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Hilltop Strummers

On Sunday, August 25th, the Hilltop Strummers String Band played for the 8:30 am gathering in the chapel and at the 11:00 am gathering in the sanctuary for worship at the Canton First United Methodist Church in Canton, Georgia. Fourteen year old soloist, Emma Leenerts, sang "Life's Railway to Heaven" for both gatherings accompanied by the String Band.

If anyone is interested in viewing and listening to the 11:00 am service and performance, go to the Canton UMC.org website or Facebook page and enjoy.

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About The Tablature. . .

This month's tablature is "The Lass of Aughrim" by Bill Collins.

This traditional Irish air was sung by the late tenor Frank Patterson in John Huston's wonderful film version of James Joyce's "The Dead," in which the tune itself is a critical element of the plot. His arrangement of this tune is definitely difficult, but worth the effort involved in learning it! It is intended to be fingerpicked, very slowly and freely. The arrangement starts fairly simply and becomes more complex as the melody repeats.

Throughout, it is very important to connect the notes as if they were being sung. Look for places to add additional ornaments, arpeggios, or vibrato of your own. The last note in the next-to-last measure is a right-hand harmonic: play the note on the middle string at the fifth fret with your left hand, then create a harmonic at the 12th fret using your right hand to pluck the string (with your thumb) while creating the harmonic with your index finger.

LYRICS:

If you be the lass of Aughrim
As I'm taking you mean to be
Tell me the first token
That passed between you and me

O don't you remember
That night on yon lean hill
When we both met together
Which I'm sorry now to tell
O the rain falls on my heavy locks
And the dew wets my skin
My babe lies cold within my arms
But none will let me in

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Land of Waterfalls

Carol Walker presented a full workshop day of classes for thirty-three happy dulcimer players attending from five different states. Subjects covered were duets, canons, rounds, Manx and classical music. Every level of player received something to challenge them and lunch time was especially fun as players from different clubs had a chance to get to know each other. The day ended with a short concert that was open to the public.

Fall Festival News

Due to low registration, this year's NGFDA Fall Festival is in deep jeopardy. Current registration numbers cannot meet expenses. So much monthly volunteer work has gone into setting up this special festival. So many people, including instructors, will be disappointed. Please, keep a 30 year tradition going--don't put off registration any longer. The NGFDA Board needs to know before Oct. 10th and no later whether the 2019 Fall Festival has to canceled due to not enough people having signed up!

Regards,
NGFDA Board of Directors

NGFDA Fall Festival Other News

One of Pam Deemer's dulcimer heroes was Lois Hornbostel. She still has Lois' anthology LP (!) and tab book. Lois and her relatively new husband, Ehukai Teves, will be teaching and performing at the NGFDA Festival. She has been absent from our festival for a long time, and we are so pleased she is back to share her music and expertise with us again. Ehukai is a wonderful added bonus. He has degrees in music, and in addition to teaching dulcimer, this Hawaiian will give a couple ukulele classes. Go to the Fall Festival instructors' page at ngfda.com to find out more about this great couple.

Jim Miller is another long time NGFDA friend and instructor. Those who have been to past Fall Festivals and other dulcimer doings know he is famous for his crazy inventions for playing dulcimer and leading jam sessions. He and Rick Thum, who will again be the concert MC, will provide lots of fun and giggles in leading the usual jam sessions. Joe Collins will probably be doing his Christmas jam session again. Lois in the past has also been an active jammer. Watch out for her and Ehukai as well as some of the other faculty, like Michael Shull, Judy and Kirk (Bass Dulcimer) House, and Nancy Galambush, she of the dulcimer and cello.

In the past Anne Lough has been like the Swiss Army knife of Fall Festival. She has been so useful. Not only has she taught mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, authoharp, and shape note singing, she has taught waltzing, and contra dancing. In fact she will again call the Saturday night contra dance, with the Fall Festival pick-up band made up of students and faculty led by Jim Miller once more.

Matthew Dickerson wowed the audience during last year's concerts with his hammered dulcimer playing. Despite the Festival being first and foremost a dulcimer festival, in addition to Ehukai's ukulele classes, Matthew will teach a pennywhistle class. Hammered dulcimers are heavy to lug around, not to mention the additions of stands. If you gotta carry another instrument, the pennywhistle is just right, isn't it?!

Hammered dulcimer player Mary Lynn Van Deventer is a protege of famed hammered dulcimer player Ken Kolodner, who highly recommended her. She is the newest person to our Festival family.

Other than the faculty and sound and light crew, the Fall Festival is a completely volunteer affair. If you have the time, please volunteer when you register, or, if you've registered already, please contact Lynn McCollum, lynnmccollum50@gmail.com.

Volunteer Needed

NGFDA is currently looking for someone to take over assembling the NGFDA Footnotes newsletter. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Carolyn Welsch at 904-626-2765 or email NGFDA_Footnotes@aol.com.

The Lass of Aughrim

Fingerpick; very slowly and freely

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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
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 – fast jam Monthly – 2nd Thursday – 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
HAMMERED DULCIMER CONTACT					Julia McDermott 706-207-5685 HammerPlaying@aol.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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