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Yonah Pickers

The Yonah Pickers have begun to bring their music to the community once again. In addition to returning to semi-monthly practices, they have been able to do two performances in recent months which were very appreciated by the audiences. Several of the members have had some non-pandemic related rather serious medical issues recently, so attendance at practices has been down.

As members are improving, they are hoping for increased attendance soon. The group continues to follow all recommended COVID precautions so that they can enjoy their hobby once again.

Everyone is excited to be able to come together once again with friends to make music! Some of the comments that have been heard include “I forgot how much fun this is” and “It feels so good to be playing music again.” Of course, several performances have been canceled due to the locations being closed to groups; however, more and more locations are beginning to open up. The group is looking forward to returning to their regularly scheduled performances in early June. If you are in the area on the first or third Monday from 10:00AM to 12:00 noon, you are most welcome to join in the fun at a practice. For more information about anything in this article or to confirm a practice please contact mailto:bswhitmre@windstream.net.

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About the Tablature...

This month's tablature is a special treat courtesy of the LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers. Now that COVID restrictions are being removed and we're able to get out, one of the members suggested that the well-known bluegrass standard, "All the Good Times Are Past and Gone" be changed to
"All the Bad Times Are Past and Gone." So Ann Wilder, the Trouper's leader, challenged the group to write a verse describing something about COVID that they were glad to see gone.

Enjoy the revised version! If you need the tune, there are several versions of the original on YouTube.

Centerville Sonic Sounds

Good news! The Sonic Sounds will resume their weekly meetings on Thursday, June 3rd. The meetings begin at 7p and everyone is welcome. They meet at the Centerville United Methodist Church. If you're in the Warner Robins/Centerville/Perry/Byron area, check them out.

Tugalo Valley Strummers

The Tugalo Valley Strummers are once again meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Toccoa, Georgia. It is wonderful to be back together and to feel the actual vibration of the dulcimer music as it fills the air. Zoom meetings are continuing on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

TVS members Drew and Margo Taylor recently played medieval and Celtic music at the Renaissance Festival in Lavonia, Georgia where some 3500 people were in attendance. The tips that were collected were donated to the Open Arms Clinic in Toccoa. The Strummers will be taking off the month of July to recharge and get ready for the fall season.

Do you know?

How do you know when it's time to change the strings on your mountain dulcimer? Really! I want to know. The bass string on my dulcimer goes out of tune faster than usual. Do I need to change my strings or is it something else.
Please send your helpful hints to me at ngdfafootnotes@gmail.com. And thanks in advance!

Get ready! Here's the list of instructors for the NGFDA Virtual Fall Festival coming in November:

Laurie Alsobrook
Patti Amelotte
Paul Andry
Aubrey Atwater
Geoff Black &
Duncan Gibbs
Ken Bloom
Sue Carpenter
Bill Collins
Joe Collins
Linda Collins
Elaine Conger
Larry Conger
Jessica Cormeau
Mary Cox
Carol Crocker
Steve Eulberg
Jeff Furman
Bing Futch
Guy George
Sharrie George
Tull Glazener
Dana Gruber
Les Gustofson-
Zook
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Kirk House
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Ken Kolodner
Anne Lough
Erin Mae Lewis
Molly McCormick
Mary Lynn Michal
Karen Mueller
Heidi Muller
Jerry Rockwell
Butch Ross
Stephen Seifert
Wendy Songe
Ehukai Teves
Dusty Thorburn
Rick Thum
Susan Trump
Mark Alan Wade
Carol Walker
Tish Westman
Charles Whitmer
Nina Zanetti

Other Festivals

Kentucky Music Week
June 20 – 25, 2021
1070 Bloomfield Road
Bardstown, KY 40004
Kentucky Music Week offers a full five days of instruction in a wide variety of traditional arts including all levels of fretted dulcimer and hammered dulcimer, classes in ukulele, guitar, banjo, fiddle, autoharp, penny whistle, vocal classes, old-time craft classes, and much, much more! Over 150 class choices are offered this year with something for everyone at this Kentucky dulcimer festival!

Ozark Roots Dulcimer Week
July 16-18, 2020
Wildflower Bed & Breakfast
106 E. Washington
Mountain View, AR 72560
Workshops, jams, and many other events will be held in the Court Square. This is the first year for this festival. Info at cssmith13364@gmail.com.

All the Bad Times Are Past and Gone

Traditional Tune Words by Judy Lawrence Tabbed by Ann Wilder

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

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