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"My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth."
– Abraham Lincoln

Calling all NGFDA Members. The board is asking for 12 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 **July 25, 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 tablature is "Possum Up a Gum Stump" (aka Coonie in the Hollow). The tune is an American Reel and was mentioned in chronicles before the year 1830. It was cited as having been played in a 1914 Atlanta, GA fiddlers' contest and listed in the Northwest Alabamian of August 29, 1929, as one of the tunes likely to be played at an upcoming fiddlers' convention. The title appears in a list of traditional Ozarks Mountains fiddle tunes compiled by musicologist/folklorist Vance Randolph, published in 1954.

The phrase originated as 'like a possum up a gum tree' and interpretations of this account for the variety of meaning. The allusion is to possums escaping up trees after being chased by hounds. Depending on one's point of view, the possum could be said to be either in difficulty as it couldn't escape, relaxing contentedly because the hounds couldn't catch it – either way it would probably have shown a good turn of speed up the tree in the first place.

The tune is typically all instrumental but can be performed with some nonsense lyrics that reference a "Possum up a Gum Stump, Raccoon (or Coon) in de holler". The possum can also be a rabbit and the gum stump can be a simmons tree.

There are three versions of this tab (original, simple, advanced) for you to practice. Please check out Mr. Zuckerman's teaching video which covers some improvisation techniques using this tune.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyRRvcc2nms

LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers

After many long months, the LaGrange Troupers finally met together again. Zoom got us through last year, but it was so good to see everyone in person, catch up and enjoy hearing all the instruments. There was a great showing! Even a few spouses came along to join in the singing.

Here's a photo of the group's awesome one man band!

The group is looking forward to some playouts in the future, as well as enjoying the weekly meetings.

Just a reminder – 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
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Wendy Songe
Ehukai Teves
Dusty Thorburn
Rick Thum
Susan Trump
Mark Alan Wade
Carol Walker
Tish Westman
Charles Whitmer
Nina Zanetti

Other Festivals

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.

Chromatic Mountain Dulcimer Summit
July 24, 2021
VIRTUAL FESTIVAL
http://www.thechromaticsummit.com/

Possum up a Gum Stump
(Original)

Arranged by Ron Zuckerman

Possum up a Gum Stump
(Simple)

Arranged by Ron Zuckerman

Possum up a Gum Stump
(Advanced)

Arranged by Ron Zuckerman

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. Last Updated 4/20/20

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City_____ State_____ Zip_____

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Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

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

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