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Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

Recently the Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club was honored to perform for the Prime Time (Older Adults) group at the Perry United Methodist Church in Perry, GA. The Middle Georgia club meets only once a month since most of its members reside long distances away from their meeting location in Macon. The group was thrilled to be invited to play in the centrally located town of Perry. It has been rare for the group to play in such a nice church facility with amplifying sound equipment. The audience was provided with lyrics to sing along with the songs that were performed. As the dulcimer music was played, the audience accompanied with beautiful, choir-like voices. The club was treated to a delicious lunch catered by a popular, Southern-style restaurant, The Swanson, that is located near the church.

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club also played in the auditorium at Jarrell Plantation in Juliette on the 4th of July. Many of the visitors stopped in to get out of the heat and hear patriotic songs, Celtic tunes and fiddle tunes played by the group. Also, there was a lot of interest in the history of the mountain dulcimer. We had visitors from Germany in attendance and they were very interested not only in the history of the dulcimer but where they could buy one.

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About The Tablature. . .

This month's tablature is All In the Game by Judith Giddings.

This tune was originally known as the "Dawes Melody." General Charles Dawes was a self-taught pianist and composer whose 1912 composition, "Melody in A Major," became a well-known piano and violin piece. It was transformed into the pop song, "It's All In the Game", in 1951 when Carl Sigman added lyrics. Tommy Edwards' recording of "It's All In the Game" was a number one hit on the American Billboard record chart for six weeks in the fall of 1958. Dawes is the only U.S. Vice-President credited with a #1 Pop hit.

Judith prefers to play this tune finger style rather than with a pick, but either way would work. To hear the original Tommy Edwards recording, she recommends the YouTube video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gtizr2G_7Bk. For ease of learning, it might help to just play the melody notes and fill in the accompaniment after the melody is comfortable to play.

Judith doesn't have an active music career at this point in her life, but she does have a Facebook page, Judith Giddings Dulcimer Music, that contains some other free tab.

LaGrange Troupers

One early spring day David and his wife Pat rode with a dulcimer buddy Judy and her husband down to LaGrange to practice with the LaGrange Troupers and then play at a nursing home there. On the way there and back from Fayetteville, they had wonderful talks. The husband, Bob, had been in charge of aircraft maintenance at American Airlines and he had insights into the Boing 737 Max situation. It was fascinating for David to learn of thrust and blades and automatic pilots. After a while they reached LaGrange First Methodist. The LaGrange Troupers met there and practiced their playlist at 1:30 and then split into two groups, each going to a separate nursing home. When they got to Twin Fountains, the nursing home the four from Fayetteville were assigned to, they were greeted with joy by the residents. They had played there before and a few residents had been waiting through the afternoon and said how glad they were to see the Troupers.

David was grateful they had driven the miles to join in.

Seven dulcimer players set up in two rows in front of a tall glass case holding several canaries; it went from the floor almost to the ceiling. David was in the second row just in front of the canaries and, as the group went through their play list, the canaries would join in momentarily and then cease their twittering. Not everyone could hear them, but, by being so close, David could. It was a joy whenever they joined in, for however long it was. Then the seven reached the final song in their play list. Several nursing home residents had sung some of the old familiar songs like "I'll Fly Away," but, on that final song, which was "Amazing Grace," they all joined in lustily together through four verses. They were not always in the same key as other residents, nor in the key of D, which the dulcimers were played in and the canaries sang too in their own keys, all through the four verses. Carol, sitting next to David, looked over in amazement. He kept waiting for the canaries to stop as they had before, but they never did. Not until "just begun" in the final verse died out.

The song was full of grace and he will remember all the orchestras of voices -- the dulcimers, the singers, and the canaries -- with gratitude. He was grateful for the chance to join in and take flight in song. There was a different kind of maximum thrust and lift, each orchestral engine perfect in its own way.

Garden City Strummers

The Garden City Strummers were invited back to Meadow Garden on the 4th of July. We found a nice dogwood tree with some shade to sit under and strum some tunes for those who came to visit this historic home owned by the Georgia Daughters of the American Revolution. It was open for free for touring and other events on the 4th and over 300 came through the gates. George Walton, one of the three signers of the Declaration of Independence, lived in this home. We had a great time....as we always do when we get together.

Land of Waterfalls

Lots of events are happening in Brevard this summer giving our club a chance to showcase our dulcimers. Last month a few players accompanied the congregation in some hymns during the church service at a chapel in the National Forest. The chapel is open year around and in the summer the campers enjoy attending their Sunday services. We are invited to return in August.

Another musical event that is coming up is Heritage Day at the Cradle of Forestry where some of our players will be playing the old time music of the mountains on the porch of one of the old restored cabins on July 27.

This month the Praise Music Group asked our players to in with join their guitars in providing accompaniment for their monthly afternoon Praise Music Events which meet at the church where many of our members attend and where the club's practices are held. Members are challenged to remember how to play back up chords when playing in several different keys. These events are all in addition to performing at five different senior facilities each month. What a wonderful summer!

The registration for the Carol Walker September 21st workshop is included again here so please try to get your registration in by August 21st if possible.

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.

NGFDA Fall Festival

The Fall Festival schedule should be up and registration for Fall Festival should be available starting August 15 at ngfda.com . Register as soon as possible because there will be class size limit of 45 people. Past classes with over 50 and even 60 people have been difficult both for attendees and instructors. If you select a class that has reached its limit prior to your registration, you will be contacted to make another choice.

Registration fee is $125 for NGFDA members, $155 for non-members, $50 for children, or $55 per day. Price includes tickets for the Thursday and Friday night concerts. Extra tickets cost $10 each. The contra dance Saturday night is free.

Fall Festival registration is also time to renew your membership for 2020, $20 for individual memberships or $30 for family memberships.

If you have difficulties registering online because of no computer access and want to register by regular mail, call Pam Deemer, the Festival Director, at (404)-550-0599 and ask her to send the information and form to you.

There are festival registration scholarships available for NGFDA members that need financial help, whether an adult or child. Contact Peggy Martin at martin.pb101@gmail.com.

Dana Gruber Workshop

Hello Everyone,
I am a member of the MEDC group in Tellico Village. We have invited Dana Gruber to do a Workshop for us. Dana has played the Dulcimer since 1997 and her musical background goes back to her early childhood playing classical piano. Her and her husband Hank, who plays Guitar have made recordings and Dana has also written many tablature books for mountain dulcimer.

She has done numerous Workshops. I guarantee a great and enjoyable day. Dana has fun teaching and you will have fun learning from her. We would like to invite you all to come and be a part of the Workshop.

Any Questions or concerns, call or email: - Lori Pahls - 513-317-4240.....34pah36@msn.com

Dana and Hank Gruber (*Sweet Funk*) make up this instrumental duo of mountain dulcimer and acoustic guitar. Their music is a blend of contemporary and traditional favorites, along with their own original compositions. Their unique arrangements explore the contemporary side of the mountain dulcimer and add a new dimension to traditional tunes.

Sweet Funk, comes from the origin of the word dulcimer; "*dulci*" from the Latin word for "sweet," and "*funk*" from the fact that they enjoy playing music that is a little funky and not traditionally played on the mountain dulcimer. They enjoy teaching and performing as a duo. They have been the featured performers / instructors at a number of dulcimer festivals and clubs in the mid-west.

Dana has been playing the mountain dulcimer since 1997. Her musical background goes back to playing the classical piano as a child and on into adulthood. She has always enjoyed arranging music and is known for her unique arrangements on the mountain dulcimer. She enjoys teaching all levels and styles of music.

Hank first learned to play guitar during his Air Force days. He has made an art of accompanying other acoustic instruments but can step into the lead with ease.

Recordings include *Deja New*, unique arrangements of traditional tunes; *Sweet*, contemporary favorites; and, *Christmas Time*, holiday favorites and an original holiday tune.

Dana is the author of numerous tablature books for mountain dulcimer and one for ukulele. For more information, please go to their website at http://www.sweetfunkmusic.com. For a sample of their music, please go to their YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKbA2O_uigvE3Cdk5abxFSg

August 15, 2019
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Loudon, TN
Presented by
Mountain Echoes Dulcimer Club

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9:00 - 10:00 am	REGISTRATION
10:00 – 11:30	Session One – DUETS & ENSEMBLES
11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH - (Bring your own or purchase food nearby)
12:30 – 2:00	Session Two – MEET THE BEATLES
2:00 – 2:15	BREAK
2:15 – 3:45	Session Three – SONGS OF THE SOUTH – REPERTOIRE
4:00 - 5:00	Concert - Dana and Hank

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

Registration and payment must be received by August 10, 2019 using the attached registration form.

REGISTRATION FORM
DANA GRUBER WORKSHOP
AUGUST 15, 2019

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SESSION ONE	**_____**	**$20.00**
SESSION TWO	**_____**	**$20.00**
SESSION THREE	**_____**	**$20.00 or all three for $50.00**

TOTAL ENCLOSED $_____

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Checks made payable to: DANA GRUBER

Registration and payment must be received by August 10th, 2019

Mail form and payment to:

Lori Pahls

117 Cheeskogili Way

Loudon TN, 37774

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All in the Game

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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 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 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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