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beautiful Lake Guntersville
3-day Mountain Dulcimer Workshop
September 25 – 27, 2019

Please visit our website for detailed instructor, workshop and registration information,
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Save the date, then register as soon as possible, class sizes are limited. Come join the fun! We look forward to seeing you this year.

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About The Tablature . .

This month's tab is Abide With Me by Rob Agnus.

This beautiful hymn has a simple melody. What really fascinates him is the chords that accompany the melody. At numerous places in the tune a melody note is repeated and the chord changes. The first example is in the first measure. The tune starts with an F# note accompanied with a D chord. The second note is also an F#, but the chord changes to A (which doesn't have an F# note in it – this gives a bit of dissonance until you get to the next note, an E, which is in an A chord). You don't have to wait long for this to happen again. In the third measure, there are two A notes in a row; the first is against a G chord (again, creating a bit of dissonance) and the second is accompanied by an A chord (resolving the dissonance – Aaaah). This arrangement is mostly "full chord," that is, it uses all 3 strings a lot. This helps to emphasize the chord changes in the tune and provides a chance for you to practice various chord patterns. Since the tempo is moderate, you have time to make the necessary fingering changes as you transition from one chord to another. I hope you enjoy it and maybe learn a few new chord inversions.

Rob Angus has been playing stringed instruments since the 1960's and dulcimers (both mountain and hammered) since the 1980's. He has performed for concerts, weddings, receptions, parties, retirement homes, dulcimer festivals, etc. both solo and with others. His trio, After Class, has produced six albums. In addition, Rob and Denise Guillory have recorded an album featuring mountain and hammered dulcimers. Rob has taught workshops on both hammered and mountain dulcimer at numerous festivals and has given private lessons for more than 20 years.

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Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club had a wonderful time playing at Dauset Trails Nature Center for their Bluebirds and Bluegrass festival on Saturday, April 20. Although the weather was cold, windy and damp, there was a good turnout and a large number of people requested songs and sang along. We played through our new club play book and entertained those who came into the atrium with hymns and fiddle tunes. A good time was had by all.

Dixieland Dulcimers

In recent weeks the Dixieland Dulcimers have had several interesting gigs. Back in April we had the opportunity to play for the good folks at Marvin Methodist Church in Barnesville, Georgia. Usually, our church gigs are in the early afternoon. At Marvin Methodist, it was the 5th Sunday of the month and we had the good fortune to share dinner with the good folks at this country church. Several days later we played a lunch and listen gig at the Second Baptist Church in Griffin, GA. Come April 30 we will be playing for the senior citizens at the River Place Assisted Living facility in Barnesville, GA. Donna Harpe, our esteemed leader, keeps us fully engaged.

Hilltop Strummers

On Monday, March 25th, 2019, the Hilltop Strummers' String Band played for the residents at Cameron Hall Assisted Living in Canton, Georgia. This was a special playout for a String Band member's parent who is a new resident. There was a good crowd and lots of favorable feedback from residents and staff.

Mountain Acoustics Luthier Invitational

The Mountain Acoustics Luthier Invitational is coming up in Burnsville, NC (45 minutes north of Asheville) on May 25 & 26, 2019. This unique event features 30 luthiers from VA, WV, TN, NC, SC, GA, FL, NM and CO exhibiting dulcimers, guitars, fiddles, ukuleles, mandolins, banjos, violins and harps. This 2 day event includes workshops, a drawing for a guitar built by Master Luthier, C.F. Morrison, and a silent auction. Admissions is $10 for one day or $15 for both days. Saturday evening, internationally renown guitarist, Kaki King, will perform at the Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville with $35 tickets available through the Parkway Playhouse. Please visit www.MountainAcoustics.com for details. Come spend the Memorial Day weekend in the mountains!

2019 Fall Festival Update

Congratulations go to Aaron O'Rourke for his acceptance to nursing school, but it is Fall Festival's loss because he now can't teach this year. But there is still good news. Joe Collins has been added to the list of now a dozen faculty members. He also will continue to lead the Sunday morning gathering and popular "Christmas jam."

After four years of involvement with the Fall Festival, one as assistant director and three as director, Pam Deemer says it is time for her to step down. She doesn't have the stamina and spousal support Mike Vandemark had for eleven years of directing. The best perk has been getting to know instructors personally. Another perk is so far NGFDA pays for the director's room and board at the festival. If you have good ideas for instructors and classes and good organizational skills, please consider volunteering. Pam has written down a manual/calendar to guide you and will be available to advise you for 2020. Contact her at pdeemer@gmail.com or NGFDA President John Shawhan at jshawhan@windstream.net, if you are interested.

No one is interested in getting free registration and t-shirt for Fall Festival by designing a logo for it? So far no one has submitted anything thing for the logo contest. Information included should be "North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association Fall Festival, November 21-24, 2019, Unicoi State Park Lodge, Helen, Georgia." At least a mountain dulcimer, if not also a hammered dulcimer, should also be incorporated int the design. Submit your entry by June 1 to Pam Deemer at pdeemer@gmail.com. It will be judged without designers' names attached by the NGFDA Board members.

Note From The Editor

Thank you to the satellite groups that continually send in photos and write-ups keeping all of us informed on what you are doing. It would be great to hear from more of you. I know not every group has something going on all the time, but letting the rest of the NGFDA club know when you play out, host or attend a gathering would be fantastic. Please send photos and write-ups about these events to NGFDA_footnotes@aol.com.

Abide With Me

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Arr. Rob Angus

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
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
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	Danielsville, GA	Monthly – 3rd 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.	Sandy Lesli 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
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.	11:00	St. Luke's Lutheran Church 3264 Northside Parkway Atlanta, GA 30327	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	Beverly Stevens Philstevens1947@yahoo.com
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.	Elizabeth Garrett, 478-225-8071 elizabeth@comsouth.net Jean Noble, 478-971-1782 jeannoble@cox.net
Tugalo Valley Strummers	Toccoa, GA	2nd & 4th Monday evenings Beginners Novice Intermediate	 5:00-5:45 5:45-: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.

NGFDA sanctions these groups as satellites, but each one sets its own agenda, meeting place and procedures.

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