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Fall Festival at Unicoi State Park November 17–20, 2011

Preparations for the Fall Festival are well under way with the anticipation of another enjoyable weekend of great instruction, rousing jams, tempting shopping with our vendors, and new and renewed friendships. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to enjoy these four days of music-making.

Our faculty this year includes some of our beloved past participants, and several folks we haven't had before, or not in several years. Your evaluations from last fall were a good guide for deciding who to invite. The following artists will be with us in November: Paul Andry, Aubrey Atwater, Janita Baker, Ken Bloom, Rob Brereton, Mike Clemmer, Joe Collins, Janet Furman, Jeff Furman, Guy George, Tull Glazener, Les Gustafson-Zook, Marsha Harris, Lorinda Jones, Anne Lough, Molly McCormack, Don Pedi, and Stephen Seifert.

Later in the summer the schedule of classes will be available on the NGFDA website. Registration will begin the first of September and will be done by internet again. If you do not have access to internet, your information will be mailed. Look for those instructions in later newsletters.

You can make lodging reservations at any time. The form is attached for your use, or you can call and use the group #03395. There are cabins and camp sites available in addition to the lodge rooms. Classes will begin Thursday morning at 10:00 and the festival ends with the Sunday Morning Event.

Spring Thing

By President Tom Womack

The folks began arriving early on Friday, greeted by hot coffee, pastries, and smiles between veterans of these events. Through the room drifted occasional sounds of three strings vibrating in harmony articulating visions of some old Joe Clark guy, grey cats, and clucking hens. The stage, set up and manned by Sam Greene, was waiting for the first round of "Open Mike."

The artists appeared. The show featured Pete and Jan, Marianne Wurtele, Nathaniel Samsel, Asher Samsel, and MAM, the baroque music collaboration of Melanie Ligon, Audrey Leclaire, and Marty Phillips. Hands were greatly roughened from the rounds of applause. MAM's rendition of Vivaldi's "Spring," was a show stopper.

Lee Cagle, the teacher for the weekend, performed briefly and then led the jam that lasted until all said, "night," and left for their cottages which were scattered throughout the deepening glen.

On Saturday morning we were held in good hands with the mentoring and tips brought forward through Lee Cagle's tutelage. The sky was clearing from its early parade of clouds and gentle breezes poured through the ancient hardwoods surrounding our shelter. The dulcimists broke for lunch and had a wonderful little jam before the revelers faded away to feast amongst the pines with vistas of the lake and geese waddling along after their brood.

The afternoon lessons were concentrated on the DAC tuning, with tune after tune demonstrated within that context presenting new horizons to many who had not considered playing in the DAC tuning.

At eventide the throng gathered for dessert pot luck composed of the marvelous offerings of all of the club members. There were those amongst the crowd who were witnessed returning repeatedly to that well-appointed table, not a single weight watcher to be found.

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Membership News

by Lynn McCollum
Membership Chairman

Please welcome the following new members to the NGFDA:

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  770-514-0636
  rsflug@bellsouth.net

Spring Thing

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The evening "Open Mike" brought the duo of Mary and Harry Sherwood, Marianne Wurtele, Asher Samsel, and a ukulele/dulcimer group, The Plastic Pickers.

After the memorable concert of Lee Cagle, a large circle formed and Karla Redman led the jam that ensued, accompanied expertly by her husband and two sons. Their group, consisting of upright bass, guitar and fiddle played in the periphery and provided the perfect foundation for some beautiful renditions of our best loved songs. Matilda waltzed, Coleman marched and Joe Clark grew older. Forearms drifted back and forth in unison bringing up a perfect harmony from the dulcimers well into the night.

A Shared Note of Thanks to an Adventurous Mike Clemmer of Wood-n-Strings: the Rest of the Story

The many acts of kindness by the luthiers, shop owners and vendors who support and share the love of the dulcimer world often go unrecognized ...but not this one! The stars were in proper alignment to allow a good deed for a dulcimer emergency. The certificate speaks to Mike Clemmer "going the extra mile" to diagnose and render playable a couple of dulcimers; one of which was days away from several gig commitments. Mike said, "If you can get it here . . ." Bret Smith said, "To my plane hangar" and off went the dulcimers and husbands for Handoff #1 to Mike at the Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport. Then, Mike said "if you can pick them up . . ." A Mineral Bluff, Georgia neighbor said, "I'm driving through Knoxville" and found that he was staying overnight just two miles from Mike's Wood-N-Strings shop in Townsend, Tennessee. Handoff #2, of two repaired/adjusted dulcimers, was made at Mike's shop to traveling neighbor Don, who, just happened to need to drive first to Chatsworth because he just happened to have a bank appointment there that day. For Handoff #3, Acworth, Georgia pick-up vehicle drove to Chatsworth to meet traveling Don. Don then drove home to Mineral Bluff for Handoff #4. Missions accomplished by amazed participants. Truly, the stars were aligned! (Peggy Martin & Lynne Smith)

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NOTICE

Deadline for the July issue of *Foothills Footnotes* is Saturday, June 18, at 6:00 p.m. Your editor will be attending Kentucky Music Week June 19-25 and would like to put the newsletter to bed before leaving for KMW. Thank you.

About The Tablature . . .

"To market, to market, to buy a fat pig,
Home again, home again, dancing a jig; To market, to market, to buy a fat hog; Home again, home again, jiggety-jog; To market, to market, to buy a plum bun,
Home again, home again, market is done."

This is the Mother Goose nursery rhyme for this tablature. Not much else is known about it, but the tune is cool.

Home Again, Market Is Done

Anonymous

Arr. W. Steinmüller

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Upcoming Events

June 3-4, 2011

The Yellowbanks Dulcimer Festival will take place on June 3-4, 2011 at Yellow Creek Baptist Church, 5741 Highway 144, Owensboro, KY 42303. The two-day festival promotes and celebrates the Mountain Dulcimer as the designated Kentucky State Instrument.

Cost: Workshops - $20.00

Concerts: FREE

Performer lineup: Susan Trump, Rick Thum, Heidi Muller and the Lindsey Family. Workshops in Mountain Dulcimer, Hammered Dulcimer, Banjo, Guitar, Bowed Psaltery, Fiddle, Penny Whistle and more. Come enjoy a family music weekend with instruction for levels from beginner to advance, children to adults. Handmade crafts, music vendors and food add to the festival atmosphere. We have limited R.V. space (self-contained - reservation required). For overnight lodging call Sleep Inn, 270-691-6200. A block of rooms is reserved for our guests – mention Yellowbanks.

Website: www.yellowbanksdulcimer.org

E-Mail: yellowbanks@bellsouth.net

Contact: Thelma Newman 270-684-1631.

June 17-19, 2011

This three day festival is home to the Mid-Eastern Hammered and Mountain dulcimer contests as well as nearly 60 workshops featuring hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, autoharp, psaltery, banjo, guitar, and more! Vendors will be on site, all-day ongoing concerts, and a Saturday night concert featuring Rob Brereton and Sam Rizzetta this year!

Performers and Teachers: Rob Brereton, Sam Rizzetta, Wildwood and friends, Stan and Flo Hortz, the Tri-county Dulcimer Club, Brett and Serenity Ridgeway and many, many more!

Location: downtown Coshocton Courthouse Square, Coshocton, Ohio.

Cost: Everything is free to the public except the workshops. Workshops are $15 per workshop, paid directly to the instructor.

Contact Person: Kendra Ward or Bob Bence 740-388-6464

June 18, 2011

Dulcimer Association of Albany, New York is presenting a unique opportunity with singer, songwriter, mountain dulcimer player, Bing Futch. Workshops for all mountain dulcimer players begin at 1:00 p.m. This will be a free-flowing afternoon of workshops geared toward the levels of those attending with time for jamming and hanging with Butch.

Workshops include: Mountain Dulcimer Bootcamp which has something for everyone; exercises in rhythms, strums, scales, embellishments, non-threatening improvisation . . . ; Performing for Others will introduce attendees to everything needed to know to play at the bedside in hospice or hospital, in church, in the park, or even on the stage! 7 Modes for 7 Dulcimers will focus on DAA – which is NOT just for beginners – and touch on other modes you may never have experienced before.

Covered Dish Supper – bring a dish to share.

Bing Futch in concert at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Maine Street, Voorheesville, NY.

Cost: DAA member price $30.00 for all; non-DAA price $40.00 for all.

To pre-register or for further information, please email Langley.clms@gmail.com or call 518-283-4769.

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 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

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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, 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

Spotlight on Satellites

Frettin' On Faith

May found the Fretters' playing at Hixson Presbyterian in Chattanooga on the 10th and three members went all the way to Cleveland, Tennessee on the 13th for a program for Bradley Healthcare/Assisted living facility. Our "drum corps" did some very good songs at Hixson and the folks really love the old hymns we did there also. Cleveland was an experience for the three that went as well.

May 21 was the "grand finale" for the Spring with three groups coming together for a meal and jam session. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. The Frettin' On Faith group will take a break during the summer and hopefully regroup the weekend AFTER Labor Day. You know we all need vacation time . . . BUT . . . we "Keep On Frettin'." From Ringgold.

As a side note, please pray for our community in the aftermath of an EF-4 tornado that hit us April 27.

Yonah Pickers

What a fun month the group has had! There have been opportunities to play for students in grades 3-6 and elders as well. They also had the pleasure of participating in the Spring Thing at Hard Labor Creek State Park. The group was responsible for the "hosting, i.e., hospitality" portion of the gathering. Members, who were unable to attend, also helped out by providing necessary items such as coffee pots, coolers, and decorations. Members in attendance were happy to be able to provide food, drinks, decorations, and other support for the event. The members of this club in attendance really enjoyed the weekend. Some of the events commented on were: Lee Cagle presented wonderful insights into the traditional songs associated with the mountain dulcimer as well as other interesting information. Her concerts were wonderful. The "open mike" performances were also entertaining. A precious moment occurred when six-year-old Asher Samsel performed, "Boil them Cabbage Down." His teacher

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Yonah Pickers

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and brother, Nathaniel Samsel, appeared to be very pleased with Asher's performance as was their father. They are member of the Yonah Pickers. And, let's not forget the "classical" and "plastic" bands. One of the spontaneous events that occurred was when a Boy Scout troop walked up to members who were outside and asked about our instruments. An impromptu mini concert right there on a picnic table, by Nathaniel, including traditional songs, rock, and county, and information provided by other workshop participants, resulted in a new group being exposed to our music which will hopefully, open a door for new players. One of the "sweetest" events was the Saturday night dessert gala. YUM!

The Sunday morning sing drew several participants and was a delightful way to end the weekend. Everyone then "pitched in" to help clean up the shelter. Of course, the park and the golf course where beautiful and appreciated. (This writer was particularly delighted to find the beach!) While some of the group was at the Spring Thing, others were honoring the group's commitment to perform at a local Senior Center. Cooperation is the name of the game! For more information, please contact, bswhitmire @windstream.net.

Dalton Dulcimers

On Saturday, May 21, Dalton Dulcimers, along with Ringgold's Frettin' On Faith and Chattanooga's Dulcimers and Accompaniment, united for the first gathering of the three clubs at Ringgold's First Baptist Church. Despite some tornado damage to their church, including the loss of the steeple, Frettin' On Faith wanted to host this planned event to put some joy back into their devastated community.

Thirty-two players participated. In addition to dulcimers, there were also autoharps, steel drums, a fiddle, a bowed psaltery, a tambourine, and a mandolin.

Following a delectable barbecue and covered dish lunch, the three groups combined for a delightful afternoon of playing. Each group performed two of their favorites and then taught a new tune to the other groups. A lively jam followed using songs common to the repertoires of the three groups. What beautiful sounds emerged from this dulcimer orchestra!!

One of the jam tunes, "Farther Along" seemed particularly poignant given the recent storm damage and loss of life in Ringgold and elsewhere in the southeast :

"Farther along we'll know more about it.
Farther along we'll understand why.
Cheer up, my brother, live in the sunshine.
We'll understand it, all by and by."

New friendships were formed through the common bond of music. At the end of the afternoon, everyone agreed that they wanted to do this again. Perhaps the three groups will make this an annual event!

Gwinnoters

The Gwinnoters were playing at McDaniel Farm Park in May. Tunes were played out of the Tab Book, Jam, Civil War and others, but the biggest hit was the "Children's Favorite Sing-Alongs," by Michael Shull. Small children listened and sang as well as the parents. Some favorites were: "Old MacDonald," "B-I-N-G-O," and "Mary Had A Little Lamb." These will be used in September for the William Harris Homestead playout. What Fun!!!

Dulcimer Troupers

The Dulcimer Troupers are so pleased to welcome seven new members. Five players are moving up from the beginner class; one is a brand new player; and one is a member who is returning after a long absence. There are now 26 active members in the satellite.

The Troupers are grateful to Nancy Larson who shares her time and talents by giving free dulcimer lessons to anyone who expresses the desire to learn to play the instrument. In the 13 years since the group was formed, Nancy has introduced hundreds of people to the sweet sounds of the dulcimer.

Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players

The members practice weekly as they prepare to play each month at the KOALA, Keeping Older Adults Living Actively center in Brevard. Each month a couple of new songs are added to their repertoire. Two members attended the Spring Thing weekend in May and had a wonderful time meeting other satellite members and sharing ideas.

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.

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 judyhardy@ellijay.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 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	Georgia Music Hall of Fame 200 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.	Kathy Smith 770-775-1346 Mashanic@gmail.com Barbara Stevens 478-457-6539 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
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

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