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NGFDA 2nd Virtual Fall Festival Wrap Up!

With the Pandemic again this year and limiting the number of people who could gather in one venue to ensure the safety and health of others, NGFDA determined once again it would be in the best interest of all to have another virtual festival for 2021.

We are happy to report that the NGFDA's 2nd Virtual Fall Festival was a great success! Having the virtual festival paved the way for many geographic areas to join in on the fun and gain access to our wonderful instructors. Below are a few interesting statistics to report:

- We had 632 participants from across the world as follows: United States, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Turkey and United Kingdom. NGFDA is truly an International Dulcimer Club.
- 405 classes offered with 49 Instructors over 3 days. Various levels of classes were offered for the Mountain Dulcimer, Hammered Dulcimer, Ukulele, Autoharp, and Penny Whistle and Banjo.
- A total of 4,300 hours taught to the students and to top off the wonderful workshops, the instructors/performers participated in 3 nights of concerts on Zoom Live. Wow!! Their shows were fantastic! We were also able to provide a 30 second infomercial for our 3 sponsors: Steve Eulberg from Boise Idaho, Lorinda Jones from Kentucky, and Jeff Furman from North Carolina. We want to thank our sponsors for the generous support. We also want to thank Ashley Ernst of Dulcimer Players News (DPN) for assisting folks on the Help Desk each morning. She did a great job.

This event turned out to be a great experience and adventure for NGFDA and we were able to gain many new members; many of which could not have come to North Georgia for a live-in person festival. Hopefully we will be able to go back to normal operating procedures this year but if not, we will be doing this type of event again.

I would like to give a great big thank you to Laurell Wilson, NGFDA Fall Festival Co-Director, for her expertise in providing the statistics, scheduling, and planning of these festival as well as Barbara Stevens, Treasurer, for assisting Laurell with the scheduling of the workshops. Without them both this festival may not have become a reality.

Regards,
Mike VanDemark
Festival Director

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About the Tablature...

This month's tab is another Christmas tune that you may not be familiar with, *"Christ Child Lullaby."* Thank you to Pam Deemer for the arrangement.

The hymn, also known as *"Taladh Chriosda,"* was written by Father Ranald Rankin in about 1855 and is sung at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve on Barra, South Uist and Eriskay in the Outer Hebrides. It was written in Scottish Gaelic and originally had 29 verses. There are now many other versions of it in Gaelic and English. You will find one version of lyrics following the tab.

If you're not familiar with this carol, here's a midi file of the tune:

CHRIST~1.MID

Pam Deemer also included some helpful instructions on playing this arrangement:

Keep your least three fingers (pinky, ring, and middle) in the bar position, if you can't bar with one of those three fingers alone, throughout the whole song. This could be played with the capo on the 4th fret, but there would be a loss of the lower note ant the G chord with the melody on the G note. To make the transition between A chord to the G with the melody note on the B, slide your barring last three fingers to the 5th fret and at the same time, fret the middle string's 6th fret with your index finger for a 5,6,5 configuration. Voila, the G chord! Your thumb is then free to go to the 8th fret and down to the 7th fret. You can slip those three last fingers down to the 3rd fret for that lower G chord. Yes, if you practice this song enough, you'll build up strength in you pink and some good calluses!

2022 NGFDA Club Dues

Just a reminder: Membership dues for 2022 are due by January 1, 2022. Go to the NGFDA website for more information.

If you didn't renew your annual membership when you register for the festival!

Head on over to the NGFDA website to find out several ways to pay your club dues: www.ngfda.com.

Speaking of which…

The NGFDA Board is asking for 5 members to head up an "Election Search Committee" for the Annual meeting in November. We have had many of the same officers in NGFDA and are searching for more people to run for the board.

If you are willing and able to serve on the search committee, please contact, our newsletter editor Jan Stone at: ngfdafootnotes@gmail.com and she will forward your name to the board so we can discuss the process. Thanks for your help as always. **Help support your NGFDA Club**.

LaGrange Troupers

Twice a year, Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Georgia hosts Frontier Days, a walk through time from the mid 1700's to the late 1800's. Local historians display skills such as cooking and blacksmithing. You can meet a trapper, talk to a soldier and even throw a tomahawk.

In between working on the cannon crew, one of the LaGrange Troupers introduced visitors to the sweet sounds of the mountain dulcimer, playing some of the songs she learned that very weekend during the NGFDA Fall Festival.

Garden City Strummers

The Garden City Strummers had the most CHILLING playdate ever. The Enopian Theater Group in Augusta is planning to build a new theater and have purchased a large piece of land in Martinez. They invited us to play as part of their fundraising Harvest Festival on this land. We were to play at 2:45 for about 45 minutes. It was FREEZING cold that day. Rain had been forecast, but thankfully never happened...instead we had to contend with a wind chill around 40 degrees or lower. This group is so dedicated! They showed up though and played on with frozen fingers. It is very hard to keep a pick in your fingers when your fingers are that cold. Another November playdate is coming up in Lincolnton, GA on the 20th for their annual Pioneer Day Festival. Hoping for warmer weather, but at least we will be under a covered shelter for that one.

Christ Child Lullaby

Traditional Irish

arr. for dulicmer
by Pam Deemer, 2004

Christ Child Lullaby Lyrics

My love, my pride, my treasure oh
My wonder new and pleasure oh
My son, my beauty, ever You
Who am I to bear You here?

The cause of talk and tale am I
The cause of greatest fame am I
The cause of proudest care on high
To have for mine, the King of all

And though You are the King of all
They sent You to the manger stall
Where at Your feet they all shall fall
And glorify my child, the King

There shone a star above three kings
To guide them to the King of kings
They held You in their humble arms
And knelt before You until dawn

They gave You myrrh and gave You gold
Drank incense and gifts untold
They traveled far these gifts to bring
And glorify their newborn King

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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	2:00-4:00	Club Tamarack Dining Room in Bent Tree. Bent Tree is 6 miles east of Jasper off Cove Road.	Sally Long 404-351-5257 sallylong@tds.net
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	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, NW, Gainesville GA 30501	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.	1:00	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/practice 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. Last Updated 8/27/2021

NGFDA Membership Form

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Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ E-mail address*:_____

Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

Playing Level (check one): ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

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