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Foothills Footnotes

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Satellite Leaders & Participants: Make Plans Now To Attend The 2011 Summer Satellite Gathering! August 12 Friday Evening Jam & August 13 Saturday Workshops, Pot-Luck, Concert

(Schedule and more details in this newsletter and on www.ngfda.org)

Additional information to help you get to Cornelia for the day or overnight:

Event facility information

- 1st Presbyterian Church at 469 N Main St., Cornelia, GA
- Large fellowship room and break out rooms for workshop classes, pot-luck lunch and Satellite Leadership lunch meeting
- Large kitchen with refrigerators, stove , ice machine and serving counter space
- Drive to Cornelia Main Street (aka Historic 441) Turn onto Pine Street; red brick church parking lot w/portico on right.

Lodging information

A block of rooms is reserved. Make your reservation by July 29. Bring a roommate; rooms are large. When you make a reservation for 8/12 and/or 8/13, tell them you are with NGFDA-Dulcimer.

Hampton Inn of Cornelia
161 Market Corners Drive, Cornelia, GA 30531
Main Phone 706-778-0040 www.cornelia.hamptoninn.com

- If you booked earlier, contact Kendra McCoy at number above to get the blocked room rate
- Hotel is 2.8 miles from the event facility. The rooms are large; options are 2 queen beds, king bed, a Suite - NGFDA room block is $90 for any one of these.
- Great also for family who want to get away and have a comfortable place to hang out
- Outside salt water pool, fitness center; wireless access in all areas, microwave and small refrigerator in all rooms.
- A complimentary breakfast is offered each morning (8-10am) in the atrium with three hot choices, make-your-own waffles, and various choices of fruits, breads, yogurt, and cereals.

There is a more basic Baymont Inn & Suites; shares the same entrance driveway as the Hampton Inn.

Baymont Inn & Suites
1105 Business 441, Cornelia, GA 30531 (Formerly Cornelia Inn)
1105 Highway 441 Business, Cornelia, GA 30531-4718
(706) 778-3600

Camping information

Lake Russell Recreation Area in the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. Approximately 12 miles (20 min drive) from Cornelia event. Operated By: Chattahoochee Management, Inc. under permit by the U.S. Forest Service. Contact the Chattooga River Ranger District office at 706-754-6221 or Chattahoochee Management Inc, at 706-490-1246.

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Membership News

by Lynn McCollum
Membership Chairman

I would like to remind everyone that *new* memberships received from this point are good until November of 2012. If you forget and renew with Fall Festival Registration, I will just add it on to the following year and email you so you don't renew the following year. I'll keep it straight in case you forget.

I would like to welcome the following new members to the NGFDA:

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Spring Thing
The Rest of the Story

By President Tom Womack

Spring Thing just keeps popping up in my memory. Sometimes I awaken at night wide eyed and longing for those times to return.

Spring Thing has come again and has been another wonderful time for all of us. We all appreciate the work of Georgette Willix, Velera Pate, Katrine Pate, Sam Greene, Brenda Sue Whitmire, Lynn McCollum, Charlie Potter, Kat Valish, Betty Fleming and Karla Redman to make it special.

Spring Thing 2012

Spring Thing 2012 will be held once again at Hard Labor Creek State Park. We have reserved the shelter for May 4, 5 and 6. As time goes by an organization committee will be formed.

About The Tablature . . .

Our good friend, Tull Glazener, has provided the tablature for this month. Tull writes the following about the composer and the tune:

Ed Haley (1862-1932) was a prolific American songwriter who wrote and published songs under a myriad of assumed names, perhaps in order to get around the "exclusivity clause" included in many standard publishing contracts of the day. In addition to Ed Haley, he also published songs under Robert Keiser (his real name), Robert King, R.A. Wilson, and Mrs. Ravenhall. Many of his songs were published anonymously. His other big hit was "Beautiful Ohio," which was published under the name of Mary Earl, and which was adopted as the Ohio state song in 1969.

Keiser/Haley/King was said to have been able to imitate any style of composition, and that he was able to compose excellent songs with amazing speed.

The actual title of this song is "The Fountain in the Park." It has survived through the years in pop culture through its use in plays, musicals, television, and films. It was even sung on the moon by NASA astronauts Harrison Schmitt and Eugene Cernan during their Apollo 17 mission.

Fountain in the Park

Ed Haley - 1884
(Melody)

Arranged by Tull Glazener

Eagle Creek Music www.tullglazener.com

The Fountain in the Park

While strolling through the park one day, All in the merry month of May

I was taken by surprise, by a pair of roguish eyes,

In a moment my poor heart she stole away.

A smile was all she gave to me, (La la la la la la la la la)

Of course we were as happy as could be, (La la la la la la la la la)

I immediately raised my hat, and finally she remarked

Oh I never shall forget the lovely afternoon

When I met her at the fountain at the park.

Then the organ played a wedding tune, in the merry month of June,

On her finger went a ring, as the choir began to sing,

In a moment we were on our honey-moon.

And then we raised a family (La la la la la la la la la)

We'd never known how happy we could be (La la la la la la la la la)

Though the future may be cold and dark, there will always always be a spark,

So that when we're old and gray, I'll still recall that day

When I met her at the fountain in the park.

23rd Annual NGFDA Fall Festival

Please join the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association November 17 – 20, 2011 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 and Lodge in Helen, Georgia.

MEMBERSHIP

The Fall Festival is an NGFDA function and therefore offered to membership. 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 access to the online registration process. The $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. We are requesting that all members pay the 2012 membership dues with their fall festival registration process. This will eliminate any unnecessary reminders having to be sent to members at a later date. Persons interested in joining NGFDA can print the membership application form from the www.ngfda.org site and mail it in, or the membership form on the back of the newsletter can be passed on to interested folks.

REGISTRATION

All of the information for the Fall Festival will be posted onto the NGFDA website (www.ngfda.org) (workshops, leaders, schedules) in August. You will be able to print this information if you wish. Once you have selected workshops, merchandise, etc., you will be able to create a log-in name and password so that you can enter your personal information into the registration tool. The form will be saved automatically, and you will be able to go back and make changes until the registration site is closed at the end of October.

The registration process will begin on September 1, and go until September 30. Once you have registered online you will send the fees as directed on the form. All registration fees must be received by NGFDA by October 10**. If total fees are not received by October 8, your online registration will be cancelled and the slot will be opened up to anyone else who might want to come to the fall festival**. The festival cancellation policy as follows:

Full registration fees refunded if cancellation is received by October 31. One-half of fees refunded if cancellation is received by November 12. No refund of fees if cancellation is received after November 12. Membership Dues will not be refunded.

For those members that do not have a computer or internet access, please contact Mike Van Demark (423-338-2307, leave message if necessary) so that all festival information and materials can be sent to you via US Mail as done in the past. Spaces fill up fast and remember just because you have a hotel room reserved it does not guarantee a space at the festival.

COST FOR REGISTRATION

Member registration by September 30 .....$95 Saturday only registration by September 30 .....$50

Children's all day Saturday (ages 6-11) $40

UNICOI LODGING INFORMATION

Unicoi has provided a Unicoi Room Reservation form which appears in this newsletter. Members are asked to fax or call the lodge before the lodge cut-off date of October 16, 2011, when available rooms will be released. These rooms are reserved very fast so don't wait to make your reservation.

Summer Satellite Gathering

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- Fees Camping: $12/site/night single, $14/site/night double Picnic and Swim Site: $5/up to 4 people, $1/person over 4 people Boat launch: $3/vehicle/day . Georgia fishing license required for fishing. The Interagency Senior and Access Passes and the Golden Age and Access Passports are accepted. These passes entitle the pass holder to a 50% discount on camping fees.
- **Directions to Lake Russell Recreation Area:** Take Georgia 365/U.S. 23 North from Gainesville past Cornelia to Hwy 197. Turn right for approximately 3 miles until dead-end. Right on Dicks Hill Parkway for approx.3/4 mile. Turn left onto the paved Lake Russell Road.

Church parking lot may be an option for self-contained camper parking.

WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS

Jeff Furman is an award-winning mountain dulcimer and old-time banjo player known for his smooth, rhythmic, and expressive style. His gentle, humorous, and effective teaching style has made him a popular and highly-rated instructor at numerous workshops across the country. He has an extensive repertoire of old-time fiddle music and a particular fondness for waltzes and Celtic airs on the dulcimer. Jeff's technical abilities and musical sensitivity can be heard on multiple recordings, including music from Ireland, Scotland, the Appalachian Mountains, and American folk tunes and ballads. Jeff describes himself as "a musician with a day job!"

Janet Furman plays violin, old-time fiddle, guitar, mountain dulcimer, bowed dulcimer, Celtic harp, cello, and is a beautiful vocalist. She can play a hard-driving fiddle tune, has a sweet and lovely touch on waltzes, and plays tasteful supportive harmonies and counter-melodies on airs and slow tunes. Janet's workshops on bowing techniques for fiddle and bowed dulcimer always get rave reviews. Because of her versatility and talent, Janet has accompanied several of the finest musicians making old-time and acoustic recordings in recent years.

Jeff and Janet's concerts show their versatility in music and instrumentation, as they treat their audiences to a variety of high energy old-time music, warm vocals, soothing airs and waltzes, and tender ballads and hymns. Their greatest enjoyment comes from touching people's hearts with their music. When they are not making music, Jeff and Janet live in Chapel Hill, NC.

Upcoming Events

July 8-9, 2011

A summer workshop with Tull Glazener entitled, Summer Strummin, is being offered by the NGFDA group, Yonah Pickers, at Unicoi State Park.

Tull Glazener is a well-known performer and teacher of the mountain dulcimer. He has been sharing the music of the mountain dulcimer since 1984, and has performed and led workshops throughout the mid-west and south. He has produced five recordings and is the author of four instructional/tab books. He is often a featured columnist for Dulcimer Players News. His latest project has been producing a series of learn-at-home Workshop/teaching CD's.

For more information please contact Gwen Aumann, 706-348-3376 gwen.aumann@yahoo.com or Brenda Sue Whitmire, 770-316-2025 bswhitmire@windstream.net.

July 16, 2011

Sue Carpenter's Workshops, Pickin' Porch, Townsend, Tennessee.

Whether you're a fingerpicker or a flatpicker, beginning or advanced player, you're sure to learn a few tricks, licks, and kicks in the three workshops Sue has planned. The main focus will be fingerpicking, but you can just as easily use a flatpick. All of the music is arranged for beginning as well as more advanced levels so that you can hone your skills at your own pace or challenge yourself to try the next level in all three classes. You'll receive copies of the handouts for all levels.

Preregistration cost is $20 per workshop or $50 for all three. At the door cost is $25 per workshop or $60 for all three. Preregistration is advised, as seating is limited.

To register: call the Pickin' Porch at (865) 448-6647 or send an email to Mike Clemmer: clemmerdulcimer@bellsouth.net.

If you need to cancel your registration, please call so that someone else can fill your spot.

11:00-12:30: Picking Patterns : Pick across the strings for a harp-like effect in an arrangement of "Angel Band." We'll learn a few basic patterns and develop right hand techniques. A countermelody part is included for veteran pickers to advance their picking skills.

1:30–3:00: Picking Beyond The Basics: Working with two hornpipes, "Londonderry" and "Fisher's," we'll learn to pick the melody across the strings rather than just on the melody string and examine different fingering patterns (or pick directions if you're a flatpicker) to increase speed and efficiency of motion. Beginning pickers will work on a simpler, melodic back-up version of each tune.

3:15–5:00: Pickers "Duet" Better: Trade melody and harmony parts in a lovely harp-like arrangement of the slow, mournful Celtic ballad "Ned of the Hill." Discover how to have two dulcimers tuned differently (DAD with capo at 3rd fret and DGD) play in the same key, G. The DGD dulcimer provides the bass voice while the DAD dulcimer provides the soprano voice. A third arrangement using a simpler melody/harmony will

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be available for beginners, so technically we may end up with a trio rather than a duet! All parts can be played as a solo.

July 17-22, 2011

12th Annual Mountain Dulcimer Week at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina.

Often referred to as the "Harvard" of Dulcimer Schools, this Mountain Dulcimer Week has an exciting program planned for its 12th year.

Host instructors Larry and Elaine Conger have once again assembled a first class instructional staff from all over the country. Beginners and life-long players alike will find just they've been looking for. Mornings are devoted to building your skills while afternoons feature over 30 different classes to improve techniques, expand your musical styling, and learn just how versatile the mountain dulcimer really is.

Instructors include: Larry and Elaine Conger, Marsha Harris, Dave Haas, Sarah Elizabeth Musgrave, Joe Collins, Bob Magowan, Jim Miller, Dr. Will Peebles, Karen Mueller, Gary Sager, Janita Baker, Mary Cox, Wayne Seymour and Steve Eulberg.

For further information or to register: 828-227-7397; http://dulcimer.wcu.edu.

August 26-27, 2011

Come join Larry and Elaine Conger for a weekend of duet workshops at beautiful Montgomery Bell State Park, just off U.S. Highway 70 west of Nashville between White Bluff and Dickson, Tennessee.

Highlights include duet workshops Friday evening and all day Saturday. A wide variety of musical styles and genres will be presented. Private instruction is available on Friday at an additional cost. Saturday evening informal open stage and forum. Gathering of dulcimers on Sunday morning for hymns at Presbyterian birthplace.

The weekend's activities will take place in the park's lodge, overlooking Lake Acorn. The lodge features 120 guest rooms, all with views of the lake and a restaurant serving three meals a day, so there's no need to leave the premises. A campground is also available.

Cost: $95.00 per person when registered by July 26; $105.00 after July 26. Saturday only: $80.00; $90.00 after July 26. Register online at www.LarryConger.com.

For further information, contact Elaine Conger, ElaineKConger@aol.com, 731-644-3110.

For accommodations, contact Montgomery Bell State Park Inn at 615-797-3101 and be sure to mention that you are with the Dulcimer Retreat #5880.

September 22-24, 2011

Melodies & Musings

Our Appalachian Legacy

As part of Marshall County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program's celebration and preservation of Appalachian music, RSVP will be bringing four nationally know instructors to teach mountain dulcimer classes September 22 -24, 2011 at the Guntersville Recreation Center and one hammered dulcimer instructor. This is the third year for RSVP to host this southeastern regional dulcimer festival, Melodies and Musings – Our Appalachian Legacy. Registration forms and information can be found on the festival website www.melodies-and-musings.com. Call RSVP, 256-571-7734 or email: mcrsvp@mcrsvp.org for more information.

The festival will offer Mountain Dulcimer Tracks at the Beginner/Novice, Intermediate and Advanced skill levels. Each level will receive 15 hours of mountain dulcimer instruction over the three days working with each of the four nationally known instructors each day. This year's instructors will be Linda Brockinton, Larry Conger, Tull Glazener and Susan Trump. Sessions will focus on playing technique, repertoire building and ensemble playing.

New this year, will be an intensive three day hammered dulcimer track at the intermediate level with Guy George as instructor.

Participants can choose an additional four hours of Appalachian music heritage and culture classes from 15 offerings. Evening activities will include: Thursday, free night to enjoy a local restaurant with jamming at the Hampton Inn after dinner; Friday night, BBQ and Open Stage; and Saturday night, instructor's concert will be open to the public. Jamming, vendors, contra dance, singing and more!

Registration is $125, after September 1, $135. Space is limited. Cost includes fifteen hours of dulcimer instruction working with nationally known instructors,

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three afternoon fun "Pick n' Choose" classes (see website for details), and one entrance to evening activities. Meal plan available, see website.

Festival workshops made possible in part by the following partners: National Endowment for the Arts grant, Alabama State Council on the Arts grant, City of Guntersville and RSVP.

Come join the fun this year at the same great location on Beautiful Lake Guntersville, 1500 Sunset Drive, Guntersville, Alabama.

October 11, 2011

Upcoming Autoharp workshop with Bryan Bowers on October 11, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Silverdale Cumberland Presbyterian Church. 7407 Bonny Oaks Dr., Chattanooga, Tennessee. The church is located one block off I-75 at Exit 7B.
Fee: $20

Bryan will be covering a wide range of topics including tips and tricks on care of your autoharp, how to play rhythm, how to play melody, and how to find the right key for your voice among other things. He also asks that everyone try to get there between 6:00 and 6:15 p.m. to get your instruments tuned and acclimated to the room.

Contact person: Agene Parsons - ageneparsons@gmail.com.

Easy Chord Scales
By President Tom Womack

Studying music theory is the intellectual side of playing the dulcimer. It can be accomplished in an easy chair in a quiet room with the dulcimer in its bag.

But, the study of music theory comes to life under your hands on the dulcimer.

Basic to playing the dulcimer in the key of D is knowledge of the relationships between the fret board positions in the DAD tuning. The D scale is the sequence of notes D E F# G A B C# D. Two sequential octaves would be D E F# G A B C# D E F# G A B C# D.

Any three alternating notes from this sequence make a "triad". For example, D F# A, the 1st, 3rd, and 5th notes of the scale form a major triad. Trying not to get more technical, let's just say that a major chord is a "happy" sounding chord. Picking the notes E G B, the 2nd, 4th, and 6th notes of the scale form a minor triad. A minor chord is a "sad" sounding chord. The notes F# A C# or 3rd, 5th, 7th notes of the scale form a minor triad.

How can we implement this sequence on the dulcimer easily with one memorable hand pattern that produces beautiful rich sounding chords?

The following table shows the scale walking up the dulcimer neck. Here is the way to interpret the numbers under the Diagonal Pattern column. The sequence 4.3.2 for example, means that you are playing the 4th fret, 3rd fret and 2nd fret. If you are an inward stroking player, then you might envision this sequence as low string, middle string, high string in that order because as you strum toward you the low string is struck first, the middle string next and the high string last.

If you are an outward stroking player, then you would be striking the high string first, middle string next and low string last.

Playing the chord 4.3.2 produces the same three notes as the chord 2.3.4 because of the symmetrical nature of the DAD tuning. The difference in the two chords is that in one of them the A is the high note and in the other the F# is the high note.

The middle finger plays the note on the middle string in all of the patterns. So one can use it as an anchor and move the other two fingers back and forth to play one or other of the chords.

If you play the chord scale as it is written below, your hand remains in one shape, your fingers lined up almost in a line diagonal to the fret board.

The D scale in chords			
Chord Scale Symbol	Name	Diagonal Pattern	Triad
vi	B	2.1.0	Minor
vii	C#	3.2.1	Diminished
I	D	4.3.2	Major
ii	E	5.4.3	Minor
iii	F#	6+.5.4	Minor
IV	G	7.6.5	Major
V	A	8.7.6+	Major
vi	B	9.8.7	Minor
vii	C#	10.9.8	Diminished
I	D	11.10.9	Major

The D scale in chords			
Chord Scale Symbol	Name	Diagonal Pattern	Triad
vi	B	0.1.2	Minor
vii	C#	1.2.3	Diminished
I	D	2.3.4	Major
ii	E	3.4.5	Minor
iii	F#	4.5.6+	Minor
IV	G	5.6.7	Major
V	A	6+.7.8	Major
vi	B	7.8.9	Minor
vii	C#	8.9.10	Diminished
I	D	9.10.11	Major

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The Chord Symbols traditionally are made with roman numerals. An upper case roman numeral designates a major chord and a lower case roman numeral designates a minor chord. An explanation of the diminished chord is perhaps better left for another article.

When practicing these scales, try to get away from just a rapid strum over the strings. Try to pick the notes in each chord one at a time.

Play these notes in triplets in 6/8 time. Play 2.3.4 3.4.5 4.5.6+ 5.6.7 6+.7.8 7.8.9 8.9.10 9.10.11

It may be awkward at first to force the hand into these shapes, but with a daily short practice schedule, the muscles will form a memory and you will find yourself rearranging the chords into different sequences that seem pleasing to you and to your listening admirers and then eventually to your growing fan club.

Spotlight on Satellites

Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club

The Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club will be resuming their regular schedule the 2nd Thursday in August. Lessons will resume on the 3rd week of August. The club has taken June and July off for the summer, but members have been working on the TAB for the Margaret Wright CD "East Texas JAM," trying to broaden our experience by adding some DGD tunes and come tunes using the capo as well as our regular DAD tunings. The CD is a great help because all 20 tunes are played three times each to give a player an opportunity to learn the tune and play along during off time. The club hopes to add some of these tunes to the JAMs in the fall.

Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club Performing at Georgia Music Hall of Fame on June 11

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club has met for its regular meetings at the Georgia Music Hall of Fame located in downtown Macon Georgia for the past 15 years. As of June 12, 2011 the Georgia Music Hall of Fame closed its doors for the final time. The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club was one of the first groups to play at the Music Hall of Fame when it opened 15 years ago, so it was very fitting that the museum director invited the club to perform on Saturday June 11 for a final time during its last days. The sounds of the Appalachian mountain dulcimer music floated out to fill the museum lobby Saturday afternoon for the enjoyment of all of the final visitors to the museum. Many visitors stopped and listened to the live music of the dulcimer playing as they viewed the exhibits.

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club is transitioning to a new meeting location as of July 2011. The Club will hold its monthly meeting at a new location – The Museum of Arts and Sciences at 4182 Forsyth Road, Macon, Georgia. Both the club and the Museum of Arts and Sciences (MAS) are very excited about the new association and look forward to new opportunities for sharing and teaching the Mountain Dulcimer and traditional/old time music with even more folks in the middle Georgia community.

The July Meeting at the Museum of Arts and Sciences will be Saturday July 2 starting at 1:00 pm. This meeting will offer a special workshop presented by Peggy Martin the current NGFDA Satellite Liaison. Peggy will teach a 90-minute workshop on Enhancing Rhythm Work for Group Playing geared toward all levels from Beginners to More advanced. Peggy will also demonstrate a bass dulcimer and answer questions.

Yonah Pickers

It's official, the groups known as Nacoochee Strummers and Yonah Pickers have been combined into one group under the name, Yonah Pickers. The change was the result of the disbandment of the Nacoochee Strummers group due to changes in the membership. They have been playing together for performances for many years so the transition has been a smooth one. Lynn McCollum continues to be the very capable leader of the group. For two weeks in June and the following two weeks in July they are taking a hiatus. Many members are vacationing and have other commitments. A few events will continue. Before the vacation started, the members had the pleasure of playing at the "Pickin'" event at Mountain Lakes and came together for a practice at Unicoi. They also completed a six month commitment to the White County Senior Center with their performance on June 10, 2011. The next exciting events for this active group are currently under discussion. One event to which they are all looking

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forward is the upcoming "Summer Strummin'," workshop and concerts with Tull Glazener the weekend of July 8 and 9 which are open to everyone (See related article). In April, one of the members of the group Nathaniel Samsel, won the 2011 Southeastern Regional Mountain Dulcimer Championship! He will also be teaching a workshop and doing a concert at Wood-N-Strings Dulcimer Shop in Townsend, Tennessee on July 23. The entire group remains so very proud of him. Everyone is invited to join the group's practice sessions. All instruments and all ability levels are welcome. If you are in the area on meeting dates (see satellite schedule), you are most welcome to participate. For more information please contact: bswhitmire@windstream.net.

Nathaniel Samsel, winning the 2011 Southeastern Regional Mountain Dulcimer Championship

Blue Ridge Dulcimer Players

For the past five years, the Blue Ridge Dulcimer Players have spent a day (or two) in late July playing for a large crowd at the Butternut Creek Festival in Blairsville, Georgia. A canopy is set up by the creek at Meeks Park (which supplies shade and a little coolness), and visitors stop to listen to the traditional dulcimer music. Fast jam tunes and hymns seem to be especially enjoyed. There is always someone who has never seen a dulcimer before, and members enjoy sharing dulcimer history with them. This year's event will take place on July 23.

Dalton Dulcimers

The club is taking it easy this summer with only two play dates at local assisted living/nursing homes.

At practice the group is playing back through all our previous music and deciding what to keep in the song book and what to delete so there will be more room for new tunes in the fall.

The club is delighted that it continues to add new members. Such a pleasure to expand musical friendships and share the joy of playing music with new folks.

Towaliga Toe Tappers

Summer is in full swing and the group hopes to have a fun jam before it ends! The regular meetings will begin in August. Some of the members have been busy playing with other local dulcimer players and some have enjoyed the break. If looking to have a good time with your dulcimer, come play with the Toe Tappers!

N.W. Allatooners

The summer monthly meetings are shifted to the porch of the Red Top State Park historic log cabin this Spring and Summer for those who are in town. No August meetings so that folks can get to the *Summer Satellite Gathering;* chord workshops with Jeff Furman in Cornelia on August 13. The experimental little website, www.allatooners.org, intended as a supplement to the home website www.ngfda.org is recently up and running in its infancy, and it will continue to be worked on. Its purpose is to assist continuity of communication among our current, new and perspective Allatooner Satellite participants. Quite a few members "rotate" through in attendance as their busy schedules will allow - it's hard to keep up with everyone. The Allatooner Ensemble group is taking a well deserved summer playing break. The group's recording project is finished once the CD case liner is completed. The project was begun in early 2011 to document progress as a mixed playing level ensemble; however, members now realize that it may be of interest to others to address the elements involved with dulcimer ensemble development (as opposed to free-style jamming). First distribution is to our families and then it will probably be brought to Unicoi in November for those interested. A change of meeting location is being considered - all ideas welcomed.

Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players

Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players are welcoming back our summer visitors and spending the month of June learning some new songs and just having fun. Some of the players joined a group in Highlands and played at a nursing home there. In July the group will resume the usual schedule of practice and playing at the senior center.

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 have set 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. This is the fourth year they have offered this rate.

SUMMER SATELLITE GATHERING 2011

Dulcimer Instruction by JEFF FURMAN

&

Additional Bowed Dulcimer Instruction by JANET FURMAN

Sponsored by NGFDA in Collaboration with the Yonah Pickers Satellite

WHEN	SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 JAM on FRIDAY, August 12, for locals and early arrivals – coffee!
WHERE	First Presbyterian Church of Cornelia 469 N Main St., Cornelia, GA 30531 http://corfpc.org (Habersham Chamber of Commerce –Cornelia 706-778-4654)
COST	$30 for the day; includes 3 ½ hours of workshop(s) and concert Pay at Registration; cash or check to Jeff or Janet Furman Walk-ins are Welcome Pre-registration is strongly recommended – to give us an idea of attendance. To pre-register: email your name, email address, Satellite, and phone number, to: martin.pb@comcast.net
WORK-SHOPS	LAP DULCIMER WORKSHOPS – 3.5 Hours INSTRUCTOR JEFF FURMAN ALL PLAYING LEVELS Using CHORDS for large and small group playing o hearing CHORD CHANGES o learning more CHORD VOICINGS to enhance your playing o using CHORDS for melody, harmony, and rhythm o how CHORDS can help make tune arrangements interesting o CHORDS for tasteful backup
	BOWED DULCIMER WORKSHOPS – 3.5 Hours INSTRUCTOR JANET FURMAN o Introducing bowed double stops o Bowing techniques review and re-enforcement
SCHEDULE	
6:00-9:00pm	Friday Nite JAM
9:00am	Saturday Doors open for registration, coffee
10:00-12:00	CHORDS WORKSHOP - JEFF FURMAN BOWING WORKSHOP – JANET FURMAN
12:00-1:30	Pot Luck Lunch; Drinks & CORN CHOWDER Provided (Refrigerator on site)
	SATELLITE LEADERSHIP LUNCH MEETING (Breakout Session) o NGFDA Satellite Guidelines – Annual Review Feedback o Satellite Website – Is it Worth Doing? o **Beginner Breakout and Mainstream Strategies**
1:30-3:00	WORKSHOP Instruction (continued) - JEFF FURMAN & JANET FURMAN
3:30-4:30	OPEN MIKE & JAM (Times will be adjusted to fit participation)
4:30 – 5:30	DINNER BREAK On Your Own (or stay and have pot-luck left-overs)
5:30-6:30	CONCERT Jeff and Janet Furman $5.00 for non workshop participants
'till 9:00pm	EVENING JAM - At the Church

For More Information: Peggy Martin 678-478-2456 martin.pb@comcast.net

Additional information will be posted on www.ngfda.org and July Newsletter

Calling all Satellite Leadership and NGFDA Satellite Participants to the Piedmont foothills of Cornelia, GA. The 2011 Summer Satellite Gathering will feature an ALL LEVELS dulcimer CHORDS workshop day with JEFF FURMAN and additional bowed dulcimer workshops with JANET FURMAN. A business breakout session for Satellite Leadership members will be held. As always, the goal of the Summer Gathering is to attend to the heartbeat of our NGFDA Satellites --- the art and ways of learning, playing and performing together.

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE: Due to circumstances beyond everyone's control, the Gathering location has been moved from Hartwell (as previously announced) to Cornelia . . . still in the Northeast Satellite quadrant for this year.

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 16, 2011

Reservations received after cut off date will be subject to prevailing rates and availability. There is a 2-night minimum for groups booked over weekend dates. Special requests are honored where possible but ARE NOT GUARANTEED.

Please note that your room(s) and rates are reserved within a negotiated block of rooms. Your credit card will be charged one night stay at the time the reservation is received and refunds will not be issued if cancellation is received less than 30 days prior to your arrival.

We love pets, but they are not permitted in guest rooms. We do have a limited number of dog friendly cabins. Please call for more information. Additional fees do apply.

Fax Completed Form to: 706-878-1897

Mail Checks and Completed Form to
Unicoi State Park & Lodge
P O Box 849
Helen, GA 30545

Check-in Time: 4 p.m.
Check-out Time: 11 a.m.

Lodge rooms contain two double beds (max occupancy 4), some rooms also have a carpeted sleeping loft with twin mattresses (reached by climbing a ladder, the room with loft accommodates 6).
While at Unicoi, you may be reached at 706-878-2201.

Visit us at www.unicoilodge.com

Name of Group North GA Foothills Dulcimer

Event #03395 (Required when making telephone reservations 800-573-9659 ext. 560 or #560 with automated attendant)

Dates November 16-20, 2011

Per Night	Weekday	Weekend
One Bedroom Cabin	$110.00	$120.00
Two Bedroom Cabin, B & Smith Creek	$130.00	$140.00
Three Bedroom Cabin	$140.00	$150.00
Lodge Room Rates Double Occupancy	$110.00	$110.00
Additional per Adult Charge Lodge Rooms	$10.00	

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone No. _____

Evening Phone No. _____

E-mail Addresses (optional) _____

Accommodation Requirements _____

No. of Adults _____ No. of Children _____

Special Requests
All rooms are nonsmoking ADA Compliant ☐

Every effort will be made to honor special requests; however, due to fluctuating 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
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	Bimonthly 1st & 3rd Mondays	1:00- 3:00	Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Hwy. 515 at Forge Mill Road	Anne Bailey 706-632-3854 Suzanne Carter suzanne1951@windstream.net
Dalton Dulcimers	Dalton, GA	Weekly Wednesdays	2:30	First United Methodist Church 500 S. Thornton Ave.	Sherry Patterson 706-278-7256 jspatts@windstream.net
Frettin' On Faith	Ringgold, GA	Weekly, Sundays	4:00	First Baptist Church downtown Ringgold on U.S. Highway 41 (Nashville St.) in the choir/music room	Michael Whitfield 706-673-6730 mewhitfield@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 Sat.-1:30	Hart Regional Arts Council Art Center 338 E. Howell St.	Mary Alice Ray 706-376-6591 706-371-0176 mary.alice.ray@gmail.com
Hilltop Strummers	Woodstock-Canton, GA	Weekly – Tues.	1:30- 3:30	Canton First UMC 930 Lower Scott Mill Road, Canton, GA Exit 16 at I-575	Dan or Barbara Asperger 678-493-6970 (H); 770-633-1987 (C) daasp@windstream.net
In Town Down Home	Atlanta, GA	Monthly, 3rd Sat.	2:00	Tenth Street United Methodist Church 425 Tenth Street, NW	Cathy Watts 770-393-3454 chwatts@mindspring.com
LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers	LaGrange, GA	Weekly, Thurs. mornings Weekly, Tues.	10:45- 12:15 11:30	First United Methodist Church for jamming & prac. Beginning classes	Ann and Perry Wilder 706-882-5027 perrylwilder@bellsouth.net
Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players	Brevard & vicinity, NC	Weekly, Wed.	1:00- 3:00	Silvermont Opportunity Ctr. 364 East Main St. Brevard, NC	Mary Sherwood 828-966-9628 sherwood@comporium.net Ann Brown 828-877-5506 grumps@comporium.net
Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club	Macon, GA	Monthly, 1st Sat.	1:00 Lesson 2:00 Jam	The Museum of Arts and Sciences 4182 Forsyth Road	Ron Rowland 478-968-0684 ronrowland@windstream.net Karen Stewart 478-954-6759 galadybug53@gmail.com
Mountain Sounds	Blairsville, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Tues.	1:30- 3:30	Senior Center	LaDale Trimble 706-835-1688 raydale@windstream.net
N.W. Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Monthly, 2nd Sun.	1:30- 4:00	Towne View Baptist Church Modular Bldg. C 1115 Shiloh Road	Peggy Martin 678-478-2456 martin.pb@comcast.net
Oconee Belles & Beaus	Salem, SC	Bimonthly, 2nd Thurs. 4th Tues.	2:00- 4:00 1:00- 3:00	Keowee Key (Routes 130 & 183 So. of Salem, SC) Activity Center, Whitewater Room	Joan Krech 864-944-7094 joankrech@bellsouth.net Bonnie Lamarand 864-888-3328 lmrnd@att.net
Peach Pickers	Peachtree City, GA	Monthly, 2nd. Sun.	3:00- 5:00	The Bridge Community Center 208 Willowbend Road	Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 phobson@mindspring.com Sam and Rhoda Greene 678-833-5995 (Home) Sam@greenemountaindulcimer.com Rhoda@greenemountainembroidery.com
SEHDP (Southeastern Hammered Dulcimer Players)	Support Group for Local HD Satellites	www.SEHDP.com for Individual Satellite Info.			www.SEHDP.com Patsy Jordan sehdpmail@gmail.com
Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMGIAFAD)	Centerville, GA	Weekly, Thurs.	6:00- 6:30 Lesson 7:15-Jam	1st United Methodist Church 600 N. Houston Lake Rd.	Laneah Maddox 478-971-8223 912-687-3621 laneahmaddox@yahoo.com http://wrmusic.tripod.com/sonicsoundsdulcimerclub
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.

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Name_____

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Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

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