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NGFDA Fall Festival Update

Because the Thursday morning classes have been eliminated to save NGFDA some money on faculty food and lodging, in order to still offer 15 hours of instruction, all classes, Thursday-Saturday, will be 90 minutes long--no more two hour classes. Thursday will have two afternoon class periods (3 hours), Friday, four class periods (6 hours), Saturday, four class periods (6 hours). This also enables there to be a total of 10 class periods to be available, instead of the 9 of the past.

It's also time for the annual NGFDA Fall Festival logo contest. NGFDA members have the chance to win free registration to Fall Festival, a t-shirt with their winning logo on it, and mention in the Fall Festival program. The logo should include "31st North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association Fall Festival, November 21-24, 2019, Unicoi State Park, Helen Georgia". Deadline for submission will be June 1, 2019. The NGFDA Board will select the winner. Last year, there were several good designs. It was a difficult choice. Please give the Board a difficult time in a positive way again this year!

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All other newsletter-related matters, including material intended for publication, should be directed to **Carolyn Welsch** at the email address listed in the above column. The deadline for publication submissions for the March issue is **February 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m**. *Foothills Footnotes* is published monthly by the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association, Incorporated.

About The Tablature . .

This month's tab Walking Off the Egg Nog is an original tune by Bing Futch.

Composed in the fall of 2017, this tune was inspired by Alton Brown's Aged Egg Nog recipe, which has become a favorite new family tradition. With a yield per batch of 2 liters and 3 cups of alcohol mixed in, the grog has a kick and if you have more than one serving, you might just be trying to "walk it off" after a while. The melody deliberately weaves up and down the fretboard while the chords keep a seasonal and stately decorum. There's a "Dulcimerica" video on playing the piece online, which includes a demonstration on how to make the egg nog recipe here: https://youtu.be/1rdyZO4b1V8.

Also this month, we have "Spider On the Bed Post" by Rick Thum. It is a song he wrote in a dream. He dreamt writing it, learning it and practicing it. About an hour after waking up, he remembered the dream. He was singing it and didn't recognize the tune and then remembered the dream. He went to the dulcimer to see if he could play it and played it like he already knew what he was doing. Sometimes we just have to stop and listen to the gifts given to us.

Rick plays it with a right hand dominant style. That gives it a strong rhythm and allows his left to add lots of drones and fills. It is the first song on his "Down the old Dirt Road" CD.

Rick teaches a three day intensive workshop for the hammered dulcimer four times a year. The class cost is $175 for the three days. This class is good for all levels as it focuses on technique. We build a 1000 brick wall. He will give you all 1000 bricks. You might only get 500 put in your wall the first time you take it, but no matter where you are in your musical journey you will get something from this class.

Mt. Dora,FL Feb 11-13, 2019
Townsend, TN March 21-23, 2019
Nobelesville, IN May 3-5, 2019
Evart, MI July 15-17, 2019

Check out his website www.rthum.com to sign up or get more information.

Land of Waterfalls

Members so enjoyed getting together for a potluck and jam in the middle of January since practice sessions were cancelled for the month. A new method for allowing everyone to play at their comfort level was introduced.

Each player has been placed in either a beginner / novice, the intermediate or the advanced intermediate group. The playout lists each month then indicate which group of players are primarily responsible for learning and playing that music during the four playouts each month. All players present will be supportive and provide backup, etc.

Hopefully, this will help the new players feel successful with only being responsible for learning a limited amount of music each month. The senior center audiences are very forgiving and enjoy sharing the occasional mistakes and everyone has a good laugh over them.

Four members attended Larry and Elaine Conger's Lake Junaluska dulcimer weekend over the New Year and really enjoyed it. A number are signing up to attend Joe Collin's 20th Annual Mid-Winter Mountain Dulcimer Festival on March 2 which is also within easy driving distance from our town.

Looking forward to the New Year and more dulcimer opportunities!

Hilltop Strummers

On Sunday, December 23rd, the Hilltop Strummers String Band played for a combined service at The Canton First United Methodist Church. A medley of Christmas music with "What Child Is This" and "We Three Kings" was chosen for this special service. If anyone is interested in hearing this performance, simply go to the Canton First United Methodist Church's Facebook page.

Walking Off The Egg Nog

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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
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.	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
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	Beverly Stevens Philstevens1947@yahoo.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.

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

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Home Phone_____ E-mail address*:_____

Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

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