



PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

OCTOBER 2025

Website: www.PrairieDulcimerClub.com
 Facebook: Prairie Dulcimer Club Networking
 Prairie Dulcimer Club Group
 (Members Private Group)

NEXT Meeting: October 18th, 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 |
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| OCT 18th | When & how to add chords, harmony, arpeggios, etc. Silent Night - Lead: Rita Young | Group Jam | Transitioning to “Big Group. From being a “Newbie” to Moving Forward- Lead: Easel Roberts | Group Jam | Potluck Lunch |
| NOV 15th | TBA | TBA | TBA | TBA | Potluck Lunch |
| DEC 20th | Christmas/Seasonal Music - Lead: TBA | TBA | Christmas/Seasonal Music - Lead: TBA | TBA | Potluck Lunch |

This Month’s Workshop Sessions

For Session #1 this month, Hammers will be working with Rita . The playlist is listed below under the Missouri Town upcoming event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Renewal for 2025: \$25 for individual; \$40 for family. If you’re not yet a member, you may join at any time during the year. Memberships paid in 2025 will cover the year 2025. The 2026 membership dues will renew in January 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Werne.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

Missouri Town: *If you are helping to set up the tents on Friday, 10/3, please be there by 1pm.*

Performances are Saturday and Sunday, Mornings 10am - 2pm and Afternoons 1pm to 4pm.

Dress is period costume for 1855. Our location map is on page 3 and the playlist is on page 4. Please note our location has been changed. We are just across the way from our old location.

Linda Thomas Hammered Dulcimer Christmas Workshop: October 11, 2025 from 9am to 4pm. If you have not yet registered, please contact Linda Thomas at lindadan@primary.net for availability.

Parkview Nursing Home Thursday, November 6th, 2025, 10:00 am at 128 North Hardesty Avenue, KC, MO. Please join us, the more the merrier! If you would like to play a solo, please contact Rita at youngrita500@gmail.com The playlist is as follows: Clinch Mountain Backstep/Cherokee Shuffle – D;

Over the River and Through the Woods – D (found in PDC Christmas music); Bile Them Cabbage Down – D; America the Beautiful – D; My Country 'Tis of Thee – D; Battle Hymn of the Republic – D; Ash Grove – D (3 parts if possible); John Ryan's Polka – D; This is My Father's World – D; and Farther Along – D. If you are playing a solo, think about Thanksgiving and Fall songs when choosing.

North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association offers a virtual workshops **November 20, 21 and 22** for their fall festival. This is similar to Quarantune. Registration is now open at ngfda.com.

Rick Thum: An Old Time Christmas Concert December 16th, 2025. Streaming live from the Sheldon Theater, this live stream concert features Rick Thum and 6 other favorite musicians from the St. Louis area. Tickets are \$25 each at rthum.com. See flyer on page 5 for details.

MINUTES FROM OUR LAST BUSINESS MEETING: September 20th, 2025

Vice- President Easel Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:30 am on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Julie Goodman recorded minutes.

Easel recognized visitors and members with September birthdays. Easel encouraged everyone to send Esther Kreek a card for her 95th Birthday.

Website: The new website is targeted to go live on October 15.

Missouri Town October 4 & 5: Easel passed out the sign up sheet for Missouri Town

and also parking passes. Volunteers are needed for setup and take down.

Crown Center Christmas Performance: Wednesday, December 3 at 11:30, 1:00 or 1:45 will be requested for the performance.

Possum Board Resonators: Dave Courtney may help make possum boards at a reasonable cost for anyone interested. More details will follow in the newsletter.

Dulcimers in Schools: Ramona is planning to get started again with school programming. She needs hammered dulcimer players to help. She encourages anyone with a contact in a school to reach out to them.

Ramona also indicated she is going to try to get a "petting zoo" set up beside the performance area at Missouri Town. Members are encouraged to take turns introducing the instruments to crowd members who are interested.

Parkview Nursing Home: Rita announced the next performance at Parkview is on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Elections: Easel reviewed the election process with officer nominations at the October meeting and elections at the November meeting.

Dulcimer Day at the Capitol, April 11, 2026, Jefferson City, MO: All members are encouraged to participate and to register now in order to receive timely communications. Ramona shared that there may be instructional sessions for teachers and students during the week. Rick Thum will be leading Saturday jam session.

Linda Thomas Christmas Workshop: Karron indicated there a few spots available for this hammered dulcimer workshop in October. The fee is \$50.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Recorded by Julie Goodman and Submitted by Diane Crouch, Secretary

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 October 8th - 1:30 - 3:30 PM

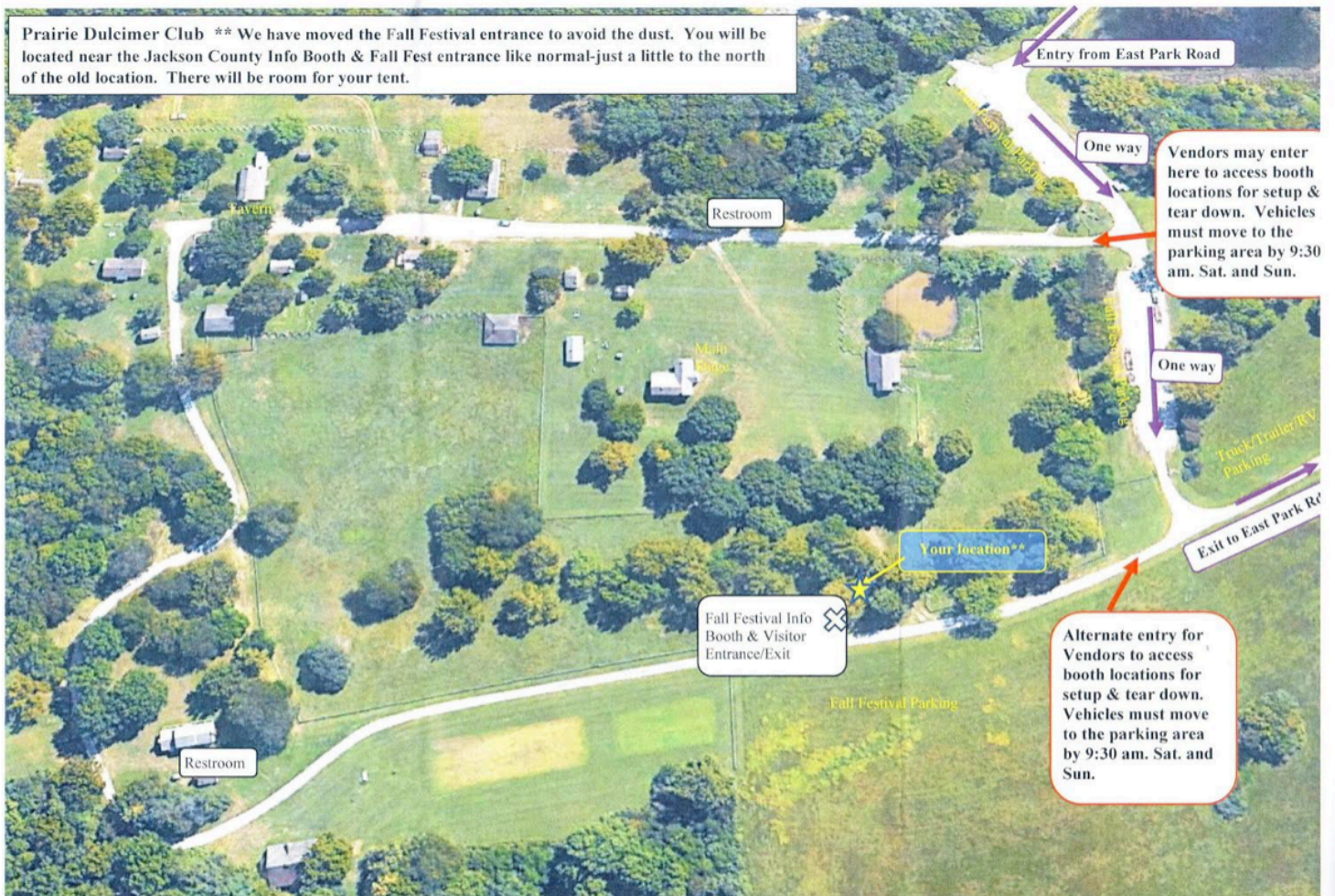
* WED November 12th - 1:30 - 3:30 PM

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 Liverpool; Ash Grove; Skye Boat Song; Soldier's Joy; Simple Gifts; Amazing Grace; Flop Eared Mule; John Ryan's Polka; 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 is cancelled for the remainder of 2025. They will resume in the spring of 2026.

OUR MISSOURI TOWN LOCATION



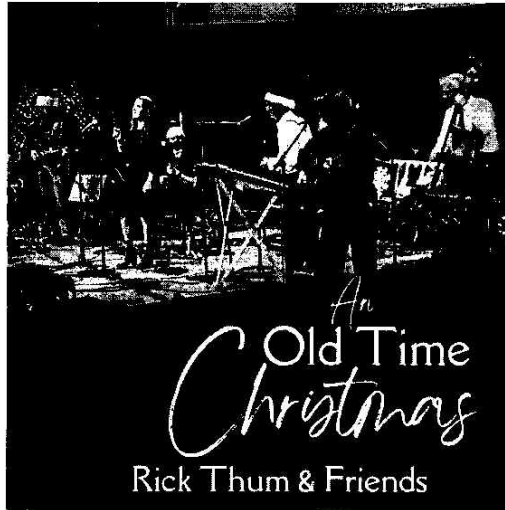
MISSOURI TOWN PLAY LIST

Play all songs 3 times unless shown differently

Mountain Dulcimers - NO CAPO Needed

ALL Songs found on PDC Website

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| 1 | Fly Around, My Pretty Little Miss - AABB, June Apple - AABB |
| 2 | Farther Along |
| 3 | Black Mt. Rag |
| 4 | Lady Mary |
| 5 | Folk Medley (Oh, Susannah - AAB, Camptown Races - AAB, Liza Jane - AAB, Oh, Susannah - AAB) |
| 6 | Angelina Baker |
| 7 | Shall We Gather |
| 8 | Amazing Grace |
| 9 | Ash Grove - AAB (3 times) - last time AABA |
| 10 | By the Side of the Road |
| 11 | Over the Waterfall |
| 12 | Sandy River Belle |
| 13 | Liberty |
| 14 | I'll Fly Away |
| 15 | Oh! Susanna - PDC 2024 |
| 16 | Ragtime Annie (AABB - no C part) |
| 17 | Old Rosin, the Beau |
| 18 | Simple Gifts |
| 19 | Boil Them Cabbage Down |
| 20 | South Wind |
| 21 | Angel Band |
| 22 | Arkansas Traveler |
| 23 | This Is My Father's World |
| 24 | Happy Land, Unclouded Day - each song twice |
| 25 | Clinch Mt. Backstep - AABB, Cherokee Shuffle - AABB |
| 26 | Saint Anne's Reel |
| 27 | Jessica's Waltz |
| 28 | Red River Valley |
| 29 | Whiskey Before Breakfast |
| 30 | Old Joe Clark |
| 31 | Soldier's Joy |
| 32 | Sweet Hour of Prayer |



Streaming Live

Location: Your Home
From: The Sheldon Theater
Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025
Available to view thru Dec. 24, 2025
Showtime: 7:00pm - 9:00PM
Tickets: \$25 each at rthum.com

Gather your friends and family to celebrate the season with an extra cup of holiday cheer and sparkling, live folk music that captures the Christmas spirit like none other! This fan-favorite will warm your hearts, get your toes tapping, and become a new family tradition. Led by renowned hammered dulcimer player, Rick Thum, and featuring some of St. Louis' favorite musicians:

Rick Thum: Hammered Dulcimer, Harmonica, Acoustic Guitar, Vocals
Bob Born: Acoustic Guitar, Vocals
Kristen Ashley Linton: Vocals
Rinn Netherton: Fiddle, Mandolin, Piano
Vince Corkery: Upright Bass
Tim Woestendiek: Electric Guitar
LaShandra Woestendiek: Cello

**[Purchase tickets at
rthum.com](http://rthum.com)**