



PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

JUNE 2025

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Prairie Dulcimer Club Group
(Members Private Group)

NEXT Meeting: JUNE 21st, 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
JUN 21st	Rita Young Leads	United Jam	Easel Roberts Leads	United Jam	Potluck Lunch
JUL 19th	Timothy Seaman Leads	TBA	Timothy Seaman Leads	TBA	Potluck Lunch
AUG 16th	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.

ELECTING A VICE-PRESIDENT THIS MONTH. In accordance with our new Bylaws to be ratified this month, we will be electing a Vice-President for the Executive Committee at the June Business Meeting. Easel Roberts has agreed to let his name stand for this office. If you or someone you know would like to be entered on the ballot for this position, please let Ken Shoemaker (kshoemaker99@gmail.com) know of your intention by June 19. Thanks.

MINUTES FROM OUR LAST BUSINESS MEETING: MAY 17th 2025

President Ken Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Ramona Crawford was recognized for her birthday in May. Kathy Stone, who has joined the beginner Mountain Dulcimer class, was welcomed as a first-time guest.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Ken Werne provided the treasurer's report:

- opening balance -\$5,499.66 - income-\$250 from memberships - expense -\$27 - website hosting
- ending balance -\$5,722.26 with \$466.15 in reserve for the mentoring program and \$6,884.1 available in unrestricted funds.

Minutes from Last Meeting:

Sandy McKay read the minutes of the April 19, 2025 business meeting. Mary Richardson moved to approve them as read. David Courtney seconded and the minutes were approved.

New Business:

1. By-laws

Ken Shoemaker reviewed the By-law approval process. He asked for preliminary approval of the By-laws revised to reflect member comments gathered at the April 19 meeting. They were emailed to members for review prior to today's meeting. Dave Courtney moved to approve the revised By-laws and Ellen Marquart seconded. The revised Bylaws were approved. Final approval of the By-laws will occur at the June meeting.

2. Nomination for the new Vice President position.

The new By-laws call for the position of Vice President. Ken Shoemaker announced that Easel Roberts has indicated he would be willing to accept the position. Ken encouraged anyone interested in the role to contact him. Members interested in nominating someone other than themselves must secure acceptance from that individual prior to nominating them. An election will be held at the June meeting.

3. Purchase of business cards

Ken requested approval for \$100 to purchase business cards for the purpose of promoting the organization. He distributed a draft which includes depiction of dulcimer instruments and the website. Congratulations were offered to Easel for the featured QR code to facilitate navigation to the website. Sheryl Godsey moved to approve the allocation of \$100 and Rita Young seconded. Approval was unanimous.

4. Securing Timothy Seaman for the July club meeting

Ken Shoemaker requested \$300 for Timothy Seaman to conduct a workshop (both mountain and hammer dulcimer instruction) followed by a concert. Easel Roberts moved to approve and David Tate seconded. The request for \$300 was approved. Ken offered the idea of securing event space and promoting an evening concert featuring Timothy where admission will be charged. He encouraged members to contact him with event space suggestions as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events:

- May 23 "Dulcimer Petting Zoo"; 9:00 AM -1:00 PM for students grade 7-8 at the Kansas City Virtual Academy, 1215 E. 59th St. KCMO 64110. Volunteers are needed. Contact Ken Shoemaker at kshoemaker99@gmail.com
- June 3 Noon - 4:00 PM, Missouri/Kansas Teachers Dulcimer Workshop, Shawnee Mission South High School, 5800 West 107th St., Overland Park, KS 66207. Ken announced that 8 hammer dulcimer members and 3 mountain dulcimer members have signed up to share about their instrument with professional music educators to promote a greater understanding. Additional volunteers are needed. Please contact Ken at kshoemaker99@gmail.com
- July 4 10:00 AM — 5:00 PM Missouri Town. Volunteer performers are needed!

Member Reports:

Easel shared a report of the Colorado Music Festival. Workshops were excellent and evening concerts exceptional.

Rita shared a report of the Dulcimer Jamboree held in Mountain View, Arkansas. Ken Shoemaker received second place for his hammer dulcimer performance. Congratulations, Rita Young, for placing as a finalist.

Ken Shoemaker sought a motion to adjourn. Ellen Marquardt moved and Linda Kell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Goodman

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!

2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

QuaranTune Summer Festival QuaranTUNE - Workshops will be held Friday June 6th and Saturday June 7th. Registration has closed.

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

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 5.

Parkview Nursing Home 128 North Hardesty Avenue, KC, MO is scheduled for Thursday, July 17th at 10:00am. We will do a Patriotic Program. If you would like to play a solo, please contact Rita at youngrita500@gmail.com The list of songs will be announced later this month.

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 June 11th 1:30 - 3:30 PM
- * WED July 9th 1:30 - 3:30 PM
- * WED August 13th 1:30 - 3:30 PM

TUNE LIST FOR KC - WEST JAM

Whiskey Before Breakfast

Bile Dem Cabbage

Old Joe Clark

Southwind

Ash Grove

Soldier's Joy

Amazing Grace

John Ryan's

Fly Around My Pretty Little Miss

Angelina Baker

Shepherd's Wife Waltz

You Are My Sunshine

Grandfather's Clock

Hard Times

Midnight on the Water

The Leaving of LiverpoolME

Skye Boat Song

Simple Gifts

Flop Eared Mule

Scotland the Brave

Old Rosin the Beau

St. Ann's Reel

Red River Valley

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 June 24th 3:30 - 5:30 PM

* TUE July 22nd 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.

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- 2025 WORKSHOP -
MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS
July 10-12



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