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Save the Date
Annual Mistletoe Jam
Mistletoe State Park
Appling, Georgia
January 13, 14, 15, 2017

This fun weekend is all about jamming and hanging out with fellow strummers who come in from everywhere. It is put on each year by Augusta's Garden City Strummers and is a free event. Cabins and campsites are available at the park. Hotels are located within 30 minutes as well. It is held in a nice, warm shelter, so you won't be cold; but if you arrive that way, the laughter, music and fellowship will soon have you toasty! For more information contact: Pat Colbert 706-860-3437 or pogosbill@aol.com

Strumming begins at 7:00 on Friday evening. Saturday jamming will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m. with a pot luck supper that evening. Sunday will feature a gospel jam around 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. TBA. Play some more, eat the leftovers, clean up the place and go home. Please join us!

2016 Fall Festival Update

by Fall Festival Director, Mike Van Demark

Well this year we have 190 participants registered with 18 one-day registrations, and a lot of vendors. It should be a fun and exciting time for all of us at Unicoi State Park.

Meal prices this year are:

Breakfast: $10.95 (included if participant stays at Unicoi)
Lunch Buffet: $12.95
Dinner Sunday-Thursday: $14.95
Dinner Friday and Saturday: $16.95

There is an additional **$2.00 charge** for a beverage and taxes apply to all. Gratuity is not automatic and is up to the participant.

Soup and Salad Option for Lunch and Dinner: $7.95 plus beverage and tax.

Also there will not be any a-la-cart or special menu orders in the Tavern.

The tab will be sent to everyone via email on November 21st who has registered for the Sunday Morning Gathering and will be sent via US mail on the same day to those who manually registered.

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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 December issue is **November 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m**. *Foothills Footnotes* is published monthly by the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association, Incorporated.

NGFDA 2017 Slate of Nominees

The 2016 NGFDA Annual Membership Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 19, at 4:15-4:30 p.m. in Masters Hall at Unicoi State Park during the Fall Festival. The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following Slate of Nominees for the elected positions on the NGFDA Board of Directors. The Slate has been approved by the current Board. A vote of the membership will be taken. Floor nominations will be accepted for vote.

By NGFDA Bylaws, all terms of office shall begin immediately upon election.

The following nominees have agreed to serve if elected:

President .....John Shawhan
Vice President.....Joe Collins
Secretary/Treasurer .....Barbara Stevens
Fall Festival Director..... Pam Deemer

About The Tablature . . .

Katy, Fetch the Soap!

In 1851, Noah Bingham was born in Harlan, Kentucky, in the southeast's Cumberland Mountains. He was a fiddler, whose twelfth, and last, child, Estill followed his father in fiddling. Estill was born and lived in the same mountains from 1899-1990 and learned, "Katy, Fetch the Soap!" from his father.

The key to playing a fiddle tune is not to learn it from paper, but by listening to it. Listen until you can hum it on your kazoo and you wake up in the morning with it running through your head. Listen until you have developed an 'earworm' and can't shake the tune no matter how hard you try! Now, you are ready to put it on your fretboard. Through listening, you have created a new 'neural network' in your brain and prepared your brain to play 'in the zone' (more about this at Fall Festival).

The accompanying "Katy, Fetch the Soap!" video (find it on Gwen's YouTube Channel - search "YouTube Gwen Caeli") is the quickest way to learn the tune. Listen first for musical phrases, then 'deconstruct' the tune to its most basic melody. The most critical part of fiddle tunes is rhythm – impossible to learn from paper! Chord embellishments are not necessary; it is the rhythm that rules!

Here is the tutorial video with the tune -https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6-Xrs4lkDU.

Gwen Caeli is an award-winning player who has authored the "Fresh" series of dulcimer books – "Fresh Airs – Irish Antiquities," "Fresh Dances for Folk and Gentry" and "Fresh Faith – Hymn Trilogies." To celebrate her years of living in the Western North Carolina Mountains, she released the CD, "Hoe the Corn! - Mountain Dulcimer Appalachian and Old-Time Instrumentals." She teaches both local and online long-distance dulcimer students, while finding time to create videos for her YouTube channel. More info can be found at her website www.gwencaeli.com.

Volunteers Needed

Producing the NGFDA Fall Festival requires a lot of people working together. Would you (and/or your non-playing spouse) be willing to pitch in this year? Folks are needed to staff the faculty merchandise table in approximately two hour shifts, operate the cash register (for those already familiar with cash register operation). If you or your spouse can help with this, please contact Millie Chaplin at princessofpossum corner@yahoo.com. **This is for the faculty merchandise table only.** Lynn McCollum handles all other volunteer opportunities. Thank you.

Tuning: DAD
Style: Strum, with fiddle shuffles
Structure: AABB

Katy, Fetch the Soap Home!

To watch a video tutorial for this obscure, old Kentucky fiddle tune, type "**gwen caeli youtube**" in your Internet browser and look for ths title.
As played by fiddler Estill Bingham, Bell County, Kentucky

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New Editor Needed

By President John Shawhan

Barbara Joe will be retiring with the December, 2016 issue. She has been the editor since 2007. A new editor is therefore needed for *Foothills Footnotes*. This fun job requires only a very few hours a month. A comprehensive knowledge of Microsoft Word is very helpful. Barbara has offered to help the new editor with the first one or two issues and will always be available to answer questions. Please contact me as soon as possible to volunteer for this job. Thank you.

Spotlight on Satellites

Mountain Sounds

The Blairsville Mountain Sounds Dulcimer group was invited by Dr. Larry Flegle of WUCG radio station to play at the Blairsville Farmers Market. Members had a great time and played to an enthusiastic audience.

The group is growing with the addition of two new members that have added vocals, guitar, and the harmonica.

An organizer of Mountain Sounds, Barry Malac, recently passed away. A memorial table was set up for him. The performance closed with a dedication of "Amazing Grace" played by LaDale on her banjammer, the way Barry loved to hear it played.

Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players

The group has enjoyed the usual playouts at senior facilities and the new members of the group are adding much needed enthusiasm and laughter. One of the novices also plays the ukulele and in addition has figured out how to build a washboard that has bells, etc on it. It adds a very light touch to some of the pieces and brings lots of smiles to our audiences.

Research Opportunity for Appalachian Dulcimer

By President, John Shawhan

Dr. Kathy King is a clinical lecturer at Auburn University in music education. She also plays the Appalachian dulcimer with the Whistlestop Pickers (Satellite of NGFDA) in Loachapoka, Alabama. Dr. King has permission from Auburn University to do research about musicians who play the dulcimer. She has asked for permission to contact the satellite groups in the NGFDA and hope they will be interested in participating! There has been no research about Appalachian Dulcimer clubs, though there are currently more than 500 groups in the U.S. Dr. King hopes that this research will increase the awareness of the Appalachian Dulcimer in music education research.

The purpose of her study is two-fold:

1) Investigate the musical lives of amateur musicians who play the Appalachian Dulcimer and find out about the structure of the groups, the musical background of the participants, how they learn, and what is meaningful to them about playing in the group.
2) Develop a reliable survey that can be administered to a larger population. The data from this pilot study will be used to create a final version of the Dulcimer Questionnaire, which will be administered to clubs in multiple states.

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SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Monthly, 2nd Mon.	6:30-9:00	First United Lutheran Church of Kennesaw 3481 Campus Loop Rd (formerly Frey Lake Rd.)	Peggy Martin 678-478-2456 martin.pb@comcast.net www.allatooners.org Satellite Scribe: Marianne Wurtele bluegrass_m@hotmail.com
AlphaFretters					Not Currently Meeting
Bent Tree Strings	Jasper, GA	Monthly, 4th Thurs.	2:30-4:30	Club Tamarack Dining Room in Bent Tree. Bent Tree is 6 miles east of Jasper off Cove Road.	Jim Jackson 678-447-6730 Jackson9786@gmail.com
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 Teri Godfirnon terigodfirnon@gmail.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
Dixieland Dulcimers	Griffin, GA	Weekly-Mondays	10:00	Crestview Baptist Church fellowship hall, Griffin, GA	Donna Harpe 770-228-5597 phillip_harpe@bellsouth.net John Garret 770-223-8405 jgsped@yahoo.com Dave Graves 770-227-4890 drg636@gmail.com
Garden City Strummers	Evans, GA	WeeklyMon.	6:00-8:00	4537 Glenda Lane Evans, GA 30809	Pat & Bill Colbert 706-860-3437 pogosbill@aol.com
Gold Country Players	Gainesville, GA	Weekly – Thurs. Beginners Everyone	 12:45-1:15 1:30-3:30	First Baptist Church Room 208, 751 Green Street, N.W.	Ro Johnson goldcountryplayers@gmail.com
Gwinnoters	Lawrenceville, GA	Monthly, 3rd Sun.	1:30-4:30	Fairview Presbyterian 857 Duluth Hwy. (Hwy. 120)	Gwen Caeli 678-863-4342 gwencaeli@gmail.com Linda Depkin suzie.d@mindspring.com
Hammered Dulcimer	Support Group for Hammered Dulcimer Inquiries				Agene Parsons 423-718-5730 ageneparsons@gmail.com
Hart String-Strummers	Hartwell, GA	Monthly – 1st Mon. Monthly – 3rd Sat.	12:30 12:30	Member's Home Hartwell Art Center	Call Mary Alice Ray at 706-371-0176 for directions to the Monday meeting or for more information
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	Bob & Sandra Hange 770-265-5308 bhange65@gmail.com
In Town Down Home	Atlanta, GA	Monthly, 3rd Sat.	2:00	Tenth Street United Methodist Church 425 Tenth Street, NW	Cathy Watts 770-377-8734 chwatts@mindspring.com Rudine Davis H 404-250-0605; C 404-790-7179
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	1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed.-Practice 4th Wed.-Playouts	1:00-2:30	St Philip's Episcopal Church 256 East Main St Brevard, NC	Leader: Carol Juhl 828-862-8422 cajuhl1234@gmail.com Mary Sherwood sherwood@comporium.net
Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club	Macon, GA	Monthly, 2nd Sat.	1:00 Lesson 2:00-4:00 Jam	Young America School of Music 6361 Zebulon Road	Barbara Stevens 478-457-6539 gbs468@aol.com Karen Stewart 478-954-6759 galadybug53@gmail.com
Mountain Sounds	Blairsville, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Tues.	1:30-3:30	Senior Center	Roxanne Gill roxannegill47@gmail.com
Oconee Belles & Beaus	Salem, SC	January-October 4th Wednesday November-December 2nd Wednesday	1:00-3:00	Senior Solutions 101 Perry At. Seneca, SC	Joan Krech 864-944-7094 joankrech@bellsouth.net Bonnie Lamarand 864-888-3328 lmrnd@att.net
Peach Pickers Satellite Peach Pickers INSTRUCTION	Sharpsburg, GA 1)Fayette Senior Ctr 2)Bridge Community Ctr	Monthly, 2nd Sunday Wednesdays Wednesdays	3:00-5:00 11:00 11:30 (Beg) 12:30 (Interm)	Trinity Church 8817 Highway 54 W Sharpsburg, GA 4 Center Drive, Fayetteville Bridge Community Ctr. 225 Willowbend Rd Peachtree City	Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 pohobson@ gmail.com Wanda Dawkins 678-899-0453 hrwmdawk@yahoo.com Call Pat Call Wanda
Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMGIAFAD)	Centerville, GA	Weekly, Thurs.	6:30-7:15 Lesson 7:15-8:30 Jam	1st United Methodist Church 600 N. Houston Lake Rd.	Laneah Maddox 912-687-3621 laneahmaddox@yahoo.com http://wrmusic.tripod.com/sonicsoundsdulcimerclub
Whistle Stop Pickers	East Alabama/ West Georgia (Auburn-Opelika area)	Weekly, Sat.	1:00-3:00	Lee County Historical Society Museum 6500 Stage Road (Hwy 14) Loachapoka, AL	Allen & Deborah McCord 334-821-1301 334-703-3646 (cell) mccord0304@gmail.com
Yonah Pickers	Cleveland, GA Clarkesville, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Sun. Bimonthly-Beginners 1st & 3rd Mon. Bimonthly-Everyone 1st & 3rd Mon.	2:00-4:00 1:00-1:45 2:00-4:00	First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 Lynnmccollum50@gmail.com Email lynnmccollum50@gmail.com for details.

NGFDA sanctions these groups as satellites, but each one sets its own agenda, meeting place and procedures. Last Updated 10/07/2016

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 $10 (if mailed, add $2 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_____

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Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

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