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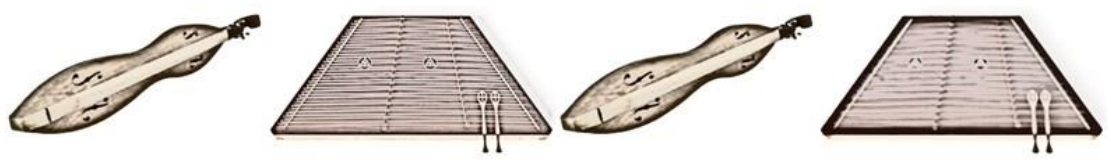
The Garden City Strummers of Augusta, GA really enjoyed the nice fall weather when they played at the Mule Day Festival in Washington, GA this October 8th. There was a pretty good group there and as always, they had a great time. The group always play two sets off the big porch of the plantation house.



Magnolia Plantation is a working Civil War era plantation and is a fascinating place to visit if you are ever in the Washington.

Dixieland Dulcimers

The Dixieland Dulcimers are getting back into its accustomed routine. The group has a few gigs on the schedule and are into a regular pattern of practice. The new leader (Nancy Good) has shown herself to be good at her new role and she has earned the respect of everyone in our group. Many thanks to Nancy.



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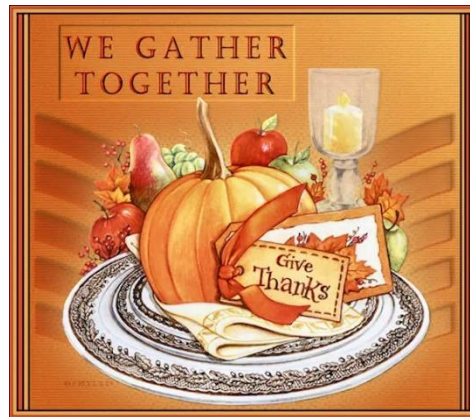
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About the Tablature...

This month's tablature is an old folk song turned popular hymn, "We Gather Together."



"We Gather Together" was originally a Dutch patriotic folk song but is now sung as a Thanksgiving hymn around the world. Its lyrics celebrate the fellowship of gathering together and remembering our many blessings.

This secular song became a Christian hymn in January of 1597, when Dutch Protestants defeated their Spanish oppressors at the Battle of Turnhout.

For decades, the Spaniards had occupied various cities in the Low Countries. Under the rule of Spain's King Philip II, Roman Catholic religion was enforced as law. Dutch Protestants were forbidden to practice the worship of the Reformation, sometimes even to the pain of death. On other occasions they were driven wholesale out of their cities. In the Battle of Turnhout, Prince Maurice of Orange defeated the Spanish occupiers of a town in what is now the Netherlands. It appears that Dutch Protestants celebrated the victory by borrowing a familiar folk melody and giving it new words.

So how did this Dutch patriotic song get from a Dutch songbook to the American hymnbook? Although the song didn't come to America with the Pilgrims, it probably came soon afterwards, with the Dutch settlers of the 1620's. According to the Hymn Society in the United States and

Canada, which maintains a database of popular hymns, "We Gather Together" first appeared in an American hymnal in 1903. Over the next three decades it appeared in an assortment of hymnals and in school songbooks.

One of the reasons "We Gather Together" has remained a favorite Thanksgiving hymn is because it is honest about the struggles of life. The traditions may be different, but the underlying sentiment of all these holidays is the same: it's a chance to spend time with friends and family and reflect on what's most important in life.

There are quite a few countries that celebrate their own version of Thanksgiving. Some of the festivities commemorate colonial migrations to the Americas and others celebrate the start of a new lunar cycle to welcome in the harvest season. Here's a list of some of them:

Norfolk Island, Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Grenada, Israel, Liberia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, South Korea, Germany, Japan, and the United Kingdom.

Question: What did the balloons take the place of when introduced in the 1928 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade? Answer: Live Zoo animals.



Find more Thanksgiving Trivia Questions at: https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holiday/s/thanksgiving-ideas/a35457/thanksgiving-trivia/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=pc&utm_campaign=arb_ga_ghk_d_bm_prog_org_usx_a35457&gclid=CjwKCAjwzNOaBhAcEiwAD7Tb6Lcm0iXxeRPVwPZN4QwK9OwBIDLcQ2XzchWBO8RqEgGUIGDvGBpYVhoC3sAQAvD_BwE

LaGrange Troupers

On the beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon of October 9, 2022, the Dulcimer Troupers performed beneath the canopy of the pecan grove at Stories in the Garden on Hills and Dales Estate in LaGrange, GA. They were followed by award-winning songwriter and storyteller, Michael Reno Harrell and local storyteller, Pepper Hagebak. The event is sponsored annually by The Azalea Storytelling Festival and Hills and Dales Estate. The estate includes the home, completed in 1916, that was built for textile magnate Fuller E. Callaway. The property also includes the pre-Civil War Ferrell Gardens started by Nancy Ferrell in 1832 and expanded by her daughter Sarah Coleman Ferrell beginning in 1841.



Tugalo Valley Strummers



The Tugalo Valley Strummers were overjoyed to once again be part of the Pioneer Days at Travelers Rest. Travelers Rest is an historic site just outside of Toccoa, Georgia. The Strummers performed a wide range of dulcimer music including fiddle tunes, waltzes, and other old-time favorites. As always, the group was well-received and appreciated. The Tugalo Valley Strummers are looking forward to breaking out the Christmas repertoire for Christmas at Travelers Rest on December 10th.



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We Gather Together (A Prayer of Thanksgiving)

Dutch Hymn - 1597

TablEdited by Burt I Kahn

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a treble clef staff and a guitar tablature staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system (measures 1-5) features chords D, Em, and D. The second system (measures 6-10) features chords Bm, G, A, and D. The third system (measures 11-15) features chords Bm, A, G, and D, with the word "Melody" written above the staff. The fourth system (measures 16-17) features chords G, Em, and D. The tablature includes fret numbers (0-5) and techniques such as bends (marked with '+') and slurs.

Tablature and Arrangement by Burt I. Kahn

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Bent Tree Strings	Jasper, GA	Monthly, 4 th 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 sallylong@tds.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 – 1 st and 3 rd Mondays	1:00	Danielsville Public Library 1315 Hwy 98 Danielsville, GA 30633	Marty Philips 678-863-7191 Mark Stricklett email: mstricklett@windstream.net
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 pogosbill@aol.com
Gold Country Players	Gainesville, GA	Weekly – Thurs. Main Session Basic Session	2:00-4:00 4:15-5:00	First Baptist Church Room 235, 751 Green Street, 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 davises@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 perrylwilder@bellsouth.net
Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players	Brevard & vicinity, NC	Weekly, Tues. 1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	11:30 9:30-11:00	Beginning classes 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	Barbara Stevens 478-457-6539 gbs468@aol.com Laurie Wilson 229-389-9611 Laurell.Wilson@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 MountainSounds@aol.com 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 pohobson@gmail.com Wanda Dawkins 678-899-0453 hrwmdawk@yahoo.com 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 Jtbljb@bellsouth.net
Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMGIAFAD)	Centerville, GA	1 st & 3 rd 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
Whistle Stop Pickers	East Alabama/ West Georgia (Auburn-Opelika area)	Weekly, Sat.	1:00-3:00	Lee County Historical Society Museum 6500 Stage Road (Hwy 14) Loachapoka, AL	Allen & Deborah McCord 334-821-1301 334-703-3646 (cell) mccord0304@gmail.com
Yonah Pickers	Clarkesville, GA	2 nd & 4 th Fridays.	2:00-4:00p	Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 yonahpickers@yahoo.com Brenda Sue Whitmire Bswitmire@windstream.net

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