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2nd Annual Virtual NGFDA Fall Festival

It's not even spring yet, but mark your calendars! The NGFDA Virtual Fall Festival is on for November 18–20, 2021. We're locking down the faculty for this year's Virtual Fall Festival in November; there are 43 confirmed faculty members (we're trying for 50!) Here is the list so far…

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Mary Lynn Michal
Karen Mueller
Heidi Muller
Jerry Rockwell
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Dusty Thorburn
Susan Trump
Mark Allen Wade
Carol Walker
Tish Westman
Charles Whitmer
Nina Zanetti

After a very successful first Virtual Fall Festival, we are looking forward to an even bigger and better one this year. More information will be posted, so keep your eye on the newsletter.

If any members have suggestions for the festival or wish to volunteer to help, please direct your ideas to the Fall Festival Director: Mike van Demark at mvandem@gmail.com.

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All other newsletter-related matters, including material intended for publication, should be directed to **Jan Stone** at the email address listed in the above column. The deadline for publication submissions for the April issue is **March 26, 2021 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 is a popular fiddle tune, "Chinese Breakdown", first recorded in 1925 by the Dixie String Band. The origins of this tune are unclear, although it is widespread from the South to Midwest, the American North and Canada and even to England and Scotland. It is also known by several different names. "Chinese Breakdown" was recorded from Ozark Mountain fiddlers by musicologist/folklorist Vance Randolph for the Library of Congress in the early 1940's.

A breakdown is a popular musical style particularly in bluegrass, famous examples are Earl Scruggs' "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" and Bill Monroe's "Bluegrass Breakdown".

In music, a breakdown is part of a song in which various instruments have solo parts (breaks). This may take the form of all instruments playing the verse together, and then several or all instruments individually repeating the verse as solo parts.

Here's a video of the tune played on the dulcimer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t1GCu_k886w.

If the video is too fast for you to play along, here's a little trick from a recent virtual class. Go to Settings (circled in red in the picture) and select the playback speed that works for you.

Looking for the Past

I'm trying to find the box of past NGFDA newsletters that is floating around somewhere… I have copies beginning with July 1992 but there is three years worth of newsletters out there somewhere. If anyone knows where the newsletters may be, please let me know. I plan on scanning them and adding them to the ones currently available on line. Contact me: Jan Stone at ngfdafootnotes@gmail.com.
Thanks in advance for your help with this project!

Upcoming Virtual Dulcimer Festivals

These virtual festivals are sponsored by other groups, not NGFDA. Go to 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

Other Items to Note

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

Feel like jamming? Check out this site of Cumberland Gap Dulcimer Gathering Jam Tunes. There are 175 tunes; so pick up your dulcimer and play along!
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkUdHV8P_Euiiw8VYaSXJyrx7llFsikyw

Dalton Dulcimers

The Dalton Dulcimers have been using Zoom to stay connected. Our mandolin and one dulcimer play together and everyone else, muted, plays along. We can't hear the total sound, but it is what we have for now. Most of us have received our two doses to the vaccine, so we hope to begin meeting in person soon!

Dulcimer Troupers

The LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers have been keeping busy during this time of social distancing, In addition to the weekly Zoom meetings, five Troupers joined a "play through" session for Larry Conger's new book, The Waltz Collection. The book is available at https://www.larryconger.com/. The group is also looking forward to the harmony and bass parts that Elaine Conger is currently creating.

Two Troupers braved the cold snap and met up at Hanna Park in Jacksonville FL. It was too cold to sit out by the campfire, but they were still able to enjoy some fun and fellowship while "glamping."

The Azalea Storytelling Festival is a popular annual event in LaGrange and the Troupers usually perform there. This year is different (of course!) No Troupers, but Donald Davis, a professional storyteller, will perform at Wesley Hall at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange on Saturday, March 6, 2021. Performances are at 2 pm and 7 pm. Seating will be limited to 100 seats per performance. Both concerts are also available for live streaming. Purchase tickets at info@lsparts.org. The 2 pm show is $20 and the 7pm show is $25. Both shows are $40 and the live streaming is $20 (includes both performances).

Chinese Breakdown

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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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