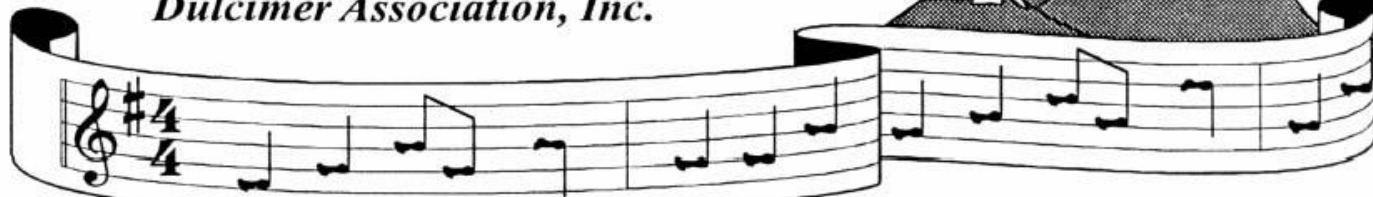


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WE'RE BACK!!



What: Dog Days of Summer Mini Festival

When: Evening of Friday, August 25 - Saturday, August 26 (exact times TBD)

Where: First Baptist Church of Dalton, GA 311 N Thornton Ave, Dalton, GA 30720.

How much: \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members The registration fee includes Friday concert, Saturday morning classes, morning and afternoon snacks and a catered lunch.

Who: Instructors – Jeff Furman and Stephen Seifert

We're going old school – Please see the attached registration form on pages 6 and 7 and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, contact Mike Vandemark at ngfdaclub@gmail.com.

Note: We need a minimum of 50 people to register for the festival to take place.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 2023 NGFDA *Virtual* Fall Festival will be from November 16th to the 18th. In addition to concerts each night, there will be approximately 270 classes at cover instruction on Mountain Dulcimer (Standard, Baritone, Bass, Chromatic and 4 Equidistant), Hammered Dulcimer, Penny Whistle, Clogging, Ukelele, Native American Flute, Autoharp, Bowed Psaltry, Guitar, Banjo Dulcimer, Harmonica, Harp, and Bodhran.

We have 35 confirmed instructors as follows:

Aubrey	Atwater	Guy	George	Parry	McCollom
Geoff	Black	Sharrie	George	Karen	Mueller
Pam	Bowman	Duncan	Gibbs	Heidi	Muller
Sue	Carpenter	Tull	Glazner	Lil Rev	
Joe	Collins	Dana	Gruber	Butch	Ross
Jessica	Comeau	Dave	Haas	Bill	Schilling
Elaine	Conger	Cristian	Huet	Wendy	Songe
Larry	Conger	Lorinda	Jones	Dusty	Thorburn
Carol	Crocker	Thomasina	Levy	Susan	Trump
Sam	Edelston	Anne	Lough	Carol	Walker
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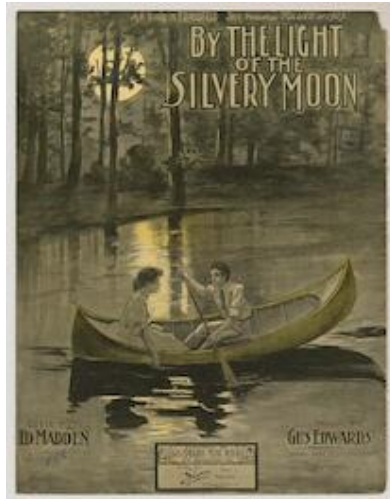
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All other newsletter-related matters, including material intended for publication, should be directed to **Jan Stone** at the email address listed in the above column. The deadline for publication submissions for the October issue is **September 23, 2023, 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 is a well-known vaudeville tune, "By the Light of the Silvery Moon." The song was published in 1909 and first sung on stage in the Ziegfeld Follies around 1910. The tune is one of a series of songs from the Tin Pan Alley era.



Tin Pan Alley was the publishing center for the musical world from the late 1800s through the 1920s. As American cities grew, the transformation of music into a wholly American art form took place with the music of the Civil War era and ragtime.

The name "Tin Pan Alley" is attributed to a newspaper writer named Monroe Rosenfeld. While he was staying in New York, he coined the term to articulate the cacophony of dozens of pianos being pounded at once in publisher's demo rooms. He said it sounded like hundreds of people pounding on tin pans.

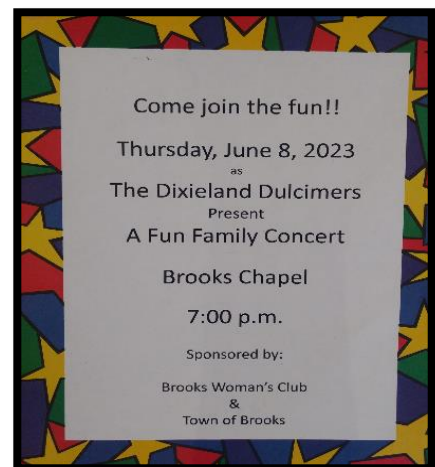


Enjoy this arrangement by Maureen Sellers as you sit by the light of the moon.

Speaking of which...did you know that Saturn will be close to the moon on July 7th. And then on July 11th, the Moon will be close to Jupiter, and you can see it with the unaided eye.

Dixieland Dulcimers

On June 8, 2023, the Dixieland Dulcimers played for the Brooks, GA Women's Club's 1st annual music event. This women's club has been an on-going enterprise for almost a century. It is remarkable that a group which relies on volunteers, can sustain itself for such a long time; especially since Brooks is a very small town with few citizens to draw on. The venue was a small church which dates



back to the 19th century and has been recently renovated. Our audience was about 50 very enthusiastic citizens who sang some of our songs, clapped to the beat of our music, and had us do an encore. A gig is always more fun when the audience is responsive. A good time was had by the audience as well as the Dixieland Dulcimers.

As for the near future, the Dixieland Dulcimers will be taking the summer off.



Two or More Dulcimer Club

Let's give a big "Welcome!" to the newest club on the NGFDA roster.

The club meets at the New Beginnings Church, 402 North Line Street, Dexter, Georgia each Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The group currently has six members and would love to have anyone who is interested in joining to come and check us out – other instruments are welcome too.

The club began after the group leader, Vicki Allen, gave a talk about the dulcimer at the Oconee Regional Library in Dublin, GA's summer attraction series. Several people who attended the talk asked if she would teach them to play the dulcimer. She told them if they wanted to get together, they could learn together. The group began meeting at the library, but after a year, the group moved to the church in Dexter which was situated more centrally to the members. They have been meeting for about 7 years.

If you need any more information, please call Vicki at 478.463.3369 or email her at vallendublin@hotmail.com.

Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club



Throughout the pandemic, the Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club has remained active and has continued to improve their musical education and skills through virtual meet-ups. The club still meets with some of its members twice a week on-line to enhance their music experience. They have also restarted their once-a-month in-person meetings at the Young America Music Schools in Macon. Virtual gatherings have allowed club members that have moved farther away to continue to play music with their beloved club. The club's members all agree though that playing music live with others is the ultimate way to enjoy their music.

Most of the members of the Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club don't reside near the meeting location in Macon, making it challenging to get together to play as a group for community events. The mighty Middle

Georgia club is up to those challenges though. The club enjoys performing at interpretive events at the Jarrell Plantation State Historic Site in Juliette. A couple of members offered music at the Frontier Days Festival at The Parks at Chehaw in Albany. Residents at the Carlyle Place assisted living center in Macon, where one of the club's members resides, have also enjoyed music provided by the club.

A couple of the Middle Georgia club members also provide dulcimer lessons elsewhere. NGFDA Treasurer, Barbara Stevens, a former leader of the Middle Georgia club, has since moved to Fort Myers, FL. She is currently seeking a dulcimer club to join there while continuing to meet with the Middle Georgia club on-line. She also continues to offer virtual lessons when requested.

Vicki Allen, a co-leader of the Middle Georgia club, offers dulcimer instruction with her group called **Two or More Dulcimer Club** that meets once a week in Dexter. Vicki also enjoys playing her dulcimer at events with the *Whitewater Longhunters*. The *Whitewater Longhunters* participate in pre-1840 encampments and rendezvous: setting up frontier camps, providing weapons demonstrations and other frontier crafts and skills to educate the public about that fascinating part of history. Where the *Whitewater Longhunters* are, you'll find historical music being performed. Vicki gets excited when she leaves to attend a *Whitewater Longhunters* rendezvous. She says, "I'm gone to play my dulcimer for four days!"



2023 Bluebirds & Bluegrass Festival

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, Dauset Trails Nature Center hosted its 20th annual Bluebirds and Bluegrass Festival on Saturday, April 23, combining music and enthusiasm for the outdoors. Each year during the free festival, the nonprofit nature center and animal sanctuary invites musical artists, vendors and other area nature centers and outdoor recreation groups for a celebration of spring.



Two dulcimer clubs, the **Dixieland Dulcimers** and the **Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club**, connected to provide music and educational information about the dulcimer at that event. Bringing clubs together has advantages. It exposes members to different types of music and instruments and teaches you new things. When groups join and playing styles differ, it expands your musical knowledge and raises your playing confidence level. When novice players play with more experienced musicians, they get motivated to become better musicians.



On the other side of the park, a member of the **LaGrange Troupers** participated in a living history demonstration, sharing the dulcimer top 40 from the 1860s and introducing the instrument to kids of all ages.

Legacy Interview – Frank Worley

The NGFDA is celebrating individuals who have impacted the dulcimer community; we want to share their stories. Do you have someone in your group that you would like to interview? Please email suggestions to the newsletter editor: ngfdafootnotes@gmail.com.



How did you get started playing the dulcimer?

I was at a fair in Gay, GA several years ago. There I purchased a mountain dulcimer after seeing Robert Mize playing one.

Is your family musical?

My father played marimba. My mother played Hawaiian steel guitar. My brother played guitar and my sister played the accordion. I accompanied them on harmonica and marimba. My musical family and I provided music for square dances on Saturday and played Sunday church music on the local radio station.

Do you play any other instruments?

Besides playing the mountain dulcimer, I play the harmonica and the marimba.

Do you read music or play by ear?

I read music and play by ear. I also enjoy playing fill-ins and embellishments.

How long have you been a member of the Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club?

I met the Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club over 20 years ago at the Mossy Creek Barnyard Festival in Centerville, GA and joined their club.

How long have you been a member of the Dixieland Dulcimers?

I started performing with the Dixieland Dulcimers years before I joined their group when I retired 5 years ago.

What is your favorite song?

How Great Thou Art is one of my several favorite songs.

Who would you like to play a duet with?

Most anyone.

Have you taught the dulcimer to others?

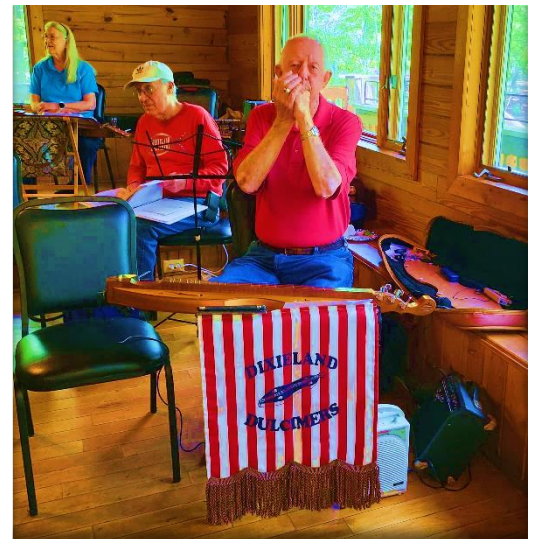
I have taught basic dulcimer playing skills to others, but I leave serious teaching to the experts.

What advice would you give to a beginning dulcimer player?

Practice and don't worry about mistakes.

What else do you do when you're not playing the dulcimer?

Boating, travel, listening to other music, and playing my harmonicas.



“Dog Days of Summer Mini Fest” Registration

August 25-26th

Send your checks and forms to the address below

**NGFDA-Dog Days Festival C/O Mike VanDemark
6208 Wade Street**

Leesburg, Florida 34748

Email questions to: ngfdaclub@gmail.com

All forms and payment must be received by August 21st (no exceptions)

Please print clearly

First Name **Last Name**

Email Address

Address

City

State **Zip Code**

Home Phone **Cell Phone**

Playing Level (check only one):

New player Beginner Novice Intermediate Advanced

Festival Fees: NGFDA Members \$25.00

Non NGFDA Member \$35.00

The church address where the workshops are being held is:

1st Baptist Church Dalton
311 N Thornton Ave, Dalton, GA 30720

Saturday Workshops will begin promptly at 9:00 am-12:30 and 1:30 to 4:30 pm with 1 hour lunch break.

A Mini Concert on Friday evening will start at 7:00 pm and there will be a free will offering taken for the use of Dalton 1st Baptist Church facilities.

Festival Fees include your morning snack, Box Lunch, and afternoon snack.

Do you require a vegetarian Box Lunch? Yes_____

Total amount remitted to NGFDA \$_____

By the Light of the Silvery Moon

Words by Edward Madden
Music by Gus Edwards

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Thank you to Maureen Sellers for allowing us to use her arrangement. Check out her website for more dulcimer tab – <http://www.maurensellers.com>. Maureen also sends her greetings to the NGFDA folks!

SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Not meeting at this time			
Bent Tree Strings	Jasper, GA	Weekly Thursdays	2:00-4:00	Club Tamarack Dining Room in Bent Tree. Bent Tree is 6 miles east of Jasper off Cove Road.	Marlin Ferrell 706.301.9395 Mferrell777@earthlink.net
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	Nancy Good 224.715.8619 Dave Graves 770-227-4890 drg636@gmail.com
Dusty Dulcimers	Danielsville, GA	Monthly – 2 nd and 4 th Mondays	1:00	Danielsville Public Library 1315 Hwy 98 Danielsville, GA 30633	Mark Stricklett email: mstricklett@windstream.net
Garden City Strummers	Evans, GA	Monthly – 2nd Monday	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.	11:00-1:00	First Baptist Church Room 235, 751 Green Street, NW, Gainesville GA 30501	Sandy Lesli goldcountryplayers@gmail.com
HAMMERED DULCIMER CONTACT					Julia McDermott 706-207-5685 HammerPlaying@aol.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	Martha Raby 770-893-3453 Mraby@tds.net
In Town Down Home	Atlanta, GA	Monthly, 3 rd Sat.	1:00	St. Luke's Lutheran Church 3264 Northside Parkway Atlanta, GA 30327	Rudine Davis H 404-250-0605; C 404-790-7179 davis@bellsouth.net
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 perrywilder@bellsouth.net
Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players	Brevard & vicinity, NC	Weekly Wednesdays	10:00-11:30	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.	1:00-2:00 Lesson 2:00-3:30 Jam	Young America School of Music 6361 Zebulon Road	Laurie Wilson 229-389-9611 Laurell.Wilson@hotmail.com Vicki Allen 478.463.3369 vallendublin@hotmail.com
Mountain Sounds	Murphy, NC	Bimonthly 2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays	1:00-3:00	Foster Flea Market 100 Blairsville Hwy (Hwy 129) Murphy, NC	Pam Johnson Mountain.Sounds@aol.com Facebook page: Mountain Sounds Dulcimer Club
Peach Pickers	Sharpsburg, GA	Weekly Wednesdays	3:00-5:00	Bridge Community Ctr 4 Center Drive, Fayetteville 225 Willowbend Rd Peachtree City, GA	Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 pohobson@gmail.com Wanda Dawkins 678-899-0453 hrwmdawk@yahoo.com
Peach Pickers INSTRUCTION	Bridge Community Ctr	Tuesdays	11:00		
Roman Sunshine	Rome, GA	Weekly, Monday	10:00	Charles Parker Senior Center Kingston Rd	Dee Russell 706-346-6318
Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMGIAFAD)	Centerville, GA	1 st & 3rd Thursdays	5:30pm	1 st United Methodist Church 600 N. Houston Lake Rd.	Elizabeth Garrett, 478-225-8071 elizabeth@comsouth.net Jean Noble, 478-971-1782 jeannoble@cox.net
Tugalo Valley Strummers	Toccoa, GA	2 nd & 4 th 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 Margotaylor808@gmail.com
Two or More Dulcimer Club	Dexter, GA	Weekly Wednesday	10a-12p	New Beginnings Church 402 North Line Street Dexter, GA 31019	Vicki Allen 478.463.3369 vallendublin@hotmail.com
Whistle Stop Pickers	East Alabama/ West Georgia (Auburn-Opelika area)	2 nd & 4 th Saturdays	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	Clarksville, GA	2 nd & 4 th Fridays.	2:00-4:00p	Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarksville	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 yonahpickers@yahoo.com Brenda Sue Whitmire Bswitmire@windstream.net

NGFDA sanctions these groups as satellites, but each one sets its own agenda, meeting place and procedures.

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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 \$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

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