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Peach Jam

September 30, October 1&2, 2016

F. D. Roosevelt State Park at Pine Mountain, GA

Camping Area #2, Covered Open Shelter

Camping – Cabins – Nearby Motels – Day Tripping

General Time Layout

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY - FRIDAY Earlybirds

- Leisurely JAMMING & GATHERING at Shelter #2
- Personal plan day excursions

FRIDAY EVENING JAM w/ Coffee (6:00p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

We will (as a group) choose tunes to play (for the Saturday public jam presentation at the Park Office) from the *NGFDA TAB book* ("blue book") D tuning tunes and Seifert *Join the Jam*. This is for ALL playing levels, even if you air strum!!!!

SATURDAY JAMMING ALL DAY under the Shelter (9:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

9:00 am Coffee available in Shelter

9:30 am-12Noon

- Practice Jam tunes - for later presentation – everybody welcome!
- Jamming continues into the afternoon for those not participating in the public presentation

I: 00p.m.- 2:00p.m. Public Presentation at the Park Registration Office

The Park has already listed this as a Park NGFDA Dulcimer Event. They say we have developed a "fan base" ☺ We will play from our agreed upon Jam-Presentation list.

2:30 – 5:00 JAMMING CONTINUES IN SHELTER

Covered Dish Supper on Saturday Night (5:30 p.m.)

Followed by Evening JAM & Coffee

7:30 – 10:00 EVENINGJAM AND COFFEE

SUNDAY Morning Gospel JAM w/Coffee (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

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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 November issue is **October 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 . . .

This lovely tune goes back as far as 1700, known as "Welcome, Welcome, Every Guest." It appears in Southern Harmony by 1835. More recently, George Furse wrote the words to it as "Appalachian Round," shown in this arrangement. I first heard it sung by Sally Rogers and Claudia Schmidt, and then had the opportunity to sing it at dulcimer gatherings under the guidance of Maddie MacNeil. You can sing it or play it as a four-part round by starting each new part when the previous part begins the next line. Play it flatpicked, only playing what you see written.

Karen Mueller, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, bridges many mountain dulcimer traditions to formulate her own dynamic style. She started playing the dulcimer in 1979 by learning the progressive tunes on the "Pacific Rim Dulcimer Project" record, featuring Neal Hellman, Force & d'Ossche, and Bonnie Carol. From there she began adding traditional Appalachian and Celtic music to her repertoire, and developed her own arrangements of these styles as well as pop, jazz, and original material. Her techniques range from rhythmic flatpicking and strumming to sensitive fingerpicking. Karen grew up in Winfield, KS, home of the Walnut Valley Festival, and was introduced to the dulcimer there, as well as to the autoharp. She has been a finalist in the National Mountain Dulcimer competition, and first-place winner in autoharp, both at Winfield in the mid-1980s.

Today she is a full-time performer and instructor, and has travelled throughout the U.S. and in England. She has taught at major dulcimer workshops, including the Augusta Heritage Center, Swannanoa Gathering, California Solstice, Northeast Dulcimer Symposium, and more. Karen has released six solo recordings and several instruction books, including "Favorite Dulcimer Arrangements." She is an active teacher of private lessons, school classes and residencies, and also performs with Irish singer Katie McMahon, the original lead singer from *Riverdance*. In demand as a multi-instrumentalist, she plays and teaches guitar, mandolin, ukulele and Irish bouzouki in addition to dulcimer and autoharp.

In 2006 Karen was inducted into the Autoharp Hall of Fame, and in 2012, she received a McKnight Artist Fellowship, one of the top honors for musicians in Minnesota, awarded to only four musicians each year from any genre. Karen has also performed the challenging *Blackberry Winter* dulcimer concerto twice with Minnesota orchestras.

Visit her website at karenmueller.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.

Take Me Back, Oh Hills I Love
(Appalachian Round)

mel: Sacred Harp, lyrics: George Furse

DAD Capo 1: E minor

Dulcimer Arrangement © Karen Mueller

28th Annual NGFDA Fall Festival

Registration Begins on September 1st.

Festival Director, Mike Van Demark and Pam Deemer, Assistant Festival Director

Please join the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association November 17th-20th, 2016 for a 3-1/2-day festival of learning, playing, performing, kinship and listening entertainment focused on the mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, and autoharp and a couple of other instruments. It's all happening in an energetic and supportive atmosphere at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge in Helen, Georgia.

MEMBERSHIP Process

The Fall Festival is an NGFDA function and therefore offered only to the 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 members receive timely information about the Fall Festival and other fun and important NGFDA events. NGFDA is requesting that all members pay the 2017 membership dues with the fall festival registration process. This process will eliminate any unnecessary reminders having to be sent to members at a later date.

People joining the club **NOW** will have an active membership through December 31, 2017. **You must join before registering for the Fall Festival so you can obtain a member login user ID and Password.**

In January 2017 all remaining outstanding membership dues are due no matter what month you may have joined and paid your dues in prior years. This is to eliminate the lengthy manual process of sending reminders to members on a monthly basis of when they joined the club.

Unpaid 2016 members will receive a notice of membership dues in February 2017 and will be given 30 days to pay. If the member has not paid within this timeframe the member will be notified and given 15 additional days to respond or be purged from the membership files.

If members have been purged they will need to join again using the process outlined on the new website to be reinstated in the club. People interested in joining NGFDA can print the membership application form from the clubs website at www.ngfda.org or complete the membership form on the back of the newsletter and mail it in with your dues check. Alternatively you will be able to signup online at www.ngfda.org under **"Join Now"** tab after August 1, 2016 when the new website is active. You can join online by using a credit card # and your membership will be effective immediately or you can complete the form and submit the membership form along with a check to our membership chairperson in Demorest, GA. This usually takes two weeks or longer.

REGISTRATION Process

All of the information for the Fall Festival will be posted onto the NGFDA website (www.ngfda.org) (workshops, leaders, schedules) by Thursday, September 1st and no sooner. Registration will begin on Thursday, September 1st and end on Oct. 15th. Step 1 is to go into www.ngfda.org or www.ngfda.com and **enter your log-in name and password under the "Members Login" tab.**

Once logged in you will be directed to a members' page you will see a Workshop schedule and a welcome instruction page. You will also see 2 buttons as follows to begin the registration process.

You will then click on your Fall Festival Registration Button to enter your "Online Store" to select your registration type, merchandise, 2017 Membership Dues, and workshops. Once you have made your selections you will then go into the "Shopping Cart" and "Check-Out" as you would in any online purchase. That is where you will enter all of your personal information.

You will want to make sure that you have made your selections correctly; once the purchase is made you will not be able revise. You would have to request a refund and then start over with the process registering.

MANUAL PROCESS

Button #2 will allow you to print a manual form and pay by check if you wish. You will complete the form and send along with a check to the address provided on the form. However, your space at the festival is not secured until a check is received and posted. At that point you will be notified by email that you are confirmed. Changes cannot be made once it is entered into our system. All registration fees must be received by NGFDA by October 17th.

Total fees not received by October 17th, your manual registration will be cancelled and the slot will be opened up to anyone else who might be on a waitlist to come to the Fall Festival.

The festival cancellation policy as follows:

- Full registration fees will be refunded if cancellation is received by Nov. 1st
- One-half of fees refunded if cancellation is received by Nov. 7th
- No refund if cancellation is received after Nov. 7th.
- **Membership Dues are not refundable** so they will not be refunded if you cancel your festival registration.

COST FOR REGISTRATION

Member registration by October 15th $105
1-Day only registration by October 15th.....$55
Children's Registration (Ages 8-12).....$50

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 he has 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. Hope to see all of you in November!!

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New Editor Needed

A new editor is needed for *Foothills Footnotes*. I have been editor since 2007 and need to retire as soon as possible in order to meet other life demands. I will be glad to help the new editor for the first few issues. Please contact me or President John Shawhan if you can volunteer for this fun job. Thank you.

Barbara Joe

Spotlight on Satellites

Hilltop Strummers

The Hilltop Strummers have returned to a full play schedule following a summer break with fewer practice sessions. But, that has not slowed down their enthusiasm! Please check out the Hilltop Strummers web site for current day and time information.

The Strummers recently played for the Brookdale Assisted Living in Canton and have had several requests for more play-outs two of which are upcoming with one of them in December.

Several new members have been added to the group and the Hilltop Strummers keep on growing. (That's a good thing). Learning is a key component with the Hilltop Strummers. Practice sessions are used to learn not only new songs and expand our repertoire but also learn music theory that is shared by one of our members, Patsy Jordan.

Members of the group went on a field trip to the John C. Campbell Folk School for the last night's concert session. The staff instructors played several musical instruments including the mountain dulcimer, hammer dulcimer, floor harp and Native American flute.

Many of the Strummers are looking forward to the annual Fall Festival held at Unicoi Lodge in November. This gives everyone in the group time to fellowship with our sister satellite groups Hope to see you there.

Update of The NGFDA Blue Book

By President, John Shawhan

As we continue to make improvements to NGFDA, we are considering changes to our Blue Tab Book. When you at the current Blue Book you see 17 tunes in DAD and 33 tunes in other tunings of DAC, DAG, DAA and DGD. The dulcimer has been played in those tunings and that was the mode when the book was first printed. All the DAA and DGD tunes can also be played in DAD, if tabbed that way. All the DAC and DAG tunes can be played in DAD tuning with a capo at 1, if tabbed that way.

I am thinking of a goal of having the book include about 50 tunes with the five tunings mentioned above and a majority in DAD.

In order to understand how to make the book more usable and meet the needs of our members, I would like to conduct a feasibility survey. I would prefer the members discuss their preferences within their Satellite and give input to me (jshawhan@windstream.net) through their Satellite leader. A few questions to consider are:

1. Is the Blue Book useful to your Satellite?
2. Based upon your group's use, do you think there is a need to update the book?
3. What updates and improvements would make the book more useful to your members?
4. Is the mix of tunings appropriate for your club?
5. Who would you recommend to lead the update?

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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. Room 235	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	Satellite Scribe: Carol Juhl 828-862-8422 cajuhl1234@gmail.com Ann Brown 828-877-5506
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 08/27/2016

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_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ E-mail address*:_____

Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

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

***Members can automatically access our monthly newsletter at www.ngfda.org by clicking "newsletter" and entering your email address as *listed above*. The newsletter is posted around the 25th of each month.**

I wish to get my newsletter ☐ on the NGFDA website ☐ by email ☐ by mail

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

Please add $12.00 for Tab Book and postage

Tab Book $_____

Membership Fee $_____

Total Enclosed $_____

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