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Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players

The cold weather has limited the group's outdoor small group practices. Not really practices, just playing fun songs that they enjoy. The members think about the many seniors in past audiences who remembered the old songs that were played for them. We enjoyed that time together as much as they did.

Some of the group is taking this time to learn some new instruments. The mandolin player is taking online classes to begin to learn how to play the cello along with some classical mandolin instruction. One of the dulcimer players is taking online penny whistle and the bowed psaltry classes. Another dulcimer player has improved her strumming 100% thanks to online classes and is now helping to help teach some online children's classes. Her husband has now started to learn how to play the dulcimer with the help of online classes. They both are enjoying all the dulcimer classes and especially the concerts.

The varied array of online classes is phenomenal. And the low cost makes it available to all. The free Saturday afternoon Jam: https://www.sendinthemusic.com/for-our-musicians is also of interest to some of the group. It's nice to see club dulcimer players leading songs for the Jam audience and sharing what might be new tab for some in the audience.

HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY from Georgia's own General Beauregard Lee! Hopefully Beau will have a good prediction for us on February 2.

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, February is the month to plan your garden. You can start your onions from seed for a firmer and longer-lasting onion.

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About the Tablature...

In honor of for Valentine's Day, this month's tablature is a well-known tune, *Aura Lee.* The song, published in 1861, was composed by George R. Poulton (1828-1867) and the lyricist was William W. Fosdick (1825-1862). Aura Lee was popular as a minstrel song and also by soldiers on both sides during the Civil War.

The song "Love Me Tender" by Elvis Presley and Vera Matson used the tune of "Aura Lee", with only slight modifications. Elvis recorded the new song in August 1956. "Love me tender" topped the Billboard Chart, remaining number one for five weeks.

This version of Aura Lee was arranged by Larry Conger. There are two pages – one in the key of D and one in the key of G. The tab may be a bit challenging, but that's a good thing, right? According to Larry, the 1+ (1 ½) fret is optional on the first page.

Now is the perfect time to practice this song just in time to play for your sweetie.

Here is a video of Larry and Elaine Conger playing a duet of the song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCyeC9Zi_Mo&list=PLOvTcymZjoM4PniretlILgARI91hHpOoy&index=10

Don't have a 1+ fret? Did you know that you can get a paper clip and some tape and put it on, then play around with it.

Heard on the Square…

I went up to see my friend in the hospital the other day. We chatted a bit, and then I played a couple songs on my dulcimer. When it was time to go, I said "Well, I hope you get better!" My friend said - "Yeah - I hope you do too"!

Upcoming Virtual Dulcimer Festivals

These virtual festivals are sponsored by other groups, not NGFDA. Check out the websites for further details if you're interested.

Mountain Dulcimer Music Fest
March 5-7, 2021
dulcimerassociationofalbany.com

Upper Potomac Spring Weekend
March 12-14, 2021
upperpotomacmusic.info

Nonsuch Spring Fling Online
March 20-21, 2021
dulcimer.org.uk

Do you have a favorite instructor? Check out their webpage for the virtual instruction they offer.

Looking for something to do? The NGFDA is looking for you! Send your articles, tabs, notices, reviews, festival announcements, etc. to:
Jan Stone at ngfdafootnotes@gmail.com
Thanks in advance for your input!

Friendly Reminder!!

NGFDA annual Membership Dues are due each year by January 1st. Dues are $20.00 per single membership or $30.00 per family membership. For those who haven't paid yet, you can either pay your dues via the NGFDA website under "membership renewal" or you can also send your dues via check to our treasurer at the following address:

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Aura Lee

in the style of
Love Me Tender

arranged for dulcimer by Larry Conger

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SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Monthly, 3rd Tuesday	6:30-8:30	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 Thursday	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	Murphy, NC	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	1:00-3:00	Foster Flea Market 100 Blairsville Hwy (Hwy 129) Murphy, NC	Pam Johnson Mountain.Sounds@aol.com Facebook page: Mountain Sounds Dulcimer Club
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-Regular 1st & 3rd Mondays Bimonthly-Beginners 1st & 3rd Mondays.	11a -1p 1:00-1:45	Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 yonahpickers@yahoo.com Brenda Sue Whitmire Bswhitmire@windstream.net

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

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