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Garden City Strummers

Every year (except last year :(due to covid) the Garden City Strummers are asked to play in Washington, GA at the annual Mule Day Festival. This is held on the grounds of Callaway Plantation, a working antebellum farm just outside of town.

We LOVE playing here and they love us too! Here is a picture of all of us minus our mandolin player Judy (who didn't realize we were going to do a photo shoot and went off to visit with a friend she saw in the crowd).

We always play two sets, one at 11:00 and another at 1:00 and are always located on the front porch of the big plantation house. If you have never been to a Mule Day...check it out on the internet. Always in early October, so come on out.

Also shown here is Bill Colbert who plays the washtub bass. This instrument gets almost more attention than the strummers and Bill gives inquirers a 2-second lesson on how to play it…and then they try it, sometimes playing along with us. (Mainly because it takes all of 2 seconds to learn how!!) And....he bought this grand instrument at a Unicoi Festival years ago. A friend painted it up to look really classy. So many treasures were found at those Festivals.

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About the Tablature...

Need some new Christmas tab? Just in time, this month's tab is titled *"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"*, and it is one of 38 tabs included in Joe Collins' new *Christmas with the Mountain Dulcimer – Volume 2* just released this September.

It is a popular British carol, the words of which were published as early as 1683. The tune it is most associated with today is the one shared in the tablature – "Sussex Carol."

In 1919, Ralph Vaughan Williams heard the carol being sung to this tune by Harriet Verrall near Horsham, Sussex and wrote it down and published it. Thus, it is known today as the *"Sussex Carol."* This is a bouncy, joyous Christmas tune that should supplement your holiday repertoire very well.
From Joe: Note the timing change in measure 10. I personally find it easier to manage by just counting in 3/8.

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

on_christmas_night.mid

Like this tune? Check out Joe's website for more information on his new book: http://jcdulcimer.com

2021 2nd Virtual Fall Festival

The deadline to register is drawing near! ***Thursday, November 11th is the final day for registration.*** There are still classes available. Check out the NGFDA website today. 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. Don't miss out on this excellent event. Head on over to the NGFDA website for more details: www.ngfda.com.
You can also renew your annual membership when you register for the festival!

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

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

For the 10th year, on Sunday, October 10th, the Azalea Storytelling Festival and Hills & Dales Estate in LaGrange, GA, hosted a free storytelling event beneath the canopy of the pecan grove. An beautiful afternoon of family-friendly entertainment featured the LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers as a warm-up to the featured story tellers.

Hills and Dales Estate is the home built for textile magnate Fuller E. Callaway and his wife Ida Cason Callaway completed in 1916 in Lagrange, Georgia. The property includes the pre-Civil War Ferrell Gardens started by Nancy Ferrell in 1832 and expanded by her daughter Sarah Coleman Ferrell beginning in 1841.

Land of the Waterfalls

In October the group visited the Silvermont Senior Center in Brevard and played for the Lunch Bunch Seniors. They played the old songs from our childhoods that people could sing, along with a few familiar hymns. Everyone had song sheets and boy could they sing! They were so pleased with themselves after they sang two songs in rounds.

In December the group is planning a Christmas concert and it will include an accordion player for three of the peppy pieces. The accordion player is also the cello player, and she helps them keep the beat. The members are so happy to be able to play out again. We all really need a purpose to help us keep up our regular practices and playing out makes us happy.

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Tune in DAd

Traditional English

Dulcimer Arrangement by Joe Collins

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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.	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

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Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

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