roan Mountain, TN
- **Margaret Rankin**
  Salem, SC
- **Larry & Liz Griffin**
  Decatur, AL
- **Ann Evans**
  Florence, AL
- **Wayne & Mary Howell**
  Union Grove, NC
- **June Furlow**
  Everett, PA

Jam Etiquette

By President Tom Womack

The scariest phrase for a dulcimer player who is just getting into the culture of old-time jamming is "You should observe jam etiquette." We play our tunes in the bedroom, in the living room, maybe some actually do play in a closet, but most of us also wish to be able to "join into the jam."

Some proclaim proudly that they are "not jammers." The lure of playing alone or with others in a sight reading ensemble is enough to keep these musicians humming along for years.

Many have a deep longing to participate in what they perceive is a free-for-all of crazed musical serendipity. But it is actually not quite the chaos that they think it to be. Playing a tune badly is something that will get you noticed in a jam setting, although old-time jammers are the most forgiving of jammers of all genres. Bluegrass jamming and playing at Irish sessions can be devastating to the ego. These other forms of music where strangers sometimes meet up and try to communicate musical ideas extemporaneously are sometimes dominated by a strong player who gets the tempo too fast for beginners and even intermediate players.

Old-time jams can also be destroyed by the domination of some ego in the group. But, a well-organized old-time jam with seasoned players can be comfortable experience even for a fledgling beginner.

Everyone should stretch him or her self when practicing in the home with no one in observance. Try to play at quicker tempos, put in those passing tones and quick eighth note runs, and play without the tab.

In a jam, the best strategy is to play in the manner that you know best, and not to try to experiment too much. Steve Seifert, a teacher who has guided our learning at many events, advises that one may simply play the first note of each measure and fit right in to any jam. If you need the tab, then no one is going to dis you for that. Steve goes on to say that within a short time, you will be playing the first and third note of each measure – in a measure of four quarter notes, or the first

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and fifth note of each measure in a measure of eight quarter notes. With this level of expertise, you will sound great at a jam.

Just get into a certain mindset before you arrive at a jam. Tell yourself that you will play only what you know. It is tempting to try to play outside of your skill set at a jam and you may surprise yourself with a spurt of spontaneous runs that you did not know were within you. Many times, the experiment can go awry and leave you with a feeling of failure that can curb your desire to go to future meetings.

Be patient with yourself. By playing well and within the level of comfort that you have brought to the jam after hours of practice at home, you will obtain a sense of self confidence that will form the basis of your emerging musical spirit and give birth to years of enjoyment sharing music at jams.

One piece of advice is to practice at home as if you are part of a jam. Have a mental image of yourself at a jam. Find recordings of tunes at a tempo that you are comfortable with to play along with. Some software, like Band-in-a-Box, allows the learner to slow the tune down to a comfortable speed and to transpose any tune into the key of D, or G to fit the tuning of the dulcimer. Listening to old-time tunes on an abc file player, like ABCExplorer can also help you to get a gut knowledge of the tune. To get started with it, read "The ABC quick start guide" at the club website - ngfda.com.

You should listen to a tune so many times that you drive everyone crazy all day at the workplace or at the grocery store with your mindless whistling or humming of it. This will make you grow to love the melody and deepen your intuitive idea of the harmonies that fit with it.

When playing a tune, try to play the tune without tab. After you have the muscle memory ingrained in your hands to reach for each note, you will find the other fingers stretching out to find those harmony notes that cause the melody to melt men's hearts and bring tears to the eyes of women. The spirit of the old-time jam is to cooperate to make something more than the sum of the parts. Make it your goal to be a welcome part of a jam circle.

Spotlight on Satellites

Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players

As the fall season arrives, the Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players has added three new members who range from beginner to intermediate. Some of the group members are helping beginners to get started on an individual basis and the newcomers are encouraged to simplify the pieces until they are able to play more of the chords.

A lot of interaction has been taking place with the clients at the three senior centers that the group members visit each month and the members leave with a great sense of satisfaction. Whenever there is a special practice scheduled, a dinner out or a potluck is often scheduled afterwards so the husbands and wives can join in the fun.

On October 6 the group will play on the stage during the Lake Toxaway Community Center weekly dinner which is followed by the blue grass/country music jam. It will be the first time the group will be amplified and on a stage so it should be interesting. Will give a report on how it went next month!

Yonah Pickers

This month the Yonah Pickers moved to their new location for the 2nd and 4th Sunday meetings. The Presbyterian Church in Helen welcomed them with open arms and the YP membership turnout was delightful. The beginners group also meets twice a month and is going great. The members of Yonah Pickers truly enjoy playing together and for the elders at various senior centers and nursing homes. On one recent visit, the administration of the facility had fresh baked cookies made for the group! Yummy.

In addition to these regularly scheduled performances in senior centers and nursing homes,

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Yonah Pickers

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members enjoyed an afternoon of performances at Travelers Rest for the Folk life Days celebration. This included the opportunity for several children to experience playing the mountain dulcimer and several other instruments to their delight and that of the parents and the group! As a group, they have celebrated member birthdays and bid farewell to the "Florida contingent" until next summer. As fall approaches, the group looks forward to holiday performances and the good fellowship that is shared by this warm and welcoming group. As always, they welcome you to drop in if you are in the area. For more information: bswhitmire@ windstream.net

Frettin' On Faith

This summer has found the Frettin' On Faith group busy. In June the group did the annual barn gathering at the Benton's farm with our Scottish friend, Alex Abbott, and his wife, Maureen. July found the Fretter's playing for the Ringgold ladies' brunch on the 29th to a very receptive crowd. August came with a lot of practice anticipating the Celtic event in September. As September came in, the group played to a packed tent at the 10th annual Appalachian Celtic Festival in Ringgold, Georgia on the 2nd. Weather cooperated better this year; however, a little shower came and "forced" some into the tent to listen and who actually enjoyed it! On the September 18 the Fretters played at the Senior Expo at the Walker County Expo Center just north of LaFayette, Georgia. The folks there really enjoyed the music and many were interested in this wonder instrument we call the DULCIMER!!! As we say here in Ringgold . . . "keep on frettin'. http://www. frettinonfaith.com/

Towaliga Toe Tappers:

The Towaliga Toe Tappers have seen a great deal of jamming, entertaining, and mentoring over the past seven years. The group has made the decision to pass the torch on to other nearby local groups who are motivated and driven to carry the legacy of the dulcimer to others. It has been a great seven years and very much has served its purpose. The Dixieland Dulcimers in Griffin are going strong and are in existence because the TTT's introduced the instrument to them.

The Middle Georgia group continues to grow and stay very active in the dulcimer community.

A big THANK YOU is in order to all of those TTT's who have made this group so special. The decision was also made that the TTT's would have an annual reunion for all of those who want to come for a great time of food, fellowship, and jamming. When this reunion is scheduled, the information will be provided via the newsletter, e-mails, etc.

Blessings to all and keep on strumming!!

Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club met at The Young America School of Music for the regular monthly meeting Saturday, September 8. Everyone enjoyed lesson time learning some new music and later participated in an open jam time. The club had several first time players attend.

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club will meet for its monthly gathering on Saturday, October 13, at The Young America School of Music from 1:00-4:00. The Club has changed its meeting date from the first Saturday of the month to the second Saturday of each month. The first hour is designated for mountain dulcimer class – all levels are welcome. After lesson time, the group will have an "any instrument welcome" jam session that will contain practice for the Mossy Creek music set as well as fun playing for the rest of the meeting time. Everyone is welcome to come and play with the club on second Saturday at Young America Music School.

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club also extends a welcome to all NGFDA members who would like to come and play with the group under the tent at the Fall Mossy Creek Barnyard Festival on October 20 – 21. All instruments all welcome to jam with the club from 10:00-5:00 daily and enjoy a day of fun at this major arts and crafts festival held twice a year at the Mossy Creek Barnyard located at 315 Lake Joy Road, Perry, Georgia.

Gwinnoters

Approaching a celebratory 20-year milestone of bringing people together to play dulcimer in Gwinnett County, 'Gwinnoters' is distinguished as one of the longest running playing groups within NGFDA. The founding members have since moved on and the group has successfully evolved through various life cycles, continuing as the mainstay local resource for our heritage instrument. Following a few months of collaboration, the new leadership team implemented changes beginning with the September meeting including a new meeting location, date, time and an updated format. We are renewed in our efforts to carry on the legacy.

Meeting dates have changed to 3rd Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; come for whatever portion you can. Meeting location has changed to the historic Fairview Presbyterian Church, two miles west of downtown Lawrenceville and one block off of GA 316 at Hwy. 120 exit. There is space for breakaway groups as needed, ample parking and all buildings are fully accessible. Thanks to David Roth, a Gwinnoter website is being developed to allow members to check for current information. The October 21 meeting will again be in the Education Building that faces the parking lot.

Meeting format includes both unstructured and structured playing time for all skill levels, support for new and beginning players, tune swapping and

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instructional components. The more advanced players help newer players learn how the tunes go and afford the opportunity to hear them played with embellishments and at their standard tempo. There is a full range of playing levels at our meetings to be enjoyed.

Alphafretters

The Alphafretters have resumed meeting, with long time NGFDA member Julia Bagley stepping up to serve as Satellite leader. The long standing "Simple Gifts" continues as an independent performing group. The Alphafretters' meeting location continues to be at the Alpharetta Adult Activity Center, 13450 Cogburn Road, Alpharetta, Georgia. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Saturdays—10:00am to 12 noon. Additional meetings can be arranged on most Thursdays 10:00am-12noon. ALL levels of playing are welcome; just bring your love the music and willingness to play and share with others. Everyone can make a contribution. There will be particular focus on support for beginners. So bring your dulcimers, and all will have FUN learning and playing together! Contact Julia at 404-502-9076 for questions or to schedule extra support on Thursdays.

Hilltop Strummers

The Hilltop Strummers have resumed their weekly practice schedule after taking a more casual approach this summer. The club did, however, remain active with the community outreach activities.

They club accepted the offer to perform a program in McCormick, North Carolina for a church operated children's home fund raiser in mid-August, and this was an outstanding success, raising over $3,000.00 for the home! Some of the players from the Garden City Strummers also participated and rounded out the program with some of their club play list songs

The Ensemble Group performed at an 8:30 service for the Canton United Methodist Church and introduced the addition of a psaltery, a hammered dulcimer and a guitar along with the lap dulcimers. This group is becoming a regular part of the music program for the "host" church.

The club is scheduled to perform at a luncheon meeting for the Sixes United Methodist Church Seniors' group in October and hope this will stimulate interest in what the NGFDA satellite club has to offer those having that "inner desire" to make music. This performance is scheduled the day before many club members attend the annual NGFDA festival in Helen. Members are excited about the variety of class offerings available this year, and hope to challenge themselves and expand their skills.

The club is planning a jam and outing at a member's beautiful log cabin in the Murphy area on September 29 and anticipate a wonderful day in the mountains combining fellowship, hiking, dulcimer playing, and a good BBQ meal.

The club has four "new" members; however, they are losing one member who is moving to Ringgold, Georgia. She'll be a welcome member to the Ringgold or Dalton club!

The hammered dulcimer section of the club, which meets on Thursdays, has made tremendous progress and will perform for the full satellite circle in early October, to build their performance confidence and to encourage anybody having interest in this instrument.

Members are looking forward to again seeing their dulcimer playing friends in Helen and to some great time learning and jamming!

Changes In Notification And Publication of The Monthly Newsletter.

The board of NGFDA voted at its last meeting in August to begin offering the newsletter only by mail and via the newsletter link at the club website www.ngfda.com beginning in January 2013.

NGFDA is announcing this in this month's newsletter and in subsequent newsletters to alert the members of the change. Please spread the word. The newsletters will no longer be found at the Yahoo groups site each month. Members should log into the club website to read the newsletter and to print it out. It is usually found on the website during the last week of each month. Members who have elected to get a mailed copy of the newsletter will continue to receive it.

This change will also be announced this change at Fall Festival.

This will not change any other feature offered by the Yahoo group. Please continue to support it.

Upcoming Events

November 9-11, 2012

2012 Smoky Mountain Dulcimer Retreat in Townsend, Tennessee. Information and registration forms for the 2012 Smoky Mountain Dulcimer Retreat are available at the Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club web site, www.knoxvilledulcimers.org

Saturday instructors include: Lap Dulcimer: Joe Collins, Dave Haas, Larry Conger; Hammered Dulcimer: Martha Richard, Dee Dee Tibbets, Anne Lough; Guitar: Butch Ross; Jam Leader: Jim Miller.

Cost of the retreat will be $85.00 for members and $95.00 for non-members. This price includes Friday night's Sharing Circle, Saturday Workshops with all printed handouts, all jams, Saturday Instructor Concert and the Sunday Morning Hymn Sing.

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A Non-Participant fee of $35 will be charged for people who are not taking workshops. This price includes the Friday Night Sharing Circle, the Saturday night concert, the Sunday morning Hymn Sing and all jams.

Some elective mini-courses will be available on Friday afternoon for those arriving in Townsend early. These workshops are not included in your retreat registration and payment for them will be made to the instructor at the time of the class, with the exception of the lyre building class which requires a prepaid non-refundable deposit. These classes include: Beginning Ukulele, Show Off, Lyre Building, Shape Note Singing and Bass Dulcimer.

New Venue: Everything, with the exception of the Hymn Sing, will be at the Townsend Church of God. Plenty of parking, handicap accessible, wireless network, meals available for purchase (sign up/pay when registering), and just minutes from Wood-N-Strings Dulcimer Shop.

Further information including mini classes, beginning lap dulcimer lessons and lodging information is available on the Knoxville Area dulcimer Club website: www.knoxville dulcimers.org.

If you have any questions, contact Deby Libby at debylibby@charter.net or leave a message on her cell phone at 865-406-6075.

January 24-27, 2013
January 31-February 3, 2013
February 4, 2013

By Bing Futch

Winter in Florida is going to be sizzling in 2013 as we present two radically different events in the Sunshine State:

The first will be our fourth annual Key West shindig, now known as the Key West Dulcimer Gathering. January 24-27, 2013 in Key West, Florida. Butch Ross and I will be presenting mountain dulcimer and ukulele workshops, private lessons and a concert at Casa Cabanas, which was the site of our outing earlier this year with Robert Force and Scott Snyder. No registration fee! The workshops and lessons are pay as you go and we'll once again be sightseeing and enjoying an authentic Cuban cookout at the casa. It'll be laid-back as it can get, for that's the tropical island style! For more information, visit our website at 16http://keywestdulcimergathering.blogspot.com and our Facebook event page at 2http://www.facebook.com/events/357482027659353/

Then, the following weekend, January 31- February 3, 2013, I'll be joined by Guy and Sharrie George for the first annual Florida Gulf Coast Dulcimer Retreat in Homosassa Springs, Florida, presented by Folkcraft Instruments. $99 registration includes all 26 workshops and Saturday night concert with the focus on mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, Native American flute, penny whistle, ukulele, steel drum and guitar. The site for all of this will be the Homosassa Riverside Resort where we have a discounted block of rooms. This will showcase the old Florida river style, with plenty of opportunity for boating, fishing, scalloping and swimming with manatees. For more information, visit 20http://floridagulfcoastdulcimerretreat.blogspot.com/ and our Facebook event page at 2http://www.facebook.com/events/143776002427014/

On February 4, Guy, Sharrie and I will be leading a RV caravan to the Ft. Wilderness Resort at Walt Disney World for yet MORE musical fun as we camp out on the shores of Bay Lake, jam, hang-out and enjoy all of the fun that a stay at The MAGIC KINGDOM has to offer.

February 8-9, 2013

Central Florida Dulcimer and Autohop© Festival in Mount Dora, Florida. Mountain Dulcimer Instructors: Janita Baker, Doug Felt, Robert Force, Jeff Furman, Tull Glazener, George Haggerty, Marsha Harris, Lorinda Jones, Karen Mueller, Gary Sager, Susan Trump. Hammered Dulcimer Instructors: Ray Belanger, Kathie Hollandsworth, Ken Kolodner, Jody Marshall, Carolee Stewart. Autoharp Instructors: Cheryl Belanger, Karen Daniels, John Hollandsworth, Karen Mueller. Bowed Psaltery: Jon Williams. Ukulele: Sharrie George, Rick Thum. Steel Drum: Guy George. Tin Whistle: Greta Gillmeister.

Cost: $85.00. Catered meals and rental instruments available.

Festival location: Round Lake Christian Church, 31205 Round Lake Road, Mount Dora, Florida.

Lodging available at Comfort Inn, Eustis, FL 352-742-8022. $77.99 (king bed); $82.99 (two queen beds) per night plus tax. Request Dulcimer Festival Rate. Other motels in area.

Self-contained RV's will be allowed to park overnight on Round Lake Christian Church property during the festival. RV Registration Contract is required with a fee payable to the church (pets must be leashed at all times). Download Church RV Registration form from www.fldulcimer.com or email Ruth Harnden at dulcirah@embarqmail.com. Other camping available nearby.

Register early as attendance will be limited to 200 people.

For registration packet, contact Ruth Harnden at 352-735-4907, dulcirah@embarqmail.com or www.fldulcimer.com.

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.

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CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT UPON REQUEST AND RECEIPT OF PREPAYMENT.

SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
AlphaFretters	Alpharetta, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Saturdays	10:00- 12:00	Alpharetta Adult Activity Center 13450 Cogburn Road	Julia Bagley 404-502-9076 Dulcigal42@att.net
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@optilink.us Website: www.tiptopwebsite.com/frettin
Gainesville Strummers	Gainesville, GA	Weekly – Thurs.	1:00- 3:00	First Baptist Church Room 208, 751 Green Street, N.W.	Bob Weaver 770-540-5278 bobweaver6@gmail.com.
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, 3rd Sun.	1:30- 4:30	Fairview Presbyterian Church Education Building	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, 2nd Sat.	1:00 Lesson 2:00- 4:00 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. Beginners All Levels	 1:30- 2:30 2:30- 3:30	Towne View Baptist Church Modular Bldg. C 1115 Shiloh Road	Peggy Martin 678-478-2456 martin.pb@comcast.net www.allatooners.org Satellite Scribe: Diana (DeeDee) Nash muffyqnash@yahoo.com
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
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, GA Cornelia, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Sun. BiMonthly Practice 1st & 3rd Mon. Bimonthly-Beginners 1st & 3rd Sat.	2:00- 4:00 3:00- 5:00 3:00- 5:00	Helen Presbyterian Church 8895 N. Main St.	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 lynnmccollum@windstream.net Email lynnmccollum@windstream.net for details.

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