North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association, Inc.

Foothills Footnotes

February 2010 ISSN 1559-1441 Volume 22, No. 2

Spring Thing Festival - 2010
May 14, 15, 16, 2010

Please join the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association membership for a three-day festival of learning, playing, performing, kinship and listening entertainment focused on the Mountain Dulcimer, Hammered Dulcimer and Autoharp in an energetic and supportive atmosphere at the Red Top Mountain State Park & Lodge complex.

Lodging

The reservations office at Red Top Mountain State Park is holding 18 cottages, and 20 lodge rooms under the name of NGFDA. Seventeen of the lodge rooms have two double beds and 3 have king size beds. All of the cottages have two bedrooms. Three of the cottages are dog friendly.

Call Jill Hunter in Group Sales, 1-800-573-9658 or 770-975-0055 Ext. 411 for more information about reserving lodging. After March 15th these accommodations will no longer be held for our club, but *may* still be available. To get the form for making your reservation, click the following link, print out the form, complete it and mail it.

www.ngfda.com/springthing2010regform.pdf

You may also make the reservation over the phone. If you have questions, please call Jill Hunter.

Additional Lodging

There are within a half mile of Shelter #2 many wonderful RV campsites and sites for tent camping. The weather should be very nice the first week of April.

These can be secured by contacting the reservation office at Red Top Mountain State Park.

continued on page 8

Mistletoe Jam Remembered

If you missed the Mistletoe jam this year, you missed a great one. Here are some of the highlights:

Dead batteries, blown tires, and AAA.

Hammered and mountain dulcimers jamming *happily* together.

Introduction to the Dulcimer lessons taught in the bathroom (giving a whole new meaning to potty training).

Rain, rain, and rain.

A live parrot that squawked – but, sadly, not in the key of D.

Surprise appearances by old friends, and new members who signed up on the spot.

Fireplaces that set off the smoke detectors in at least 2 cabins.

Warm welcomes, tasty snacks and that famous tricky-spout coffee pot.

Whooping lessons by Betty.

Three dogs snoozing peacefully at our feet on a rainy night (giving a whole new meaning to – well, you get it I'm sure).

continued on page 2

2010 NGFDA, Inc.
Board of Directors

PRESIDENT
DAVID HOBSON
230 SUNDERLAND CIRCLE
FAYETTEVILLE, GEORGIA 30215
cdhobson@mindspring.com
770-461-2522

VICE PRESIDENT
TOM WOMACK
4050 OAK FOREST CIRCLE
MARIETTA, GEORGIA 30062
tomwomack@yahoo.com
678-360-5865

TREASURER
VELERA PATE
4505 PEACHTREE PARK DRIVE, NE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30309-1363
velera.pate@physics.gatech.edu
404-895-5202

SECRETARY
RHODA GREENE
839 SOUTHERN SHORE DRIVE
PEACHTREE CITY, GEORGIA 30269
srgreene2@comcast.net
678-833-5995

FALL FESTIVAL DIRECTOR
MIKE VAN DEMARK
4243 BOWSER AVENUE
DALLAS, TEXAS 75219
mvandemark@tx.rr.com
404-822-3666 (MOBILE)

FALL FESTIVAL ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
JUDY BAILEY & SALLY LONG
twobaileys@etcmail.com
770-894-4361
sallylong@tds.net
770-893-1413

SPRING THING DIRECTOR
TOM WOMACK
tomwomack@yahoo.com
678-360-5865

LIAISON TO NGFDA SATELLITE GROUPS
PEGGY MARTIN
martin.pb@comcast.net
770-974-1980

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
GEORGETTE WILLIX
932 PLYMOUTH ROAD NE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30306
gwillix@bellsouth.net
404-874-3511

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
BARBARA JOE
ngfda_footnotes@yahoo.com
931-243-5551 (HOME)
931-239-2111 (MOBILE)

NGFDA YAHOO! GROUP MODERATOR
ED HUMPHRIES
ed@humphries.com
770-439-9608

Foothills Footnotes
(ISSN 1559-1441)

POSTMASTER: Send any address changes to **Georgette Willix**, NGFDA, Inc., P.O. Box 15573, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. You may also contact **Georgette** by e-mail at gwillix@bellsouth.net
All other newsletter-related matters, including material intended for publication, should be directed to **Barbara Joe** at the email address listed in the above column. The deadline for publication submissions for the March issue is **February 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m**.
Foothills Footnotes is published monthly by the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association, Incorporated.

Membership News

by Georgette Willix

February is the cold month – but you can create a lot of warmth by sitting close together and strumming those fiddletunes! A warm welcome to these new members who have joined our community recently:

- **JoAnn Hamilton**
  107 Glendale Dr.
  LaGrange, GA 30240
  706-882-0302
- **Marshall Haltom**
  2926 Ashebrooke Dr.
  Marietta, GA 30068
  770-578-1532
  mdhaltom@mindspring.com
- **Agatha Noveille**
  965 Haverhill Trail
  Lawrenceville, GA 30044
  678-598-4441
  newworlddulcimer@gmail.com
- **Bill & Sandra Henry**
  111 Laurel Overlook
  Canton, GA 30114
  770-720-2381
  wihenry@windstream.net
- **Rebecca Williams**
  117 Fieldstone Way
  Anderson, SC 2962
  423-667-7757
  g.rebecca.wms@gmail.com

And we apologize for omitting Janice Sibley's husband, Joe, from last month's listing.

(Note: if you waited until 2010 to renew your membership, there may be a one month delay in restoring your newsletter access. Thanks for your patience.)

For internet newsletter access: go to www.ngfda.org., click the newsletter tab, enter "dulcimer" and your email address. To discontinue snail-mailed copies, email gwillix@bellsouth.net.

Mistletoe Remembered

continued from page 1

Playing tunes and then trying to remember the name of the tune we just played.

Everyone's favorite bass accompanist: the lovely and talented Ms. Ernestine Tubb.

Jams accessorized with fiddles, concertinas and pennywhistles.

Swapping YouTube recommendations, including "Pants on the Ground" and "I Just Don't Look Good Naked Anymore."

All music, all the time – from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon.

Goodbye-hugs, and lots of kudos to our wonderful hosts, the Garden City Strummers (in the hopes they'll invite us back next year!)

About the Tablature . . .

NGFDA is lucky enough to have another tab submission from member Barry Malac. You might recall that Barry was born in Vienna, Austria and grew up in the former Czechoslovakia. As a young boy and later as a teen he used to sing and play on the guitar many of the beautiful Czech, Moravian and Slovak folk songs and ballads.

After his forced exit from communist Czechoslovakia after World War II, he came to America, lived in Savannah for 35 years and then retired to Blairsville in the beautiful mountains of north Georgia. This was where he first hears the haunting and mellow sound of a dulcimer. It was love at first sight, or first hearing to be precise.

"Little Shepherd Girl" is about a young girl who grazes her small flock of sheep on the meadow near a black forest. When the time comes to take the sheep home, she stomps her feet to get the sheep moving. They respond with their hoofs, stomping and heading around getting underway towards home.

Little Shepherd Girl
A B B

Tab and Arrangement by Barry Malac
Czech Folksong
Moderate

Tab and Arrangement by Barry Malac

TAKING CARE OF THINGS

by President David Hobson

At one corner of our house I have a rain barrel that proved really useful during the recent drought here in Georgia; it provided water to plants that wouldn't have survived otherwise. I forgot to take care of it before the recent bitter cold, but when I remembered the barrel, I assumed that it would be all right. It had survived other cold weather quite well, and so it was amazing to lift the filter off the top and find a solid cake of ice surrounded by very little water. The block seemed to fill up the entire barrel. I felt lucky that the barrel hadn't burst and the faucet at the bottom hadn't been ruined. I need to take care of things I value.

Even though NGFDA isn't a rain barrel and its members certainly are not plants -- not even Mr. Lincoln roses -- it does need care and attention. A lot of us value it. At the Fall Festival Peggy Martin organized a breakfast for leaders of the satellites to attend; most satellites had representatives there, and they talked about issues of concern and ways to solve them. The board of directors will hear from Peggy at our winter board meeting about those ideas, and we will work on those. The board also asked that members fill out a questionnaire about what they want from the association. Not a huge number responded, perhaps fifteen to twenty percent, but those that did offered a range of ideas and opinions. Some ideas came from people who had attended the satellite breakfast, and the board is already planning to carry out one suggestion. I will summarize the comments at the winter board meeting, and we will work on those.

A few respondents to the survey said that we need to encourage more young players. They said they looked around and saw few younger players and concluded we are a graying, aging organization. What's the old joke? I resemble that remark! At the age of 69, I do, indeed. To the point, I think NGFDA recognizes that issue and is working with satellites to encourage recruitment of new members through providing lessons at the satellite level for new players and through making sure that satellites don't turn into just performance groups that shun new players. Not that we do not need to value long-time members or performance groups. The longer I act as your president, the more I appreciate the commitment, talent, and work of such people and such groups.

That said, NGFDA can and must encourage young players. From them will come a Butch Ross and a Steve Seifert carrying on the old traditions with a twist or a Bing Futch pushing the boundaries of what the dulcimer can do. I watched a really young player (was he eight, nine, ten, eleven?) with admiration at the Mistletoe Jam last weekend. He led us in a blistering rendition of "Mississippi Sawyer," and the crowd roared its approval after he finished. His whole body seemed in sync with the rhythms he played as he bobbed and wove naturally. He will probably thrive anyhow, yet we need to take care to feed the talent and enthusiasm of such young players.

We have a chance to do so. Friends of a long-time member in Florida wanted to remember him after his death with contributions to a scholarship fund. And so the board revived a long dormant scholarship fund. We received a number of contributions. We have also recently received a sizable donation from Mike Van Demark's wife. We now are challenged with using these donations wisely to fund scholarships to the Fall Festival.

We face a problem, though. The reason the scholarship fund lay dormant so long was that no one could figure out how to award scholarships based on need. Here I'll be very blunt: I don't want to ask for information from families of potential scholarship recipients and try to figure out a way to evaluate, protect, and secure private financial information. I don't have that capability, and I don't think other board members do either. Unless someone knows of a business that can handle that process for a very reasonable fee, I

continued on page 5

TAKING CARE OF THINGS

continued from page 4

prefer to use the money we have collected to award scholarships based on merit. With the help of others much more knowledgeable than I am, I can figure out how to devise scoring sheets or rubrics to evaluate tapes submitted by young players to determine merit. I can design rubrics to evaluate essays from very new players about why they want to attend the Fall Festival and what they want to learn. And we have enough in the scholarship fund to award at least a couple of scholarships that will pay for attendance at the Fall Festival -- room and board for a player and chaperone for a night plus registration. We could avoid the issue of need altogether.

It is not up to me to decide what to do. The board will decide. Whatever we do, I hope we will continue to take care of satellites, the jams they sponsor, the Fall Festival, the Spring Thing, the balance of our bank account, the newsletter and websites, and equally important, the encouragement of young players. Rain barrels need taking care of. More importantly, NGFDA and its future need taking care of.

Spotlight on Satellites

Gainesville Strummers

The Gainesville Strummers are back after a long Christmas Break. We waited an extra week due to the snow storm.

We met on January 14, 2010 and went right o work on a program for January 31, 2010 at the Autumn Breeze Assisted Living home in Gainesville.

Frettin' On Faith

January found the "fretters" re-gearing for a new members' class and for the "old guys" buckling down and really concentrating on practicing our basic skills again. Our next play date isn't 'till February 9, but there's ALWAYS improvements to be made. Our steel drum players are practicing a little more along with the "banjammer" folks. A few of us are going to the Central Florida Dulcimer and Autoharp festival in February to hone a few skills and learn new songs etc. Hope it's warmer there than it has been in these hills of N.W. Georgia lately. As we always say here in Ringgold . . . "keep on frettin'."

Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club

Sonic Sounds is excited to welcome three brand new dulcimer players to our club this month: Janet, Barbara, and Bill. We are also planning to host Joe Collins this spring in March for some workshops. More details to come next month.

Blue Ridge

Our members took off for two weeks and then a third because of snow and ice. Some of the members could not get out of their driveways.

We are in the process of catching up and of planning for the April Larry Conger workshop.

More in the next newsletter.

Whistle Stop Pickers

The Whistle Stop Pickers are pleased to have Bob and Rose Taunton leading a five week course for new and beginning dulcimer players. Eighteen new and beginning dulcimer players have joined the group this month. This beginning class allows new players to catch-up to the group without feeling intimidated by our sessions. The classes are held at the Lee County Historical Society Museum in Loachapoka, Alabama at our regular meeting time of Saturday from 1:00-3:00. The experienced players are learning to add more chords and "frills" to our arrangements. All acoustic instruments are welcome to join. For more information

continued on page 6

Spotlight on Satellites

Whistle Stop Pickers

continued from page 5

contact Deborah (334)703-3646 or email at bigalmccord@bellsouth.net.

Towaliga Toe Tappers

What a fun time we had on Monday, January 18, playing for the Used-To-Be's at Towaliga Baptist Church! Thank you to those who were able to play that day. For February and March we have a list of songs we plan to learn to get ready for Dausett Trails Bluebirds and Bluegrass Festival on April 3. See you the 3rd Sunday in February.

Dalton Dulcimers

Dalton Dulcimers has begun the new year by learning to play some capoed pieces . . .if we could just get the capo on and the tone sounding good more quickly! We are also learning come two-part shape note songs. The group will again be hosting Joe Collins for a day on March 20 during his Spring Southern Tour (see "Upcoming Events" in this newsletter for details). We would love for many NGFDA members to join us for "A Delightful Dulcimer Day."

Peach Pickers

The Peach Pickers will meet at the Bridge on February 7.

Mountain Sounds

Mountain Sounds have started the new year with new music and some old familiar songs to play together for fun. We continue to meet at the Senior Center in Blairsville next to Georgia Tech. College. Come and join us on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Satellite Meeting Recap

An NGFDA Satellite Leadership meeting was held at Unicoi during Fall Festival. Nineteen of our 21 Satellites were represented at the Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. breakfast meeting. The group, led by Peggy Martin, NGFDA Satellite Liaison, covered topics including history and intent of satellite network; the difference between Satellite and sub-group ensemble/performance group; meeting the challenge of working with all playing levels, personal interests and talents; maintaining newcomer and beginner focus; creative re-invention of the wheel; the challenges of group dynamics; honorable tab management.

Our NGFDA Satellite leaders were recognized for their ongoing commitment and personal dedication to the support of furthering dulcimer playing and the NGFDA. Their contributions are many, and often unsung as volunteer leadership.

The group identified goals for 2010:

- Conduct an annual Satellite leadership meeting
- Develop a dedicated Satellite network information segment on the NGFDA website
- Develop and distribute general Satellite guidelines for all Satellites
- Provide a resource list for cardboard dulcimers and dulcimer kits
- Encourage Satellites to collaborate with one another
- Hold an annual all-day Satellite Pot Luck – open mike and jam event for all Satellite members

Join Us Online At www.ngfda.org

Upcoming Events

February 6, 2010

Join us for the 11th Annual Mid-Winter Dulcimer Festival in Shelby, North Carolina. A great one-day festival with a history of good workshops, good food, good concerts and good time.

Performers and teachers include: Aaron O'Rourke, Mike Clemmer, Paul Byrum, Joe Collins and others to be announced.

Start time is 9:00 a.m. at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 301 North Post Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

For further information, contact Joe Collins at 704-484-8414.

February 12-13, 2010

Central Florida Dulcimer and Autoharp Festival. Instructors include: Tull Glazener, Susan Boyer Haley, George Haggerty, Lorraine Lee Hammond, John Hawk, Anne Lough, Maddie MacNeil, Adam Miller, Ivan Stiles, Rick Thum, and Susan Trump. Cost: $70.00.

For further information, contact Ruth Harnden at 352-735-4907, dulcirah@embarqmail.com.

March 5-7, 2010

Hammered Dulcimer Retreat with Anne Lough for Intermediate-Advanced players at the beautiful Lambuth Inn at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

For more information, contact Anne at: annelough.com. annelough@bellsouth.net, 828-627-2704

Schedule:

Friday: Workshop: 3-5:00; Dinner; Evening Jam

Saturday: Workshop: 9-12:00; Lunch; Workshop: 2-4:00; Dinner; Evening Jam

Sunday: Workshop 9-11:30, Lunch

Cost Per Person including all meals: Single Room: $282, Double: $234, Triple: $220. For non-participants, deduct $100

Register for room and meals at: 1-800-222-4930 - individual resevations.

Register for workshops at annelough@bellsouth.net or 828-627-2704.

Directions: lakejunaluska.com.

continued on page 7

Upcoming Events

continued from page 6

March 7, 2010

Join us on Sunday, March 7, for the Old Time Dulcimer Concert and Workshop with Don Pedi at the Mt. Dora Community Church, 650 North Donnelly Avenue, Mt. Dora, Florida.

1:30-3:00 – Dulcimer Workshop for Beginners: Playing Techniques; Simple Songs, Tunes and Hymns.

3:30-5:00 – Dulcimer Workshop for Intermediate and Advanced: Traditional Old Time Songs, Tunes and Hymns.

7:00 – Concert

Cost: one workshop, $15; both workshops $20; one workshop and concert, $20; both workshops and concert, $25; concert only, $10.

For further information, please contact John Hawk at 352-552-8190, hawkmann51 @netscape.net; or Don Pedi at www.donpedi.com or email Don at DonPedi@hotmail.com.

March 11-14, 2010

Lagniappe Dulcimer Society invites you to our "Swinging in the Swamp" 9th Annual Lagniappe Dulcimer Fête at the Community Center/West Baton Rouge Museum, 749 North Jefferson Avenue, Port Allen, Louisiana.

Classes, Performances and Instruction on Mountain Dulcimer, Bowed Dulcimer, Hammered Dulcimer, Banjo, Sacred Harp, Ukulele, Mandolin, Guitar, Autoharp, Harmonica, Fiddle and more!

Outstanding instructors from Arkansas, Alabama, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas & Virginia.

Whoa!! Look who's coming!

Ken Bloom, Bob Frazier, Steve Bing, Denise Guillory, Craig Harrel, Anne Lough, Debbie Porter, Steve Seifert, Jak Stallings, Bill Taylor, and Lloyd & Margaret Wright!

We'll feature many classes for the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels with workshops, jamming, and concerts on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday including a Gospel Jam and Sing on Sunday morning, and tons of vendors!

Folks come and enjoy the food, hospitality and music of Southern Louisiana.

Please contact Pete Payne - pdpayne@att.net or call 225-223-2361

March 20, 2010

A Delightful Dulcimer Day with Joe Collins and Paul Byrum sponsored by Dalton Dulcimers of Dalton First United Methodist Church.

Joe Collins (Shelby NC) began playing the dulcimer in the late 70s and has been a popular instructor/performer in festivals around the country for over a decade. He has five recordings and eight popular tab books to his credit as well as a number of championships, including the 2007 National Mountain Dulcimer Championship. Joe loves teaching and has a doctorate in Adult Education. In addition to teaching dulcimer, he teaches Sunday School and Religious Education at Gardner-Webb University. Thus he has plenty of opportunity to share the two greatest passions in his life: his music and his faith in Christ.

Paul Byrum (Dalton, Georgia) is a multi-instrumentalist playing the mountain dulcimer, autoharp, bass guitar, hammered dulcimer and acoustic upright bass. As a dulcimer player, Paul performs Celtic, old-time, and gospel hymns on both the Appalachian (mountain or lap) dulcimer and the hammered dulcimer. His 2008 recording Bound for the Promised Land has sold nearly 6,000 copies with distribution nationally in Hobby Lobby stores.

9:00 Registration and check in

9:30-10:45 Session I

11:00 – 12:15 Session II

12:15- 1:30 Concert and lunch. Bring a sandwich; drinks/desserts provided by Dalton Dulcimers

1:30 – 2:45 Session III

3:00 – 4:15 Session IV

Class descriptions:

Paul's all day beginner class: For folks who have a dulcimer but haven't done anything or much with it. The four sessions will cover dulcimer basics including tuning, strumming, playing the melody and some simple chords, and developing good technique. You will learn a few tunes and have the resources you need to embark on the wonderful adventure of playing the mountain dulcimer.

Joe's classes (novice/intermediate and up):

Session I - Patterns and Rhythms: a workshop on strumming and picking patterns. Focuses on strumming-hand techniques, helping the player to create rhythms, broken chords, and arpeggios that will give the instrument a fuller sound.

Session II - Repertoire workshop: Celtic Harp Songs

Session III - Repertoire workshop: Appalachian Mountain Songs

Session IV - Playing well with others: The Mountain Dulcimer in an ensemble. This workshop will help participants play effectively in an ensemble, whether it be an ensemble of several different instruments or an ensemble of mountain dulcimers. We'll share knowledge and work on skills that will help players fit in and make unique contributions to the musical group.

continued on page 8

Upcoming Events
March 20, 2010

continued from page 7

Cost: Joe's classes: $15 for first class, $10 for second, $5 for third, fourth class free

Paul's all day beginner class: $30

Payment in cash or by check made to Joe or Paul

Directions: From Atlanta: Take I-75 north to Dalton exit 333 (Walnut Ave) Turn right onto Walnut Ave, Go to the fifth traffic light turn left on Thornton Ave. Turn left at first light onto Emery. At the four way stop take right onto Valley Drive. Turn right into parking lot. From Chattanooga: Take I-75 south, exit Walnut Ave and turn left and follow above directions.

To register: Contact Sherry Patterson by March 6 at jspatts@windstream.net or 706-278-7256
so Joe and Paul will know how many to prepare for in the workshops.

March 27, 2010

Anne Lough brings to the stage the finest of traditional music and culture. Her beautiful clear voice thrills listeners as she brings to life the ballads and folk songs of the Appalachians, American frontier and British Isles. Folk dance, storytelling and shaped-note traditions come alive through her skillful presentations and artistry.

Excellence as a performer, teacher and demonstrator, combined with dedication to the preserving and sharing of our wonderful heritage of traditional music bring a rare and unique quality to every presentation.

Call for reservations to be a part of this wonderful performance on Saturday, March 27th, at 7:00 pm in the Club Tamarack Dining Room. Seats are $7.00 per person and reservations can be made by calling Carol Lesley at 770-893-2019, email: carol.lesley@tds.net. Workshops are available during that day for all levels of playing the Mountain Dulcimer or Hammered Dulcimer at $30.00 full day, $20.00 half day. This fee includes the concert ticket. Sponsored by The Bent Tree Strings and the BTAC.

Directions: Bent Tree Community is off of Cove Road, east of Jasper. From Jasper Main Street, continue East on Highway 53. Turn left on Burnt Mountain Road at the light. Turn Right on Cove Road at the 3 way stop. Continue on Cove Road less than 3 miles to turn left on Bent Tree Drive just past the fire station. At the Bent Tree Gate, check in and you will be directed to Club Tamarack, which is straight ahead on Little Pine Mountain Road (same road as Bent Tree Drive, just new name). At the fork, take the left branch to Club Tamarack. Follow the signs. The concert is on the upper level.

Spring Thing Festival - 2010

continued from page 1

Meals

The Red Top Mountain Park Lodge, located about a half mile from Shelter #2 where we will be meeting has a first class and quite affordable restaurant. There are numerous restaurants are in nearby Cartersville, Georgia and the surrounding area.

We will all join together on Friday evening at around 6 pm for a potluck dinner. The North Georgia Culinary Kings will be serving a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning. And, new this year, a special potluck dinner on Saturday evening, also at 6 pm. We will have a beverage station throughout the event.

Duclimer Playing Fun

Doors will open on Friday at 10 am to the vast interior landscapes of Shelter #2. The hall is so expansive that we will provide a map. There are plenty of windows providing romantic views of the surrounding forest and admitting flowing sunlight to brighten many a dulcimer tune. The outside area has plenty of tree shaded coves for dulcimist rendezvous.

The kitchen is industrial quality and can handle a culinary cast of thousands.

The stage will be set with professional quality PA and manned by audio pros .

Saturday will be a day of learning for all of us from the expertise of Bill Taylor. There will be lots of jamming time and the mid-May weather will allow for outdoor jam circles under those famous ancient oaks. Add to the mix the open mike opportunities on Friday evening and the Saturday evening concert by Bill Taylor.

Sunday morning will bring out the meditative and soulful among us for a jam led by Bill and a handful of angels. The tab will be sent out via email to all who are signed up well in advance of May 14th so you can get your licks down.

Registration for the festival…. . $25.00

Registration for Saturday Only…..$15.00

Please send your check, payable to NGFDA, to Tom Womack, 4050 Oak Forest Circle, Marietta, GA 30062 .

Please include in your letter your email address, and I will email you that I have received your payment.

For information, please email tomwomack@ yahoo.com .

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
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
Hart String-Strummers	Hartwell, GA	Bimonthly 2nd Tues. & 4th Sat.	Tues.- 6:30 Sun.- 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	Monthly, 3rd Sun. Weekly, Thurs. mornings	2:00- 4:00	First United Methodist Church For jamming & prac.	Ann and Perry Wilder 706-882-5027 perrylwilder@bellsouth.net
Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club	Macon, GA	Monthly, 1st Sat.	1:00 Lesson 2:00 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 raydale@windstream.net Nell Boone 706-745-8064 bnb615@brmemc.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	Sautee, Ga and Clarkesville, GA	1st, 3rd & 5th (if any) Mondays	3:00- 5:00	1749 Hwy 17, Sautee on 1st Mon. Bethlehem Baptist Church, Rt. 197, Clarkesville on 3rd & 5th Mon.	Ted Doll 706-878-2526 706-892-9207 (cell) 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 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.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 678-447-5063 Redmans5@mindspring.com David Ridgeway, Jr. 770-775-3120 770-294-1151
Whistle Stop Pickers	East Alabama/ West Georgia (Auburn-Opelika area)	Weekly, Sat.	1:00- 3:00	Lee County Historical Society Museum 6500 Stage Road (Hwy 14) Loachapoka, AL	Allen & Deborah McCord 334-821-1301 334-703-3646 (cell) bigalmccord@bellsouth.net
Yonah Pickers	Helen, GA	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

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

Last Updated 12/18/09

NGFDA Membership Form

Please start/renew my membership in NGFDA, including a subscription to the monthly *Foothills Footnotes* newsletter. Tab books available to members only, one copy per member at a cost of $7 (if mailed, add $4 mailing fee). Individual membership: $20. Family membership: $30. Please make checks payable to NGFDA. Dues, according to NGFDA bylaws, are renewable each November regardless of when you join.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ E-mail address:_____

Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

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

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

Tab Book $_____

Membership Fee $_____

Total Enclosed $_____

Mail membership form and payment to: **NGFDA P.O. Box 15573 Atlanta, GA 30333**

North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association
www.NGFDA.org
Post Office Box 15573
Atlanta, Georgia 30333
United States of America