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Land of Waterfalls

Each of the four Christmas playouts at senior centers brought as much joy to the players as it did to the audiences. There is something special about playing and singing the old favorite Christmas carols that reaches all ages.

The club is growing every year and our new beginners are joining in the playouts now. January will be a month of rest which will include a club potluck and discussion of "Where do we go from here?". Having a wide range of skill levels and an increasingly larger group of players presents some challenges, all of which are good. Some of these were addressed at a couple of the workshops during the Unicoi weekend in November. The club will be trying out some of these new ideas this year and see how they work.

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About The Tablature . .

This month's tab is Autumn Lullaby by Joe Collins.

Autumn is Joe's favorite time of year. The brisk mornings, the vibrant colors, and the anticipation of Fall Festival at Unicoi all contribute to his love affair with autumn. "Autumn Lullaby" is a tune he wrote several years ago to try to capture the peace this season brings to him. The only thing that would make the season more peaceful would be to spend a fall day watching a baby sleep without a care in the world, so a lullaby seemed appropriate.

He chose to write this in the DGd tuning because of the easily accessible Gsus4 chords available. He hopes you will try it out even if you are a DAd purist. You might be pleasantly surprised at the variety of sound provided in other tunings, and this one is an easy one to get to. Just tune that middle string from A **down** to G.

Dixieland Dulcimers

As we move into the Christmas holiday season, the Dixieland Dulcimers of Griffin, GA have had a few interesting gigs. In keeping with the season the Dixieland Dulcimers played for Griffin's Salvation Army. They also set up shop at the local Kroger store and played Christmas music for the shoppers. As a special treat, Griffin's Crestview Baptist Church invited the Dixieland Dulcimers to join them for their annual Christmas luncheon. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of NGFDA and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dalton Dulcimers

The club has completed a schedule of Christmas playdates. Highlights were a duet of "Silent Night" in German and bowed psaltery accompaniment on "Still, Still, Still."

The club has grown in 2018 and added a second guitar player and an occasional harmonica.

Tugalo Valley Strummers

The Tugalo Valley Strummers have had a busy holiday season playing Christmas songs and carols for nursing and retirement homes, community events and Christmas parties. The Strummers added new holiday songs to their repertoire and polished up the old favorites. Pictured are some of the Tugalo Valley Strummers playing at the historic Stephens County Courthouse for the Festival of Trees.

Group meetings will resume on January 14th at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Toccoa. Beginners meet at 5:30, all levels at 6:30.

Hilltop Strummers

On Tuesday, September 25, the Hilltop Strummers met for a picnic and jam at the Orange United Methodist Church in Lathemtown, Georgia. This event was planned by member Mary Cissel and food, music and friendship was enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday, December 11th, the Hilltop Strummers and their guests enjoyed a Christmas party at the Canton United Methodist Church. The food was delicious and plentiful. After the meal, the dulcimer, guitar, and hammered dulcimer came out and Christmas music filled the air along with voices singing along. Festive attire and lovely table decorations added to the Christmas spirit.

Mistletoe Jam

MISTLETOE JAM is right around the corner....January 18, 19 and 20. The Garden City Strummers of Augusta, GA put this free event on each year. It is all about jamming...with maybe a special guest or two to play for us around the 1:00 hour on Saturday. Come bring your instruments, some food to share with everyone and expect a full filled weekend just strumming and enjoying being with others who love it like you do. Some cannot stay the entire weekend, and just come on Saturday, for others there is information below to help you reserve a place at the park. We meet in the Beach House so are in a nice warm, protected area. Just follow the signs to take you there once in the park.

There are 10 cabins Mon -Thurs they rent for $150 a night. The weekend and holiday rate is $165 per night. Every car must pay the $5 state park entrance fee...unless you have the yearly pass. Campers are from $32 to $35 a night depending on the site. You may call the park at 706-541-0321 to make your reservation.

Friday night jamming will begin around 7:00 and go until about 9:00. Saturday we will open the beach house by 9:00. There will be some goodies and hot coffee for the early birds. We will go until about 8 or 9 that evening. We will also share lunch and dinner together...so bring food to add to the mix. If you are still around on Sunday, we meet about 10:00 and usually play hymns for a couple of hours before closing up the house.

Please notice the beautiful painting. This was created by Linda Maphet from Canton, GA. She came to the January 2018 Mistletoe Jam and took some pictures of players. In this painting are, Don Fisher (mandolin player in the Garden City Strummers) and Dale and Betsy Anthony (long time NGFDA'ers).

NGFDA Fall Festival

According to the evaluations, the 2018 Fall Festival was a big success. Jeff Furman and Aaron O'Rourke had the most consistently high ratings for the number of people they had in their classes.

Despite the high ratings of the festival, as a whole, NGFDA is still very deeply in the red. NGFDA President, John Shawhan, and Fall Festival Director, Pam Deemer, have negotiated with the Unicoi Lodge to try to bring down expenses with, it is hoped, some success. The festival will still be the weekend before Thanksgiving at the Lodge,

As far as the quality and price of the food are concerned, John Shawhan and Pam Deemer relayed the dissatisfaction of festival attendees, but, as has been said many times before, to make an impact, the Lodge needs to hear from their guests as well.

To cut down on most of the expenses Wednesday night, classes will not begin until 1:00 pm Thursday. Registration will begin at 10:00 am Thursday morning, giving people three hours to register, check-in the Lodge, and eat before classes begin. Instead of a two hour class in the afternoon, there will be two 90 minute classes (1:00 pm-2:30 pm, and 2:45 pm-4:15 pm), Thursday-Saturday, and a two hour class (9:30 am-11:30 am), Friday and Saturday. Sunday morning will continue to be 8:30 am-10:30 am, because check-out time at the Lodge is 11:00 am, and people need time to gather their things and make sure everything is paid for.

To cut back a little more on expenses, there will probably be fewer instructors. Because the organization is one for players of dulcimers, there will not be paid instructors for many other instruments as the there has been in the past, although due to their past popularity, a couple will most likely remain. No new ones will be added.

Alas, mileage or airfare to bring instructors to the festival must also be factored in. There were some terrific teachers suggested on the evaluations, but who are too far away for the NGFDA's budget right now. Faculty are only paid for the classes they teach and are reimbursed for travel expenses and photocopies. NGFDA also pays for their lodging and meals. It is hoped by starting later, at least some of the faculty will be able to arrive Thursday morning and NGFDA can save by not paying for Wednesday night lodging and Wednesday dinner and Thursday breakfast and lunch. Faculty do concerts for the exposure.and jams out of the goodness of their hearts. (Which is why attendees were encouraged to start jams themselves with the help of the jam board.)

Planning for the 2019 Fall Festival is just beginning. Please keep an eye on the NGFDA Footnotes and Facebook page for updates!

You Are Invited! Please Come Join Us!

A DULCIMER GATHERING DAY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

FIRST UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH OF KENNESAW
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COST **$35.00 for 3 hours of workshops and concert**. (Cash, or make check out to Tull Glazener)
$5.00 concert for non-participants

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am-10:30 REGISTRATION & Coffee Social & Casual Jamming.
10:30am-12Noon **WORKSHOP**
"Improve your Flat-Picking" (good for beginners to intermediate)
12:00-1:30pm **LUNCH**; **POT-LUCK**
1:30-3:00pm **WORKSHOP**
"Multi-part ensemble arrangements – with focus on chord embellishments" (for a wide range of skill/experience levels)
3:30-4:30pm **CONCERT with TULL GLAZENER (no charge to participants, $5 for others)**

DIRECTIONS

ROM SOUTH OF KENNESAW	FROM NORTH OF KENNESAW	FROM I-575
Take I-75 NORTH Exit CHASTAIN ROAD (exit 271) Turn LEFT on to CHASTAIN ROAD Cross over I-75 Turn RIGHT on BIG SHANTY ROAD Turn RIGHT IMMEDIATELY on to CAMPUS LOOP ROAD FULC is about a half a mile down on the left	Take I-75 SOUTH Exit CHASTAIN ROAD (exit number 271) Turn RIGHT on to CHASTAIN ROAD Turn RIGHT on BIG SHANTY ROAD Turn RIGHT IMMEDIATELY on to CAMPUS LOOP ROAD FULC is about a half a mile down on the left.	Take 575 SOUTH Exit CHASTAIN ROAD Follow Chastain Turn RIGHT on BIG SHANTY ROAD Turn RIGHT IMMEDIATELY on to CAMPUS LOOP ROAD FULC is about a half a mile down on the left.

Tull Glazener Workshop
April 6, 2019

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
260 Wade Rd West
Loudon, TN

Presented by Mountain Echoes Dulcimer Club

9:00 – 10:00 am Registration

10:00 – 11:30 am **Session One** – "Playing in Other Keys" – how to play in other keys besides D, both with and without a capo.

11:30 – 12:30 pm Lunch – Bring your own lunch or we can provide places to purchase food nearby.

12:30 – 2:00 pm **Session Two** - "A Little Off-Beat – Tunes with Syncopation".

2:00 – 2:30 pm Break

2:30 – 4:00 pm **Session Three** - "3-String Choir – Hymns and Gospel tunes".

4:00 – 4:30 pm Break

4:30 – 5:00 pm Mini Concert by Tull Glazener

Cost: $20.00 per session, $50.00 for all three sessions

Registration: Registration and payment must be received by April 4th, 2019 using the attached registration form.

For additional information contact:

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129 Kawga Way

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Email: knitter0320@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

Tull Glazener Workshop

April 6, 2019

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SESSION ONE ☐ $20.00

SESSION TWO ☐ $20.00

SESSION THREE ☐ $20.00 or all three $50.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED $_____

Checks made payable to: TULL GLAZENER

Registration and payment must be received by April 4, 2019

Mail form and payment to:

Marilyn Kanwischer

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Loudon, TN 37774

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Autumn Lullaby

Tune in DGD

by Joe Collins

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To hear a soundfile of this piece, go to www.jcdulcimer.com/PR/Autumn%20Lullaby.mid
Available until 12/31/2018

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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.pb101@gmail.com 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 Sspatts6@gmail.com
Dixieland Dulcimers	Griffin, GA	Weekly-Mondays	10:00	Crestview Baptist Church fellowship hall, Griffin, GA	Donna Harpe 770-228-5597 phillip_harpe@bellsouth.net Dave Graves 770-227-4890 drg636@gmail.com
Dusty Dulcimers	Madison County	Monthly – 4th Monday	6:30	Danielsville Public Library 1315 Hwy 98 Danielsville, GA 30633	Marty Philips 678-863-7191 Mark Stricklett email: mstricklett@windstream.net
Garden City Strummers	Evans, GA	Monthly – 2nd Monday Monthly – 3rd Thursday Beginner Slow Jam	7:00-9:00 7:00-9:00	4537 Glenda Lane Evans, GA 30809	Pat & Bill Colbert 706-860-3437 pogosbill@aol.com
Gold Country Players	Gainesville, GA	Weekly – Thurs. Main Session Basic Session	 2:00-4:00 4:15-5:00	First Baptist Church Room 235, 751 Green Street, N.W.	Ro Johnson goldcountryplayers@gmail.com
Gwinnoters	Lawrenceville, GA	Monthly, 3rd Mon.	4:30-7:30	Bethesda Park Senior Center 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville	Peggy Carrano 937-901-6417 peggycarrano@gmail.com Linda Depkin suzie.d@mindspring.com
Hammered Dulcimer	Support Group for Hammered Dulcimer Inquiries				None at this time
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	Martha Raby 770-893-3453 Mraby@tds.net
In Town Down Home	Atlanta, GA	Monthly, 3rd Sat.	2:00	Tenth Street United Methodist Church 425 Tenth Street, NW	Rudine Davis H 404-250-0605; C 404-790-7179 davises@bellsouth.net
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 Monday - Practice 3rd Monday & 4th Wed.- Playouts	9:45-10:45	St Philip's Episcopal Church (in the basement) 256 East Main St Brevard, NC	Leader: Linda Schieve 828-885-2328
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 Laurie Wilson 229-389-9611 Laurell.Wilson@hotmail.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 Tuesdays	3:00-5:00 11:00 6:00-8:00	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
Roman Sunshine	Rome, GA	Weekly, Monday	10:00	Charles Parker Senior Center Kingston Rd	JT Bishop 706-234-0477 Jtbljb@bellsouth.net
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
Tugalo Valley Strummers	Toccoa, GA	2nd & 4th Monday evenings Beginners All Levels	 5:30-6:30 6:30-8:00	Ebenezer Baptist Church Family Life Center 49 Rose Lane Toccoa, GA 30577	Margo Taylor 706-297-9509 Margotaylor808@gmail.com
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	Clarkesville, GA	Bimonthly-Beginners 1st & 3rd Fri. Bimonthly-Everyone 1st & 3rd Fri.	1:00-1:45 2:00-4:00	Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 Lynnmccollum50@gmail.com Email lynnmccollum50@gmail.com for details.

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