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Tugalo Valley Strummers

The Tugalo Valley Strummers and its individual members have been busy already as the Fall Festival season is in full swing. The Strummers played for the annual Pioneer Days at Travelers Rest on Saturday, October 12th.

Members Drew and Margo also played music from the 1600s to 1700s for the Renaissance Festival in Lavonia on the 5th.

If that wasn't enough members Brenda, Drew, and Margo played for the Lions Club Fall Picnic on the 19th. The Tugalo Valley Strummers are beginning to review their Christmas playlist for what promises to be a busy Christmas season. If you are in the area, feel free to stop in and join The Tugalo Valley Strummers during one of their practices on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:30. Tab books are available for use by visitors.

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About The Tablature. . .

This month's tablature, Winter Night Waltz, by Dona Benkert, is a beautiful tune that was popular at dances in early 1800's Illinois. Imagine all the beautiful full skirts swaying to the waltz beat. Note that one page is mountain dulcimer and one page is hammer dulcimer.

Dona is an accomplished hammered and mountain dulcimer artist and instructor whose arrangements are rooted in the traditions of the British Isles, New England Country dance music, Appalachian fiddle tunes, Australian Bush Dance music and Irish harpist Turlough O'Carolan. She is winner of the Studs Terkel Humanities Award, as well as numerous awards for her work with special needs children. Dona is on staff at the renowned Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago, the owner of Folk-Lore Center music school in Naperville. She has taught dulcimers and baritone ukes for special ed students in public schools and has been a facilitator for Girl Scouts music and dance badges for many years.
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Upcoming Events

Joe Collins will be giving a concert on Friday, February 7th, at the Kroc Center in Augusta, GA. He will also be doing a workshop at the center on Saturday, February 8th, which is sponsored by the Garden City Strummers. See attached registration form. If you are interested in either of these or want more information, please send an e-mail to Pat Colbert at pogosbill@aol.com.

The annual Mistletoe Jam weekend, held each year at Mistletoe State Park in Appling, GA, will begin on the evening of January 17th (6 -9), Saturday (9 - 9) and 10 - 12 noon on January 19th. This is a fun event that is free (except for the $5 park pass) and is always hosted by the Garden City Strummers of Augusta, GA. No classes....just jamming... although we do sometimes have a special concert around the noon time on Saturday. Mistletoe has cabins and campsites and there are some hotels in Augusta and Thomson. The number to reserve at Mistletoe is 706-541-0321. Come for the weekend or just the day on Saturday. Bring food to share with the crowd. We all share a potluck at lunch and dinner on Saturday. Need more info? E-mail Pat Colbert at pogosbill@aol.com or call her land line 706-860-3437.

Fall Festival News

Yes, there IS an NGFDA Fall Festival this year! We will squeak by thanks to those who registered and those who donated to the GoFundMe account started by Mike Van Demark. People donated whether they could come or not, but wanted to make sure the North Georgia tradition continued. If you want to donate, even if you cannot attend this year, go to https://www.gofundme.com/f/ngfda-save-the-festival. Extending the deadline to Oct.31 to register also helped. Please come to the NGFDA membership meeting on Saturday, Nov. 23, to hear about the future of the festival in 2020.

Also, practice for Open Stage! Your skill level does not matter. Let us see how you are progressing! Don't worry, dulcimer players are very kind and encouraging. (There are no mistakes, just inventive variations, right?)

There will be two classes for playing for dances this year, but not required for playing in the festival pick-up dance band for Saturday night's dance. The dance was such a success last year, it's happening again with enough time for jamming afterward. Come play or dance-or both! It'll be free. Invite spouses, significant others, children, and friends to join us.

Swap tables for personal used instruments, books and accessories will still be there. To prevent overcrowding, please limit your sales to two instruments at a time. When one instrument sells, you can replace it with another on the table. Then hit the vendors' tables with your new-gotten gains!

As in other years, a jam board will be up to show what and when rooms are free to jam or practice. You can also reserve the free space by writing in your or your group's name. It thus will let people know where you will be.

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.

Winter Night Waltz

Arr: Dona Benkert 1

Playing tips: Play smaller numbers softly. Keep first beats accented to give it the waltz rhythm. Hold chords as long as possible while playing melody notes over them. In Part B keep bass note while playing the melody notes. Rhythm markings below staff indicate note length.

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Keep first beats accented to give it the waltz rhythm.
Arrows below staff indicate which side(s) of bridge to play notes.
Three notes stacked indicate a chord run.

✝ = Short Irish Roll (let hammer bounce gently down through next note

❊ = Flam (Valley Roll) - bounce across bottom two notes finishing with strong melody.

Garden City Strummers

Presents

JOE COLLINS WORKSHOP

For Mountain Dulcimers

Saturday February 8, 2020

Kroc Center 1833 Broad St, Augusta, GA

With a Free Concert on Friday February 7, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Registration 9:00 am

Session 1 9:30-10:45 Crossing Over to the Fun Side! (Novice & Up) This workshop gently glides players to leave the security of playing the melody string to exploring the world of cross-picking. Also there is some work with scales and hitting individual strings. We will learn to cross-pick some familiar songs effectively and efficiently.

Session 2 11:00 – 12: 15 Patterns & Rhythms (Novice to Intermediate) A workshop on strumming and picking patterns. The focus is on strumming-hand technique, helping the player to create rhythms, broken chords, and arpeggios that will give the instrument a fuller sound.

Session 3 After Lunch Hot Licks & Cool Sounds (Novice & Up) A workshop on how to do those cool things that make people say, "WOW! How did he/she do that?" Covers ornamentation techniques like hammer-ons, pull-offs, slides, grace notes, trills, bends, harmonics and muting. Work will be on simple songs where these techniques can be applied and practiced.

There will be a short concert after the workshop

REGISTRATION:

Three Sessions: $45.00 (includes lunch)

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____

E-mail _____

Choice of Lunch: (sandwich, chips, drink)

Check one: Turkey_____ Ham _____ Veggie_____

Mail registration and check payable to Bill Hill at 3812 Inverness Way, Augusta Georgia 30907

Must be received by JANUARY 10, 2020

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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Name_____

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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.**

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