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# Foothills Footnotes

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## 2016 Fall Festival Wrap-Up
### by Festival Director, Mike Van Demark

Saturday Night Jam

The 2016 Fall Festival came to an end on November 20th and a fun time was had by all! There were three great nights of jamming and concerts along with our daily workshops. We heard from many that they really enjoyed all of the faculty members this year and they learned so much.

This was also my last year of directing this wonderful festival and I am really excited about having Pam Deemer as our new Festival Director. Pam is going to do a fabulous job.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers for this event. Without all of our volunteers from the membership it would be difficult to pull off this event. I would like to give a special thanks to Millie Chaplin, Heather Bishop and Frank Kenny. All three of them keep the Faculty Vending table in top notch shape!

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## *About The Tablature . . .*

This month's tab is an arrangement of the traditional English carol known as "Sussex Carol." It was first published by an Irish bishop named Luke Wadding in 1684, but the tune dates back much further than that. Before the globalization of Christmas, before widespread literacy, there was no canon of Christmas songs. Instead, seasonal music was local. In Britain, there were regional and village songs, preserved over decades and centuries in the oral tradition. Often, they were part of plays and pageants performed each year in local, isolated communities. Folklorist Cecil Sharp collected and preserved many of these carols, which he found were peculiar to certain villages. The inhabitants regarded them as private possessions of great value, to be jealously guarded and retained for their own use. Among the most well-known of these today are the Wexford Carol, the Coventry Carol, and the Sussex Carol. The words convey the unbridled joy of Christ's birth. As the carol began to spread across England, different local melodies would be paired with the words, and often the words would be adapted to fit local melodies. Sharp collected his tune from the Gloucester region. But the tune most associated with it today was collected and arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams, a folk-song collector and church composer, in 1919 while visiting the village of Monk's Gate in Sussex. It has a delighted, mirthful lilt, thanks to its unusual rhythm—the song is mostly in waltz-like 6/4 time, save one, irregular, syncopated bar late in each verse, which Williams marked in 9/4 time. .

This is a two-part arrangement, melody and bass, so find a playing partner and enjoy.

Tull Glazener has been sharing the music of the mountain dulcimer since 1984. He has performed and led workshops throughout the mid-west and south. Tull enjoys arranging aires, waltzes, ragtime, traditional, old-time, contemporary, classical, and jazz for the mountain dulcimer. Tull is also one of the performers on Susan Trump's Masters of the Mountain Dulcimer series (Volumes 1 and 3). He has produced five recordings, is the author of five instruction/tab books, and has been a featured columnist for Dulcimer Player News. His latest project has been producing a series of learn-at-home workshop/teaching CDs.

Please browse his web pages at tullglazener.com to learn more about Tull, his recordings and tablature books, and the variety of workshops, concerts and festivals that he has scheduled for this coming year,

## 2016 Fall Festival Wrap-Up

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Thanks again NGFDA members for the support you have given me over the last 11 festivals. It really means a lot to me. I have made so many good friends, too many to mention and all of the faculty members over the years who have also become my friends.

I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. I love all of you!

# *Sussex Carol*

traditional English
Melody

Arranged by Tull Glazener

# *Sussex Carol*

**traditional English**

**Bass**

**Arranged by Tull Glazener**

**Eagle Creek Music www.tullglazener.com**

# 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!

## New Editor
**by Barbara Joe**

Carolyn Welsch has volunteered to be the new editor of *Foothills Footnotes*. Her first issue will be January, 2017. Please give her all the support and help you have given me since 2007. It has been a good run and I have enjoyed it.

## Peach Jam

Kaye Specht, Rhoda Greene and Peggy Martin enjoy a light moment during the annual Peach Jam Saturday afternoon performance at FDR State Park at Pine Mountain, Georgia, October 2, 2016. The attendees have put on a special performance for the public for several years in a row now. A wedding at the normal concert spot at the park registration office forced the dulcimer performers to move to an amphitheater in the middle of the woods where they still managed to attract a crowd of about 50 people. They played from a previously agreed-upon jam presentation list. The Park says the group has developed a "fan base" and listed this as a Park NGFDA Dulcimer Event.

## Fall Festival at Unicoi
**By President, John Shawhan**

I am proud to report the 2016 North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association Festival was a great success. Unicoi State Park was gracious and provided us a beautiful venue and was able to combine a Christmas Tree Display event to even add more charm to our festival. Weather was picture perfect with Mother Nature showing off her fall colors in a brilliant display of mountain beauty.

The NGFDA board said thank you to two very dedicated members (Mike Van Demark and Barbara Joe) as they are moving out of their current positions. Mike is moving from the Festival

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Director position to Webmaster. Barbara Joe is moving from the newsletter editor position into retirement. We welcomed in two new board members, Pam Deemer and Carolyn Welsch. As Mike steps down from Festival Director, he passes the baton to Pam Deemer who is a long time supporter of NGFDA and will be the Festival Director for 2017. Barbara Joe is passing the newsletter baton on to Carolyn Welsch and the January newsletter will be Carolyn's maiden voyage.

The annual meeting informed the Association of the officers for 2017 that included John Shawhan (President); Joe Collins (Vice President) and Barbara Stevens (Secretary / Treasurer). The board approved changes to the Satellite structure that will be introduced in following newsletters.

I want to pass my sincere thanks to each of the faculty members and vendors who contributed so much to make this festival successful. A special thank you goes out to each of the participants of the festival and I am looking forward to reading your critique sheets. I encourage you to contact me if you have any additional suggestions.

**Join Us Online at ngfda.com**

## Spotlight on Satellites

### *Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players*

Carol Juhl

Three members from the club attended the NGFDA Dulcimer Festival at Unicoi and came home full of ideas for improved strumming, flat picking, dynamics, arranging music for a performance, using the 1+ fret, duets and ensembles and more. So much was packed into three days and ended with a uplifting Sunday gathering and the learning of new hymns. An additional benefit was being able to hear what other Satellite groups are doing and the problems experienced while sharing of ideas from home was very helpful.

Tull Glazener has been invited to do an all day workshop in Brevard, North Carolina at St. Philip's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, January 11. Please contact Carol Juhl at cajuhl1234@gmail.com if interested in obtaining more information.

This talented member who plays both the mountain dulcimer and the ukulele created this wonderful washboard which adds a lot of fun to the performances at nursing homes.

| SATELLITE | AREA | FREQUENCY | TIME | LOCATION | CONTACT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allatooners | Kennesaw, GA | Monthly, 2nd Mon. | 6:30-9:00 | First United Lutheran Church of Kennesaw<br>3481 Campus Loop Rd<br>(formerly Frey Lake Rd.) | Peggy Martin 678-478-2456<br>martin.pb@comcast.net<br>www.allatooners.org<br>Satellite Scribe: Marianne Wurtele<br>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<br>Jackson9786@gmail.com |
| Blue Ridge | Blue Ridge, GA | Bimonthly<br>1st & 3rd Mondays | 1:00-3:00 | Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church<br>Hwy. 515 at Forge Mill Road | Anne Bailey 706-632-3854<br>Teri Godfirnon<br>terigodfirnon@gmail.com |
| Dalton Dulcimers | Dalton, GA | Weekly<br>Wednesdays | 2:30 | First United Methodist Church<br>500 S. Thornton Ave. | Sherry Patterson 706-278-7256<br>jspatts@windstream.net |
| Dixieland Dulcimers | Griffin, GA | Weekly-Mondays | 10:00 | Crestview Baptist Church fellowship hall, Griffin, GA | Donna Harpe 770-228-5597<br>phillip_harpe@bellsouth.net<br>John Garret 770-223-8405<br>jgsped@yahoo.com<br>Dave Graves 770-227-4890<br>drg636@gmail.com |
| Garden City Strummers | Evans, GA | WeeklyMon. | 6:00-8:00 | 4537 Glenda Lane<br>Evans, GA 30809 | Pat & Bill Colbert 706-860-3437<br>pogosbill@aol.com |
| Gold Country Players | Gainesville, GA | Weekly – Thurs.<br>Beginners<br><br>Everyone | <br>12:45-<br>1:15<br>1:30-3:30 | First Baptist Church<br>Room 208, 751 Green Street, N.W. | Ro Johnson<br>goldcountryplayers@gmail.com |
| Gwinnoters | Lawrenceville, GA | Monthly, 3rd Sun. | 1:30-4:30 | Fairview Presbyterian<br>857 Duluth Hwy.<br>(Hwy. 120) | Gwen Caeli 678-863-4342<br>gwencaeli@gmail.com<br>Linda Depkin suzie.d@mindspring.com |
| Hammered Dulcimer | Support Group for Hammered Dulcimer Inquiries | | | | Agene Parsons 423-718-5730<br>ageneparsons@gmail.com |
| Hart String-Strummers | Hartwell, GA | Monthly – 1st Mon.<br>Monthly – 3rd Sat. | 12:30<br>12:30 | Member's Home<br>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<br>930 Lower Scott Mill Road, Canton, GA<br>Exit 16 at I-575 | Bob & Sandra Hange 770-265-5308<br>bhange65@gmail.com |
| In Town Down Home | Atlanta, GA | Monthly, 3rd Sat. | 2:00 | Tenth Street United Methodist Church<br>425 Tenth Street, NW | Cathy Watts 770-377-8734<br>chwatts@mindspring.com<br>Rudine Davis H 404-250-0605; C 404-790-7179 |
| LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers | LaGrange, GA | Weekly, Thurs. mornings<br><br>Weekly, Tues. | 10:45-<br>12:15<br><br>11:30 | First United Methodist Church for jamming & prac.<br><br>Beginning classes | Ann and Perry Wilder 706-882-5027<br>perrylwilder@bellsouth.net |
| Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players | Brevard & vicinity, NC | 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed.-Practice<br>4th Wed.-Playouts | 1:00-2:30 | St Philip's Episcopal Church<br>256 East Main St<br>Brevard, NC | Leader: Carol Juhl 828-862-8422<br>cajuhl1234@gmail.com<br>Mary Sherwood<br>sherwood@comporium.net |
| Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club | Macon, GA | Monthly, 2nd Sat. | 1:00<br>Lesson<br>2:00-4:00<br>Jam | Young America School of Music<br>6361 Zebulon Road | Barbara Stevens 478-457-6539<br>gbs468@aol.com<br>Karen Stewart 478-954-6759<br>galadybug53@gmail.com |
| Mountain Sounds | Blairsville, GA | Bimonthly<br>2nd & 4th Tues. | 1:30-3:30 | Senior Center | Roxanne Gill<br>roxannegill47@gmail.com |
| Oconee Belles & Beaus | Salem, SC | January-October<br>4th Wednesday<br>November-December<br>2nd Wednesday | 1:00-3:00 | Senior Solutions<br>101 Perry At.<br>Seneca, SC | Joan Krech 864-944-7094<br>joankrech@bellsouth.net<br>Bonnie Lamarand 864-888-3328<br>lmrnd@att.net |
| Peach Pickers Satellite<br><br><br><br>Peach Pickers INSTRUCTION | Sharpsburg, GA<br><br><br><br>1)Fayette Senior Ctr<br>2)Bridge Community Ctr | Monthly, 2nd Sunday<br><br><br><br>Wednesdays<br>Wednesdays | 3:00-5:00<br><br><br><br>11:00<br>11:30<br>(Beg)<br>12:30<br>(Interm) | Trinity Church<br>8817 Highway 54 W<br>Sharpsburg, GA<br><br>4 Center Drive, Fayetteville<br>Bridge Community Ctr.<br>225 Willowbend Rd<br>Peachtree City | Pat Hobson 770-461-2522<br>pohobson@ gmail.com<br>Wanda Dawkins 678-899-0453<br>hrwmdawk@yahoo.com<br>Call Pat<br>Call Wanda |
| Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club<br>(EDIMGIAFAD) | Centerville, GA | Weekly, Thurs. | 6:30-7:15<br>Lesson<br>7:15-8:30<br>Jam | 1st United Methodist Church<br>600 N. Houston Lake Rd. | Laneah Maddox 912-687-3621<br>laneahmaddox@yahoo.com<br>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<br>6500 Stage Road<br>(Hwy 14)<br>Loachapoka, AL | Allen & Deborah McCord 334-821-1301<br>334-703-3646 (cell)<br>mccord0304@gmail.com |
| Yonah Pickers | Cleveland, GA<br>Clarkesville, GA | Bimonthly<br>2nd & 4th Sun.<br>Bimonthly-Beginners<br>1st & 3rd Mon.<br>Bimonthly-Everyone<br>1st & 3rd Mon. | 2:00-4:00<br><br>1:00-1:45<br><br>2:00-4:00 | First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland<br>Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville | Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212<br>Lynnmccollum50@gmail.com<br><br><br><br>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

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