



PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

MAY 2025

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Prairie Dulcimer Club Group
(Members Private Group)

NEXT Meeting: May 17th, 2025
(Always the 3rd Saturday of the Month)
Westminster Hall, 417 West Lexington,
Independence, MO 64050

MONTH	Hammer Activity 1st Session 9:00am - 10:15am	Hammer Activity 2nd Session 11:00am - 12:00pm	Mountain Activity 1st Session 9:00am - 10:15am	Mountain Activity 2nd Session 11:00am - 12:00pm	Club Activity
MAY 17th	Rita Young Leads	Easel Roberts Leads	United Jam	United Jam	Potluck Lunch
JUN 21st	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Potluck Lunch
JUL 19th	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Potluck Lunch

This Month's Workshop Sessions

For Session #1 this month, Both Mountains and Hammers will work separately on songs to be later announced.

From the President

Our New Proposed Bylaws: 2025 Timetable for Adoption

As Prairie Dulcimer Club takes steps to become an officially approved 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, we are beginning the ratification process for an updated version of the PDC Bylaws. This process will occur in three stages at our regular monthly business meetings:

Stage 1: April 19: Introduction to the Proposed Bylaws; Q&A and discussion

Stage 2: May 17: Additional Discussion; Preliminary Vote by the Membership to adopt the Bylaws document

Stage 3: June 21: Additional Discussion: Final Vote by the Membership to adopt the Bylaws document

PLEASE NOTE: Only current PDC members are allowed to vote in the Bylaw approval process. We want you to be included in this important process, so please be sure that your 2025 membership dues have been paid to Treasurer Ken Werne.

MINUTES FROM OUR LAST BUSINESS MEETING: April 19th 2025

President Ken Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 10:30 am on Saturday, April 19, 2025. President Ken recognized members with March and April birthdays. Six people are taking the beginner mountain dulcimer class taught by Jim and Brenda Smith.

Minutes:

The minutes from the February 15, 2025 meeting were read by Secretary Diane Crouch. David Tate moved to approve the minutes, and Rita Young seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Ken Werne gave the treasurer's report with an unrestricted balance of \$5,499.66 and mentoring fund of \$466.15. Income was from membership dues. Expenses were website fees, supplies and workshop reimbursements to Linda Thomas and Duane Porterfield.

Reports:

Fourteen members attended Linda Thomas's March workshop and several gave positive feedback on the workshops and concert.

New Business:

The proposed by-law revision was emailed to the membership on April 14, 2025. President Ken led the discussion describing the purpose of the by-laws and why they need updated for the 501(c)3 filing. Further review will take place at the May meeting with the goal of approval at the June meeting.

Discussion included:

Why do we need 3 year terms for officers? Are elections staggered or concurrent? Do we need an overlap for officers to assume their duties rather than have immediate transfer?

ByLaws suggested revisions:

Revised Article IV, Section 1.a: "Regular PDC meetings shall normally take place once a month." on the third Saturday morning of the month

- Revise Article IV, Section 1.b.: Regular PDC meetings shall usually offer an educational workshop, a jam, or both to develop deeper social relationships. potluck meals for lunch on monthly meeting days shall be encouraged.
- The need for an executive committee to plan, set up and run meetings and plan events. Democracy versus republic discussion.
- Need to include who can spend money and an expenditure limit without a membership vote.
- In Article VII regarding assets after dissolution: Is it necessary to name Colorado Dulcimer Festival as the preferred organization? According to the attorney review, the by-laws need to state the assets must be transferred to another 501(c) 3 organization. The last statement regarding the Colorado Dulcimer Festival could be removed.

Allen Macfarlane moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. David Tate seconded; motion carried.

Submitted by Diane Crouch, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Renewal for 2025: \$25 for individual; \$40 for family. If you have not yet paid, please bring your renewal check (made payable to Prairie Dulcimer Club) to the May club meeting or mail your checks to Ken Werne. Thank you!

Free Mountain Dulcimer Course: Prairie Dulcimer Club is offering a free mountain dulcimer course, occurring simultaneously with our regular monthly club meetings. Taught by Jim and Brenda Smith, this course will gently introduce you to how to play this simple-yet-beautiful instrument. And it's all free! You can still join in May.

The course is structured as 5 monthly sessions, held on the third Saturday morning of the month, beginning April 19. Students who enroll need to commit to the entire program's duration.

If you or someone you know who might be interested, please send them the attached flyer, and have them contact Jim Smith right away to enroll or to find out more information. Jim's contact information is included in the flyer.

This is a great opportunity for people to learn a fun, easy instrument that will produce hours of enjoyment. And it's free! *A printable flyer is attached on page 5.*

Friday, May 23 9:00-1:00 "Dulcimer Petting Zoo" for Students Grade 7-8. Kansas City Virtual Academy, 1215 E 59 th St. KCMO 64110. Volunteers Needed! More information to follow. Sign up with Ken S: kshoemaker99@gmail.com.

Missouri-Kansas Teachers Dulcimer Workshop Thursday, June 3 1:00-4:30 Teachers Workshop on the Dulcimer (for Missouri and Kansas professional teachers). Shawnee Mission South High School, 5800 West 107 th St., Overland Park, KS. Volunteers Needed! More information to follow. Sign up with Ken S: kshoemaker99@gmail.com.

Missouri Town Friday, July 4 10:00-5:00 Missouri Town. Volunteers Needed! More information to follow.

2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

Parkview Nursing Home 128 North Hardesty Avenue, KC, MO will resume in June 2025.

QuaranTune Summer Festival QuaranTUNE is coming up fast, June 5th through June 8th. Workshops will be held Friday June 6th and Saturday June 7th. **Registration opened May 4th at and you can now register anytime.** To plan your schedule, review registration and disclosures and see the classes, go to www.virtualdulcimerfest.com Remember, there are more instrument classes than just dulcimers.

Saturday, May 17th 2025: Hammered Dulcimer Workshops with Ilace Mears and Mountain Dulcimer Workshops with Joe Collins. 9:00am to 4:00pm with instructor concert to follow. Cost for the all day event is \$60.00. Ilace and Joe are both former National Dulcimer Champions. Workshops will be held at the Maranatha Village Community Center at 304 W. Bethany Street, Springfield, MO 64803. See *printable flyer on page 6*. For registration and more details, contact June Day at 417-207-4766, dogwoodmountaindulcimers@gmail.com or FB DogwoodMountainDulcimers.

Linda Thomas Hammered Dulcimer 2025 Workshop Mountain View, Arkansas will be held July 10th through July 12th. The cost is \$159 for 3 days and is designed for all levels. For more info go to www.clubpossum.com See *printable flyer on page 7*.

AROUND TOWN JAMS TO JOIN

Kansas City - West MONTHLY JAM meets at the Johnson County Central Resource Library (Conference Room #4) at 9875 West 87th Street, Overland Park, KS 66212. Contact Ann Hauser at hausera58@gmail.com

- * WED April 9th 1:30 - 3:30 PM
- * WED May 14th 1:30 - 3:30 PM
- * WED June 11th 1:30 - 3:30 PM

TUNE LIST FOR KC - WEST JAM

Whiskey Before Breakfast	Grandfather's Clock
Bile Dem Cabbage	Hard Times
Old Joe Clark	Midnight on the Water
Southwind	The Leaving of LiverpoolME
Ash Grove	Skye Boat Song
Soldier's Joy	Simple Gifts
Amazing Grace	Flop Eared Mule
John Ryan's	Scotland the Brave
Fly Around My Pretty Little Miss	Old Rosin the Beau
Angelina Baker	St. Ann's Reel
Shepherd's Wife Waltz	Red River Valley
You Are My Sunshine	Home on the Range

MEADOWBROOK PARK OUTDOOR SUMMER JAM located at 9101 Nall Avenue, Prairie Village, KS 66207. The outdoor park jams have started and there is a new location. We will meet in a slightly different area. It will be closer to a parking lot, restrooms and a walking path. You will need to come into the park from Roe Ave. There is only one entrance from Roe Ave. and the parking lot is immediately as you enter. There is a small child play area that you will see. The little children will sometimes dart into the parking lot so be extra careful. We will set up close to the parking lot. We may want to sit in the sun if the weather is a little chilly. I will get there early to judge the temperature and decide if we want shade or sun. The playlist will be the same. For those of you coming from I35 there is a Roe Ave. exit that will take you straight to the park.

Contact Ann Hauser at hauser58@gmail.com for details. Meet at Meadowbrook Park, 9101 Nall Avenue, Prairie Village, KS 66207. Players will need to bring their own chairs. There is no signage to indicate where to play, but the area is directly North of the Market Coffee Shop and Miss Ruby's Food Truck (camper). On street parking is available.

- * TUE May 27th 3:30 - 5:30 PM
- * TUE June 24th 3:30 - 5:30 PM

REQUEST FOR INSTRUMENTS

PDC is in need of cardboard mountain dulcimers. These will be used by the Club for various events. If you have any cardboard mountain dulcimers you would like to donate, please bring them to our next meeting. Thank you!

INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE

Mountain Dulcimer McSpadden dulcimer, \$300, tear drop style, Model T-34S, made by George Looney, #20,108. Located in Moberly, MO - Beth is willing to meet closer to KC. Contact Beth at oakhavenfarms@hotmail.com or 660-998-9662

Mountain Dulcimer 2000 McSpadden hour-glass mountain dulcimer FM12W in excellent condition. Comes with hard-shell case, built-in bridge pickup, butternut stand, and Dudley brass capo. Also extra strings, picks, noters. \$300. Contact Terry Baldrige at tbaldrige@mnu.edu

Hammered Dulcimer Mary Richardson is selling her MasterWorks Voyager Hammered Dulcimer for \$1500. It is a compact, super lightweight 16/15 chromatic hammered dulcimer. It comes with a case

LEARN TO PLAY THE MOUNTAIN DULCIMER!



Sign up now for a

Free Mountain Dulcimer Course for Beginners

Classes: April 19	9:00am—Noon	July 19	<i>[No Class]</i>
May 17	9:00am—Noon	Aug. 16	9:00am—Noon
June 21	9:00am—Noon	Sept. 20	9:00am—Noon

Free instruction

Free loan of instructional materials

Free loan of a practice dulcimer for the course duration

Location: Westminster Hall
417 West Lexington
Independence, MO 64050

Registration Deadline: April 14; **Class begins:** April 19

To enroll or for inquiries, contact Jim Smith

Phone: 816-419-0717 (Leave full message with details)

Email: jimbusybees@gmail.com

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Dogwood Mountain Dulcimers

of Springfield, MO

Presents



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and Mountain Dulcimer
Workshops with Joe Collins

Both are former National Dulcimer Champions!

**4 Workshops 9:00am to 4:00pm
plus an Instructor Concert at 4:30pm!**

Cost: \$60 for this All-Day Event

Location: Maranatha Village Community Center
304 W Bethany Street, Springfield, MO 65803

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July 10-12

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