



PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

NOVEMBER 2025

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

NEXT Meeting: November 15th, 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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| NOV 15th | Crown Center Christmas Music: Lead Rita Yong | Group Jam | Crown Center Christmas Music: Lead Easel Roberts | Group Jam | Potluck Lunch |
| DEC 20th | Combined Christmas Seasonal Jam | Christmas Party | Combined Christmas Seasonal Jam | Christmas Party | Christmas Potluck Lunch |
| JAN 17th | TBA | TBA | TBA | TBA | Potluck Lunch |

This Month's Workshop Sessions

For Session #1 this month, Hammers will be working with Rita on the nine Crown City Christmas songs listed below under upcoming events, Mountains will be working with Easel on the same nine Crown City Christmas songs listed below under upcoming events. You should be able to find these PDF printouts on our website under downloadable songs. Any questions, please let us know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Renewal for 2025: \$25 for individual; \$40 for family. The 2026 membership dues will renew in January 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Werne.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

Parkview Nursing Home Thursday, November 6th, 2025, 10:00 am at 128 North Hardesty Avenue, KC, MO. Please join us, the more the merrier! All levels of players welcome! 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 and let Rita know to add your song.

Elections This Month: On Nov. 15 we will be electing officers for the Executive Committee. These positions have three-year terms of service which will begin on Jan. 1, 2026. If you would like to have your name on the ballot, please contact Ken Shoemaker (kshoemaker99@gmail.com) no later than Friday, Nov. 7.

Bring Food Pantry Items This Month: PDC is collecting can items for the Community Service League food pantry in Independence. Please bring canned items to help them prepare for their Christmas drive for the needy. Thanks.

North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association offers virtual workshops **November 20, 21 and 22** for their fall festival. This is similar to QuaranTune. Registration is now open and will close 11/9/25 at 5pm EST. You can now view all workshops offered at the 6th Annual NGFDA Virtual Fall Festival by going to: <https://www.ngfda.com/register-for-2025-fall-festival> to download and print a Workshop Selection Form to help you when registering for your workshops. Choose from 256 classes taught by 35 instructors, covering instruments such as Mountain Dulcimer, Hammered Dulcimer, Autoharp, whistles, Banjo, Ukulele, and more. Instructors' concerts are held each night at 7:30 PM EST and Concert Tickets can be purchased at the time of registration. Memberships are available and workshop discounts are offered for members. You do not need to be a member to take a workshop.

Crown Center Christmas Performance December 3rd, 2025, 11:30am - 12:15pm at 2405 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, MO. We will be performing this Christmas Playlist: Joy to the World – D – 2 parts; Up on the Housetop – D; Angels We Have Heard on High – D – 2 parts; Jingle Bells – D – low melody and high melody; God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen – E minor; Deck the Halls - D; Away in a Manger - D; Silent Night – D; We Wish You a Merry Christmas – D

NEW PDC CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE: On **Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 5:30, PDC will be performing a one-hour Christmas program at the Cass County Public Library- Pleasant Hill.** [The address is 101 MO-7, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080.] We will work on carpooling. If you can join us, please contact Ken Shoemaker at kshoemaker99@gmail.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 4 following the October Meeting Minutes for details.

QuaranTUNE Christmas Concerts: An Old Time Christmas Concert December 14th and 15th, 2025. Join your favorite QuaranTUNE instructors this holiday season. Concert tickets for viewing can be purchased at virtualdulcimerfest.com.

PDC December Christmas Party & Lunch, Dec. 20. Make plans now to attend our Christmas Party and Lunch next month on Saturday, Dec. 20. Details will be discussed at the November business meeting.

Annual Dulcymoon Virtual Workshops January 16th - 18th. Registration for mountain or hammered dulcimers can be found at dulcymoon.com

27th Annual Dulcimer Workshops with Linda Thomas and Duane Porterfield March 21st, 2026: John Knox Presbyterian Kirk 11430 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO. Registration is limited for both hammered and mountain dulcimers and is now open for the 2026 workshop in Kansas City MO. For details, contact Linda at lindadan@primary.net. See attached flyer on page 5. There will be a 45 minute instructor concert immediately following the classes.

Dulcimer Day at the Capitol Remember to register for this event to receive news and updates. The event will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2026 9am-3pm at the State Capitol Building Rotunda in Jefferson City, Mo. You can register at www.moaae.org/programs/fine-arts-education-week/Dulcimer-Day-at-the-Capitol.

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 November 12th - 1:30 - 3:30 PM *We will meet at Ann's home for the November jam.*
- * WED December 9th - 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Tune List for KC - West Jam

We are currently working on Christmas songs: Angels We Have Heard on High; Deck the Halls; In the Bleak Midwinter; Jingle Bells; Joy to the World; O Come O Come Emmanuel; Silent Night; We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

Meadowbrook Park Outdoor Summer Jam

Stay tuned, this will resume in the Spring of 2026.

MINUTES FROM OUR LAST BUSINESS MEETING: October 18th, 2025

Vice- President Easel Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:35 am on Saturday, October 18, 2025.

Easel recognized visitors and members with October birthdays.

Minutes:

The minutes of the August 16, 2025 meeting were read. Karron Smith moved to approve; Julie Goodman seconded; motion carried. The minutes of the September 20, 2025 meeting were read. Karron Smith moved to approve; Rita Young seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Ken Werne gave the treasurer's report for August and September with an ending balance of \$4,451.76. Expenses were the new website, Tim Seaman workshop, web hosting and office supplies. Income was from memberships.

Report on Missouri Town 1855-

Had several performers on Sunday afternoon, but need more people to attend to cover all the shifts to perform and be ambassadors/demonstrators; Need to engage the audience. Three canopies were adequate. Dust is still an issue and needs addressed by the park department. Park Ranger vehicle partially blocked our location.

Officer Nominations:

Easel asked for nominations for officers for 2026. Elections will be held in November.

Website:

The new website is targeted to go live on the last week of October.

Dulcimers in Schools:

Ramona Crawford will be part of a dulcimer educators pilot started by Erin Mae.

Upcoming:

Food Pantry Drive: Bring canned goods to donate to the Community Service League food pantry to the November meeting.

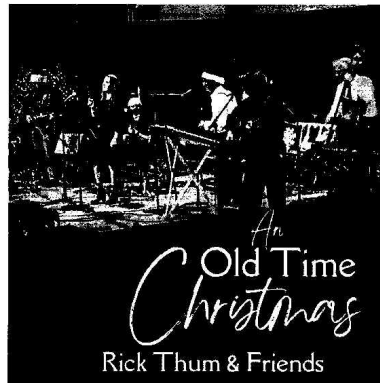
Parkview Nursing Home: Rita Young announced the next performance at Parkview is on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Crown Center Performance: December 3, 2025, time is to be determined.

Dulcimer Day at the Capitol: April 11, 2026, Jefferson City, MO:

Ramona Crawford moved to adjourn the meeting; David Tate seconded.

Submitted by Diane Crouch, Secretary



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)

27th Annual Dulcimer Workshops

March 21, 2026 - Kansas City, MO

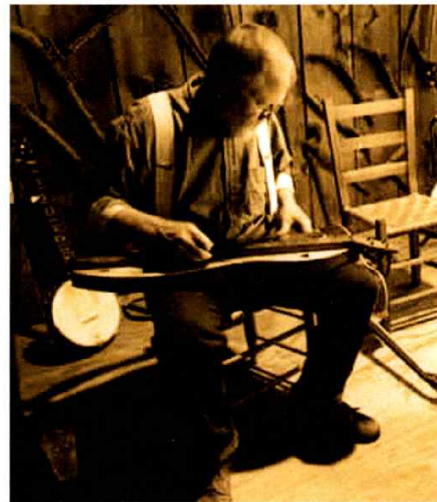
#1 John Knox Presbyterian Kirk
11430 Wornall Road (see map)

**Workshops - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
**On Your Own Lunch - 11:00 - 1:00

**45-minute Instructors' concert - immediately following classes



Linda G. Thomas, Hammered Dulcimer



Duane Porterfield, Mountain Dulcimer
2014 National Champion

Area room accommodations:

Sonesta Select
Kansas City South - 500 E. 105th St.
Tel: 816-941-3333

