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Fall Festival Update

The Fall Festival is fast approaching, and your registration packets will be sent the last week of August. Please pay close attention to the deadline for registration. The deadline date to register for the festival and workshops is **OCTOBER 1st.** **Don't wait until the last minute. Please be sure to complete and return your registration form along with payment as soon as you can so that you won't miss out on this great annual festival.**

The last few years have been extremely crowded, and for that reason only NGFDA members can be accepted as participants, and a strict cutoff at 300 registrants will be maintained. A wait-list will be kept for any NGFDA member who we are unable to accommodate but cannot guarantee participation if cancellations do not occur. There will be no walk-in registration at Unicoi. **Everything** is through pre-registration.

Upcoming Events

August 14-16, 2009

Eighteenth Annual August Dulcimer Daze at the Mountaineer Inn in West Dover, Vermont. Instructors include: Dallas Cline, George Haggerty, Lori Keddell, Sandy LaFleur, Bonnie Leigh, Marsha Harris, and more. Open Stage, Workshops, Mini-Concerts, Sales Booth, Jamming, Dulcimer Rentals, Food. Sponsored by Folk Craft Music (George Haggerty, Director) and the Living History Association, Wilmington, VT. For further information, visit www.augustdulcimerdaze.com or email George Haggerty at swewater@sover.net.

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Where Is Peggy Martin And What Is She Doing? It's Full Circle!

by President David Hobson

NOTE: This is one in an occasional series of interviews with NGFDA members.

Peggy Martin laughs a lot. That may help to explain why she has held many offices and performed many jobs for the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association – she's fun to be around. But that's not the complete answer. She reads people well and understands what kinds of roles they might be good at. But that's not the

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Membership News

by Georgette Willix

We're pleased to welcome the following new members to our musical community:

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About the Tablature . . .

Member Barry Malac from Blairsville, Georgia answered my plea for tablature and very generously sent three to publish. Barry says:

"I was born in Vienna, Austria and grew up in former Czechoslovakia. As a young boy, and later as a teen, I used to sing and play on the guitar many of the beautiful Czech, Moravian, and Slovak folk songs and ballads. These songs have become a part of me. After my forced exit from communist Czechoslovakia after World War II, I came to America.

"It was here where I first heard the haunting and mellow sound of a dulcimer. It was love at first sight, or first hearing to be precise. I built a couple of instruments and learned how to play. I am a happy and contented member of the Mountain Sounds ensemble in Blairsville, and a long-time member of NGFDA,

"For some time now I wanted to write the dulcimer tabs for some of those songs that I learned in my former homeland. Finally I have managed to assemble about 40 tabs of Czech, Moravian and Slovak folksongs.

"I am aware that the demand for such ethnic songs is somewhat limited; but, I feel the melodies alone, even without words, are quite beautiful and musically rich. Many of these simple melodic lines have been included by great composers (e.g., Dvorak, Smetana) in symphonic poems, operas and concertos. Many of these songs are over a couple of hundred years old and can easily be categorized as ballads"

"Good Night My Dear" is a song young people would sing at the end of a get-together or a party. Usually the boys would escort the girls home and would sing the song as they take them home.

GOOD NIGHT, MY DEAR

A B B

Slovak Folksong
Slowly
Words by Anita Smisek

2. Good-night, beloved, good night, good night!
God keep you safe in His watchful sight.
Good-night dear, dream of me
And may your dreams ever pleasant be.

TAB by Barry Malac and TablEdited by Barbara Joe

21st Annual NGFDA Fall Festival Details

Please join the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association membership and faculty for a three and a half day festival of learning, playing, performing, kinship and listening entertainment focused on the Mountain Dulcimer, Hammered Dulcimer and Autoharp; it's all happening in an energetic and supportive atmosphere at the Unicoi State Park & Lodge Complex.

MEMBERSHIP

The Fall Festival at Unicoi is an NGFDA function and therefore offered to membership. Because our Association is large and we "fit" Unicoi, there is no advertising outside our membership other than by word of mouth. Please help interested folks understand that NGFDA membership is necessary in order to receive the monthly *Foothills Footnotes* newsletter, the Unicoi lodging reservation form, and the Fall Festival Registration and Confirmation packets. That $20 single membership and $30 family membership is well worth the assurance that we receive timely information about the Fall Festival and other NGFDA events.

Persons interested in joining NGFDA can print the membership application form from this www.ngfda.org site and mail it in, or, the NGFDA Membership Form on the back of the newsletter can be passed on to interested folks.

COST FOR REGISTRATION

Member Registration by **October 1st**..... $95.00
Saturday Only Registration by **October 1st**..... $50.00
Children's Workshop Ages 6-11 (All Day Saturday Fee) $40.00

Information to Help You Plan

- Workshops, vending and structured activities will be offered Thursday (mid-morning) through Sunday noon.
- Evening concerts will be offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday limited to two hours in length starting at 7:30 pm and ending at 9:30 pm with a short intermission.
- More time for organized and unorganized JAMMING ☺ during the days for those of you that don't like to stay up with the late folks. Open stage mini concerts will be offered Friday and Saturday rather than on Saturday after the workshops.
- JAM sessions will be planned for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon. Additional jamming as-you-like-it.
- Young Player's workshops will be offered on Saturday; ages 6-11 (older children will attend regular workshops with adults based on their level of playing)
- Unicoi continues to make our dining experience go smoother in their restaurant by offering pay-as-you-enter method. Pay before you eat and then you won't have to wait in long lines after you eat. In addition, meal tickets will once again be sold in advance at a discounted rate.

2008 TIMELINE to FALL FESTIVAL

- June & August Newsletters
  Festival notes & Unicoi (discount) Lodge Room Reservation form distribution
- August 4th week
  Festival Registration packet mailed to NGFDA Membership; includes faculty announcements, General Festival Schedule and workshop information and workshop registration signup. You will be asked to register for each workshop you wish to take. This will prevent us from having to move workshops from a smaller room to a larger room at the last minute. It also gives the instructor a better idea of how many handouts to prepare for their workshops. *It is imperative that you return your registration by the October 1st deadline. We will no longer have on-site registration at Unicoi.*
- August/September/ October 1st DEADLINE

Members return completed registration form and receive Festival Confirmation Packet mailing (including festival workshop schedules and descriptions along with ensemble tablature for Sunday Morning Gathering).

- November 19th, 20th, 21st

Pick up Final Festival Program, detailed schedule with workshop locations and other info provided on-site at the registration check-in desk. **NO LATE OR ON-SITE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AT UNICOI DURING THE FESTIVAL**.

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Where is Peggy Martin

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complete answer either. She is thorough and carries through on her plans. Now retired, Peggy has volunteered for many organizations such as the Bartow County Board of Health and it's that thoroughness that helps. Even with that, it still doesn't make for a complete answer. She loves music and she loves NGFDA's goal of helping mountain dulcimer players and those who play complementary instruments to enjoy their music and to learn more.

Martin's Involvement with Music

Love of music comes naturally. Peggy began playing the ukulele and guitar when she was a youth. "Yes, I played the uke," she said. "Back in the early sixties, just on the cusp between the beatniks and the hippies. I was in college in nursing school in '63."

Hootenannies? Did you take part in hootenannies? Were you part of the folk music movement?

"Yes, I was," she laughed. "I was in a folkie band called "Checkerboard Square" in high school."

Somewhere along the way you picked up the standup bass. How did you do that?

"I just wanted to learn; and I did. That and the mandolin. I eventually gave the mandolin to my son-in-law. He plays it now." When asked what else she plays, she said, "The bowed bass, the cello, the bowed dulcimer, and the fiddle. And the dulcimer and the dulcimette." Right now she's traveling around to bowed dulcimer events, playing this instrument she calls a crossbreed between a viola da gamba and an upright teardrop dulcimer. She has found playing her chromatic bowed dulcimers with their three strings similar to playing the bowed bass. She keeps on learning.

It seems as if she has never stopped playing in groups, either. After taking dulcimer lessons from Less Scott, she first played with a band called "Flirting with Grace" that Les helped organized. She then played with Gwen Caeli as a duet for four years. And after that with Lynne Smith as "Whisperwood" for about four years. For six or seven years she played with John and Laurie Simpson in a band called "Haggis and Hominy." Now she plays in an ensemble that's an offshoot of the Allatooners. She also plays with a group in Washington, D.C., performing for children's groups, flying north for that group's engagements.

Martin's Roles in NGFDA

Peggy has a long History with NGFDA. In 1988 she joined NGFDA. She chuckled, "Back then we kept records on scraps of paper." She became membership director in '91, and starting in '95 served as president for eight years. She's also led the Red Top Low Country Boil and the Peach Jam. She helped write the NGFDA bylaws. Many NGFDA members certainly remember her as director of the Fall Festival, which she did for eight years, alone with being co-director one year.

She talks excitedly about the satellite groups. She played a role in starting the first two satellites, the In Town Down Home group and the Allatooners. For a number of years the Allatooners met in her home on Lake Allatoona until they outgrew her house and moved elsewhere. Now she's come full circle with a new position in NGFDA.

Liaison to Satellites

When the NGFDA board decided to add a liaison to satellite groups and the membership approved the position, Peggy Martin took on that responsibility. She said, "Even though many of our members don't belong to satellite groups and a solid minority live out of state, we need to attend to one of the three important roots of the association: our satellites, the newsletter, and the website are the backbone of our organization. I do have a commitment to not dilute the strength and quality of NGFDA by assuming that all satellites will go on with no maintenance or help from the board. So I'm working toward satellites being healthy for the sake of our membership and potential membership.

"I'm reviewing how satellites support our members and provide chances for them to play. We're going to have a meeting of satellite members at the Fall Festival this year. I want to do what I can to make sure dulcimer playing is both fun and involving. I'm visiting all the satellites, playing dulcimer with all of them before Fall Festival, and talking about how things are going."

So it's full circle for Peggy. There is some gray hair now, but no less energy, laughter, discernment, organization, and love of music.

Membership Report

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. . . and apologies to new member **Janice Edens**, whose first name was listed incorrectly in the June membership report.

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***UNICOI LODGING* INFORMATION**

This is the way it works: Unicoi provides NGFDA with a ***Unicoi Room Reservation Form*** which is distributed through the NGFDA newsletter in the spring and summer months. Members are asked to snail-mail or FAX their reservations directly to Unicoi before the stated Unicoi cut-off on **October 18** (when available rooms are released to first come callers.)

- When calling Unicoi to make your reservation you must provide them with the NGFDA Event #03392. This way you will not be told that there is no space available for those dates. This is because we have all rooms blocked for the Festival in advance (until October 1 when any left are released to first come callers). If you did not identify yourself as part of the NGFDA Event #03392 you will be told by Unicoi that there are no more rooms available. It DOES work well – automatically - when you FAX or Mail in the Unicoi Room Reservation Form to Unicoi, your room request is automatically assigned and you receive confirmation. Unicoi will notify you if no rooms are available. You can also call 1-706-878-2201 to make your reservation over the telephone.

ADDITIONAL LODGING

Contact the Helen, GA Welcome Center at 1-706-878-2181 or find White County Convention and Business Bureau Visitor Information at www.helenga.org/visitorinformation for rooms, camping, B&B arrangements in Helen, Georgia and surrounding area. Private cabins/cottages just North of Unicoi on Highway 356 is available and will be listed in the Registration Packet.

Contact Mike Van Demark at mvandemark@tx.rr.com or Judy Bailey at twobaileys@etcmail.com for additional information.

Special Rate at Best Western

The Best Western Hotel in Helen has rooms available for the Fall Festival. In order to make registration easier, they are setting aside a block of rooms for the NGFDA. To make a reservation, just call the hotel at 706-878-2111 and tell them you are part of the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association and that you would like the special rate of $45.00 per night plus tax for the days of the Unicoi festival. Rooms must be reserved by the cutoff date of October 1. After October 1, the room rate will be at the regular price.

Spotlight on Satellites

Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

Due to cutbacks, the Georgia Music Hall of Fame will be closed on Sundays and Mondays beginning July12. The next meeting of The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Group will be

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Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

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Saturday, August 1, at 1:00 p.m. We will do our best to keep you updated on further scheduling.

Thank you present and past players we look forward to your continued attendance and support. The Mossy Creek Barnyard Festival in Perry is coming up Oct 17 and 18 so we need to practice, practice, practice.

Frettin' On Faith

July saw the Fretter's with two back-to-back play dates on the 16th and 17th. On the 16th we played at the Martin-Boyd Christian Home to an enthusiastic crowd who sang about every song we played. It was a good outing for us all. Then on the 17th we played again at the NHC - Assisted Living Care center in Rossville, Georgia, just south of the state line near Chattanooga. It too was a good outing for us as the banjammers and steel drums played sets along with the regular dulcimer playing. Next month looks kinda' busy too. About four months to Unicoi and we are getting excited again! Keep on Frettin' - www.frettinonfaith.com

LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers

The LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers continue to play monthly at nursing homes or assisted living facilities. We also shared the sweet sounds of our instruments at the LaGrange Habitat Restore grand opening and at the First Baptist Church in Moreland for their senior group.

In July we had our 11th anniversary. Nancy made a delicious dulcimer shaped cake!

The Troupers are working on memorizing "The Lucky Thirteen" tunes that were listed in the July newsletter.

Peach Pickers

Peach Pickers August meeting will be at the Bridge in Peachtree City. Bring your music suggestions.

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September 18-20, 2009

Ain't neighbors great?! Neighboring clubs in north Alabama, the Mountain Dulcimer Association from Huntsville, and Morgan County Dulcimer Association from Decatur, are once again teaming up to bring you the Double Dulcimer Gathering 2009. And we hope that all ya'all neighbors in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi (and anywhere else too!) will join us for this diverse and fun-filled weekend, at First Baptist Church, 4257 Sullivan Street, Madison, Alabama.

September 23-26, 2009

Mark your Calendars for September 18 through 20 and plan to join us for Dulcimer classes on Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday morning. Local luthier and dulcimer instructor Jon Harris, and his lovely bride, Clara, will be our hosts Saturday afternoon for a picnic and tons of jamming and camaraderie. On Sunday, everyone is invited to Burritt Museum, a replica of an Appalachian village. The museum is open to the public that day and we provide open stage performances and jamming around the grounds.

The special guest instructor, this year is Don Pedi, a master dulcimer player since 1964 and host of "Close to Home" a traditional music program on NPR in Asheville, North Carolina. Don will teach three classes, Friday morning, Friday afternoon and one Saturday morning. Local instructors will teach Friday sessions. Jon Harris will hold a session on DAA tuning, and Dale Anthony will teach a beginners class.

Space is limited so hurry! For complete information and registration forms please visit our website at www.everythingdulcimer.com/mda/dd or contact Ron Zuckerman at hsvmda2009@ gmail.com or 256-830-4830. Hope to see ya there, neighbor!

Sept. 23-26, 2009

Melodies and Musings! Come and join us for this intense mountain dulcimer workshop, with writing and storytelling sessions, and a full-day Appalachian festival, set in the Appalachian foothills, on the tranquil shores of Lake Guntersville! We have arranged three fun-filled days for the workshop, followed by a full day of performances and festivities celebrating the music and literature that came out of our Southern Appalachian region. You will love working with Don Pedi, Maureen Sellers, Larry Conger, Linda Brockinton and other local instructors, who will teach you technique, ensemble playing and a repertoire that focuses on tunes, ballads and hymns

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from southern Appalachia. Our classes will include beginner, novice, basic intermediate and advanced intermediate levels. A story telling will also be offered, lead by Bruce Walker and a creative writing workshop, conducted by Sara McDaris. The Festival will include demos and exhibits of traditional Appalachian crafts and skills, as well as food and games. But best of all, it will include performances by workshop participants and our Dulcimer professionals. Blocks of rooms and campsites have been reserved at five hotels and two campgrounds. Everyone in the quaint little town of Guntersville, Alabama is rolling out the red carpet and ready to welcome you, southern style! Cost for the event is $125 for early registration, or $135 after July 10. The creative writing and story telling workshops are each $40, for early registration, and $50 after July 10. Come join the fun!

Cost: $125 - Full Event; $95 two days of Workshops and Festival

Festival Location: 1500 Sunset Drive, Guntersville, AL, 35976

For more information, visit the website *at* http://melodies-and-musings. com or Email: susy@mcrsvp.org. The contact is Susy Quiggle, Phone: 256-571-7734, 1805 Gunter Ave., Guntersville, AL 35976

September 25 & 26, 2009

Memphis Dulcimer Gathering & Folk Festival will be held on September 25 and 26, 2009, featuring Bob Bence, Lee Cagle, Betty Dawson, Jeff Hames, Stephen Seifert, Rick Thum and Kendra Ward. It will be at Second Baptist Church, 4860 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, Tennessee.

Cost is $90 for all events ($75 if registered by September 15); $45 one day. Individual concert tickets (Saturday night, 7 p.m.) are $10. Midday demonstrations are free and open to the public.

Lunch will be available from the church at a cost of $7.50 per day. It includes hot entree, salad, bread, dessert and drink. LUNCH RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID BY 9/15.

IF YOU REGISTER BY 9/15 for ALL EVENTS, INCLUDING LUNCH BOTH DAYS, TOTAL COST IS $90.

Mail checks to MDG, Inc., PO Box 224, Moscow, TN 38057.

The schedule of classes and descriptions is being worked on and will be posted soon at www.LeeCagleDulcimers.com.

Vendors include: The Dulcimer House, Papaw's Dulcimers, Kayla Berry Embroidery, kasu designs jewelry, Bob Magowan the Dulcimer Doctor, Thistledew Acres, Russ Galli Stained Glass, as well as each of the festival instructors.

A block of rooms is reserved at Fogleman Executive Conference Center, 330 Innovation Drive, Memphis. This is a branch of Holiday Inn operated on the University of Memphis campus, conveniently located near the festival site. Reservations must be made by September 9 by calling 901-678-5410 and requesting a room in the Memphis Dulcimer Gathering group block in order to receive a discount rate of $90 + tax.

September 26 & 27, 2009

The dulcimer program at the Blair School of Music in Nashville, Tennessee is pleased to welcome Rob Brereton, the David Schnaufer Visiting Dulcimer Artist for 2009. Rob will present a mountain dulcimer workshop on Saturday, September 26 and a free concert on Sunday, September 27, 2009. The Sunday concert is free and open to the public. Invite all your friends!

Connecticut artist Rob Brereton is considered one of the pioneers of contemporary dulcimer playing. Applying his degree in music theory and classical guitar to the dulcimer has allowed him to explore a side of the dulcimer experienced by few. He enjoys arranging the timeless classics of Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, and the like. In addition to teaching and playing dulcimer, Rob also directs choirs, teaches general music, and is an active composer/arranger. He has won many awards and honors for his musicianship. You can hear his "masterful and innovative" playing on his recording "Someone to Watch Over Me" available on I-tunes. Oh, and don't tell his friends, but he likes to yodel too! More about Rob on his website http://www.robertbrereton.com/

The dulcimer workshop on Saturday, September 26 from 9-3:00 (1 hour break for lunch) will focus on playing different types of tunes with distinctive rhythms. Included will be: playing jigs and reels using hammer-on and pull-off; jazzing up

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your repertoire with a swing tune; learning techniques to improve the rhythm in everything you play.

The workshop will be intermediate level. The fee for the 4 1/2 hours of instruction is $45. Reservations are required. Location is the instrumental rehearsal hall at the Blair School of Music, 2400 Blakemore Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. To register, contact Sandy Conatser at sandyc@usit.net.

Rob will be in concert on Sunday, September 27, from 2:00-3:30 pm in Turner Hall at the Blair School of Music, 2400 Blakemore Avenue. He will be joined by Blair faculty: Sandy Conatser, Zada Law and Lee Rowe. The public is invited to the "Dulcimer Afternoon" free concert sponsored by the David Schnaufer Fund.

October 2-4, 2009

The Peach Jam will be at F. D. Roosevelt State Park, located near Pine Mountain, Georgia (see www.gastateparks.org). The Dulcimer Troupers of LaGrange, Georgia will sponsor this year's event.

F. D. Roosevelt State Park has camping, 22 cottages, and motels are within a mile of the campground. Reservations for campsites and cabins can be made by calling 1-800-864-7275. October is a busy time at FDR; so if you plan to camp or stay in a cabin, make your reservations early. Although an area cannot be blocked, we will plan to be in Area 1. Follow the directional signs when you enter the park.

We will congregate at the covered picnic shelter around sundown on Friday and again at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning jamming until the park closes at 10:00 p.m. Organized activities will end Saturday evening. Jam leaders for regular jamming and for slow jamming should make the experience enjoyable for everyone.

On Saturday night there will be a covered dish supper. The Troupers will furnish the main dish; so please bring a side dish or dessert. Other meals are on your own.

Grab your dulcimer and come to the Peach Jam at FDR State Park for a fun and relaxing time! For more information contact Ann or Perry Wilder at (706)882-5027 or perrylwilder@bellsouth.net.

November 19-22-2009

Please join the NGFDA membership for a three and a half day dulcimer festival at the Unicoi State Park & Lodge complex near Helen, Georgia on November 19, 20, 21, AND 22, 2009. Contact Mike Van Demark at mvandemark@tx.rr.com for additional information.

January 28-31, 2010

First Annual Key West Dulcimer Fest at Hurricane Hole Marina in Key West, Florida.

What a wonderful time of year to be in Key West. Temperatures should be around the low 70's during all four warm and wonderful days.

Registration form is located on the website at http://KeyWestDulcimerFest.com and you can print out as many copies as you need; one for each person attending. The form has info on instructor concert tickets for non-attendees and an area to order the official festival t-shirt.

Sheri Cabanas is the accommodations coordinator. She has secured fantastic festival rates at places within walking distance of Hurricane Hole Marina, where workshops, meals and concerts are taking place. If you're planning on camping, you'll want to call her straight away, as there are only so many slots available during high season. Give her a call at 305-294-6019.

For the best experience, plan on arriving Wednesday afternoon/evening and staying through till Sunday afternoon. Thursday the 28th will be a laid-back day of informal jams, meet-n-greet, sightseeing and planned activities. Some of the instructors will be presenting masters classes on this day as well. Friday and Saturday, the 29th and 30th will be full curriculum days:

Breakfast - 7:30-8:45 a.m.
1st Period - 9-10 a.m.
2nd Period - 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Lunch - 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
3rd Period - 1-2 p.m.
4th Period - 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Dinner will be from 5-6:30 p.m. with the instructor concerts scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Times may change slightly. Meals will be catered by Hurricane Hole Restaurant and will be available for a nominal price.

Sunday, the 31st, some more masters classes, gospel jam, informal jamming, sightseeing and winding down, leading up to a glorious sunset cruise upon a sailboat in the Gulf of Mexico at 6 p.m.

More details on some of these events to come and a lot more planned. You'll not only have plenty of time to soak in the island atmosphere, see the sights and enjoy the warm weather; you'll also get a good solid stream of instruction and jamming for mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, autoharp, pennywhistle, steel drums, guitar and more!

Conveniently located at the Hurricane Hole Marina are charters for fishing, scuba-diving, para-sailing, kayaking, long-boarding, wave-runner rentals and more. The venue is located across the highway from the Key West Golf Club and Resort. Island AeroPlane Tours offer old-fashioned biplane rides high above Key West or, for those who wish to keep their feet close to earth, the Conch Train gives great tours of "Bone Island."

Instructors/performers include: David Beede, Robert Force, Bing Futch, Guy George, Tull Glazener, Jeff Hames, Lois Hornbostel, Dan Landrum, Karen Mueller, Aaron O'Rourke, Butch Ross, Gary Sager, Stephen Seifert, Rick Thum and Susan Trump.

Cost is $95.00. Get your registration in early as this festival is limited to the first 200 to register.

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 $3.00 Georgia State Park Pass valid for the duration of your stay will be assessed on all vehicles.

Reservations must be made by October 18, 2009

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 Georgia Foothills Dulcimer 2009

Event #03392 (Required when making telephone reservations 800-573-9659 ext. 560 or #560 with automated attendant)

Dates November 18-22, 2009

Per Night	Weekday	Weekend
One Bedroom Cabin	$100.00	$110.00
Two Bedroom Cabin, Creekside	$110.00	$120.00
Two Bedroom Cabin, Lakeside	$120.00	$130.00
Three Bedroom Cabin	$130.00	$140.00
Lodge Room Rates Double Occupancy	$100.00	$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 guest counts, they are not guaranteed.

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

Please indicate your preferred method of payment.

Credit Card Visa ☐ AMEX ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐

Credit Card #_____
Expiration Date:_____
Verification # (3 numbers on back of card):_____

Signature _____

Check Enclosed ☐ **Check number**_____

Make Check Payable to: **Unicoi Lodge**

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
Barnwell Dulcimer Club	Barnwell, SC	Monthly, 2nd Monday	6:30- 8:00	Common Grounds Coffee Shop 1458 Jackson Street	Evelyn Gardner 803-259-2874 gardnerev@copper.net
Bent Tree Strings	Jasper, GA	4th Thurs	2:30- 4:30	Club Tamarack Dining Room in Bent Tree. Bent Tree is 6 miles East of Jasper off of Cove Road	Carol Lesley 770-893-2019 Carol.Lesley@tds.net
Blue Ridge	Blue Ridge, GA	Weekly, Mondays	1:00- 3:00	Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Hwy. 515 at Forge Mill Road	Anne Bailey 706-632-3854 Mary A. Davis 706-492-5759 irish2@etcmail.com
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
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	Monthly, 3rd Sun. Weekly, Thurs. mornings	2:00- 4:00	First United Methodist Church For jamming & prac.	Nancy or Dean Larson 706-883-6915 ndlars@mindspring.com
Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club	Macon, GA	Monthly, 1st Sat.	1:00 Lesson 2:15 Jam	Georgia Music Hall of Fame 200 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.	Kathy Smith 770-775-1346 Mashanic@gmail.com Barbara Stevens 706-484-8044 Gbs468@aol.com
Mountain Sounds	Blairsville, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Tues.	1:30- 3:30	Senior Center	LaDale Trimble 706-835-1688 Bigr1@alltel.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
Nacoochee Strummers	Clarkesville, GA	Weekly, Wed.	2:00- 4:00	Bethlehem Baptist Church	Ted Doll 706-878-2526 theodore.doll@gmail.com
Peach Pickers	Peachtree City, GA	Monthly, 1st Sun.	3:00- 5:00	The Bridge Community Center 208 Willowbend Road	Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 phobson@mindspring.com
SEHDP (Southeastern Hammered Dulcimer Players)	Support Group for Local HD Satellites	www.SEHDP.com for Individual Satellite Info.			www.SEHDP.com Patsy Jordan sehdpmail@gmail.com
Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMAGIAFAD)	Centerville, GA	Weekly, Thurs.	6:00- Lesson 6:45- 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 678-752-9943 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	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Sun.	2:00- 4:00	Mountain Lakes Resort Members Lodge Highway Alt. 75 between Cleveland and Helen, GA	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 lynnmccollum@windstream.net Linda Clarke 706-865-3089 lindaclarke@windstream.net

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Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ E-mail address:_____

Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

Playing Level (check one): ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

Newsletter Access (check one): ☐ Internet ☐ US mail

(Internet is the preferred method for faster service, cost savings, and color photos too. Access instructions will be sent with your membership acknowledgement)

Do you want to order a Tab Book? (check one) ☐ Yes / ☐ No

Please add $11.00 for Tab Book and postage

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