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2021 2nd Virtual Fall Festival Update

It's almost here! The Festival Directors are busy putting the final touches on the NGFDA website and festival schedules to be ready for the opening day of registration.

Mark September 3rd on your calendar to begin registering for the Virtual Fall Festival and the various workshops. There are currently 405 workshops with 35 open seats in each workshop.

Workshops are only $11.00 each and you can sign up for as many as you wish. In addition to the Zoom workshops, there will be concerts each night. Head on over to the NGFDA website for more details: www.ngfda.com

Calling all NGFDA Members

The 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. 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**.

Regards,
The Board of Directors

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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 **September 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m**. *Foothills Footnotes* is published monthly by the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association, Incorporated.

About the Tablature...

We have another fun fiddle tune for this month's tab – "*Barlow Knife"*, a popular old-time Appalachian tune. Depending upon what instrument you play and what region of the country you hail from, this tune is also known as "*Cabin Creek"*, *"Blue Goose"*, *"I've Got a Grandpa"* and *"Boatin' Up Sandy"*.

The Barlow knife was first made in Sheffield, England in the 1600's. The knives were likely first produced in America around 1875 by the John Russell Company and exists today as the Russell Harrington Cutlery Company.

According to the "Traditional Tune Archive" website (2019), Nigel Gatherer has found melodic strains similar to "Barlow Knife" in two old Scottish manuscripts. The earliest, the Straloch MS. (1627) contains a tune called "Old Man (The)," while the second, the Skene MS (c. 1640) has a more developed version under the title "Long Er Onie Old Man." https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Barlow_Knife_(1)

This arrangement is courtesy of Geoff Black. The tab is in the key of D, but it is often played in jams in the key of G.

Geoff will be one of the instructors and performers at the upcoming NGFDA Fall Festival, along with his colleague, Duncan Gibbs. Geoff also hosts a free monthly online mountain dulcimer session on a Sunday, the Virtual Nova Scotia Sessions on behalf of the Nonsuch Dulcimer Club UK, which welcomes many US and worldwide visitors and song leaders. Check out this website link above for more information. https://revelsmusic.co.uk/

This arrangement is a "basic outline" so you can make it your own. Here's a midi file if you're unfamiliar with the tune. https://0201.nccdn.net/1_2/000/000/160/7c3/dw_a1082_barlowknife.mp3

Check out this video with Bing Futch (also a Fall Festival instructor) teaching how to play this tune in the key of G. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwP-eOgXdyE

Mistletoe Jam Update

Unfortunately, Mistletoe State Park has booked the Beach House for a private party over Martin Luther King weekend in January of 2022. So, we will again not be able to host the annual Mistletoe Jam. The State Park would not have allowed us to have our usual open invitation to anyone and everyone anyway due to covid restrictions. As those of you know who have attended for years, it was a come all event and we just always went by faith that you would show up...and show up you always did. We are considering moving the event to another venue...just some kind of big open building and having just a one day event, probably on another weekend. If we did this, we would love to know from you how many would be interested in coming just for ONE DAY. If you would do this, please contact me and let me know: Pat Colbert, leader of the Garden City Strummers in Augusta, GA. pogosbill@aol.com

Dalton Dulcimers

Dalton Dulcimers continues to gather weekly for musical fun and fellowship, masked and socially distanced. The group has developed an all Celtic playlist for future play dates and is beginning to work on Christmas tunes. It's never too soon to start!

We are happy that our membership of nine dulcimer players, two guitars and a mandolin has remained stable during the pandemic due to outdoor playing and zooming. The joy of the music has been a boost to us during these dark times.

Upcoming Event

The Mountain Acoustics Luthier Invitational had to be postponed in 2020. This unique, educational event now roars back to life on **October 16 & 17, 2021** in Burnsville, NC just north of Asheville. With 30 of the finest luthiers in the southeastern U.S. gathering to exhibit stunning, handcrafted, acoustic instruments including guitars, mandolins, ukuleles, violins/fiddles, banjos, dulcimers, harp and variations of these, this event celebrates the art of lutherie. They come by invitation only from NC, TN, WV, VA, SC, GA and FL. TKL/Cedar Creek Cases remain as our Title Sponsor.

This year, we add the Vintage String Instruments Exhibit with over 90 instruments and some dating into the 1800's. A private collection being exhibited for the first time and a display that collectors won't want to miss!

The Silent Auction offers attendees an opportunity to bid on stays at luxury hotels, a golf game at the stunning Mountain Air Country Club and more exciting opportunities including a handcrafted violin/fiddle built by one of the south's finest luthiers, David Chandler!

Visit www.MountainAcoustics.com for details and hotlinks to all the exhibitors and supporters.

FOR SALE

I bought a beautiful Alto bowed Psaltry from premiere maker, James Jones. I'm unable to keep it because when I play it, the resonating notes hurt my puppy's ears and he cries. It has 2 hours or less playing time on it. Comes with soft-side case, 2 bows, tuning key, resin and spare string. It has a redwood top, cherry back and walnut footplate. Asking $150 firm. Contact: Kathryn Bruno 2waterwalker@gmail.com

Score

Barlow Knife

(Basic Outline)

Trad. American Fiddle Tune
Arr. for MD by Geoff Black

Sharply ♩ = 120

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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	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.	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/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

Please start/renew my membership in NGFDA, including a subscription to the monthly *Foothills Footnotes* newsletter. Tab books available to members only, one copy per member at a cost of $10 (if mailed, add $2 mailing fee). Individual membership: $20. Family membership: $30. Please make checks payable to NGFDA. Dues, according to NGFDA bylaws, are renewable each November regardless of when you join.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ E-mail address*:_____

Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

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

***Members can automatically access our monthly newsletter at www.ngfda.org by clicking "newsletter" and entering your email address as *listed above*. The newsletter is posted around the 25th of each month.**

I wish to get my newsletter ☐ on the NGFDA website ☐ by email ☐ by mail

Do you want to order a Tab Book? (check one) ☐ Yes / ☐ No
Please add $13.00 for Tab Book and postage

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