




PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

FEBRUARY 2026

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

NEXT Meeting: February 21st, 2026
(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	Social Activity
FEB 21st	Rita Leads: Roscoe, Shenandoah Falls, Westphalia Waltz	Combined jam with all instruments	TBA	Combined jam with all instruments	Potluck Lunch
MAR 21st	NO Club Meeting Linda Thomas Workshop Offsite		NO Club Meeting Duane Porterfield Workshop Offsite		
APR 18th	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	

This Month's Workshop Sessions

Rita Young will work with the hammered dulcimers on three songs. Second session will be a combined jam with all instruments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Renewal for 2026: \$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 February club meeting. Thank you!

501C3 Status Approved!

We are very happy to announce that Prairie Dulcimer Club has been granted 501(c)3 status as a non-profit organization!

NEW BEGINNERS MOUNTAIN DULCIMER COURSE: Tell your friends about a six-part beginner's mountain dulcimer course beginning Saturday, Feb. 21. Led by Ramona Crawford, it will be held during our club meeting in a special classroom of Westminster Hall during the Session 1 slot (9:00-10:15). The first class will take place on Saturday, Feb. 21. Registration begins now. See the full-page advertisement in this newsletter, and spread the word about this free course sponsored by Prairie Dulcimer Club. **NOTE: The New Beginners Mountain Dulcimer Course will be held on March 21st at our same meeting place. Although the club is not meeting in lieu of the Linda Thomas/Duane Porterfield Workshops, the beginner mountain dulcimers will still meet as scheduled. See flyer on page 7.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ♪ Helpers for Beginners Mountain Dulcimer Class
- ♪ On-call instructors for walk-in MD Players
- ♪ On-call instructors for walk-in HD Players
- ♪ External Events Coordinator (Vice-President?)
- ♪ TableEdit Music Transcribers
- ♪ Club Day Photographer
- ♪ Club Day Guest Table Host
- ♪ Extra Instrument Bearer

Wanted Club Day Photographers. We need volunteers to snap some candid photos of our various activities on club days. Please remember to pull out your phone, take some photos, and then send them to Ken Shoemaker (kshoemaker99@gmail.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

Parkview Nursing Home Thursday February 5th at 10am: 128 North Hardesty Avenue, KC, MO. We will be playing tunes from the Chocolate Festival playlist. If you would like to play a solo, please contact Rita at youngrita500@gmail.com.

Chocolate Festival PDC plays at the Chocolate Festival on Saturday February 7th at the Westminster Hall (our club's regular meeting place: 417 W. Lexington, Independence). This is a Valentine's Day fundraising event by our host, First Presbyterian Church, where delicious chocolates will be sold to the public along with a silent auction for some wonderful items. PDC will provide the musical background, and you have two music sessions for you to choose to play: Group A: 1:00-2:20, and Group B: 2:30-4:00 (You can play both sessions, if you'd like.). Please email Ken Shoemaker (kshoemaker99@gmail.com) as to which group you want to join.

*Setlist for the 2026 Chocolate Festival

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| 1. You Are My Sunshine [D] | 10. Over the Waterfall [D] |
| 2. Medley: Fly Around (AABB) [D]
June Apple (AABB) [D] | 11. Angeline the Baker [D] |
| 3. Red River Valley [D] | 12. America the Beautiful [D] |
| 4. Aura Lee (=Love Me Tender) [D] | 13. Whiskey Before Breakfast [D] |
| 5. Westphalia Waltz [G] | 14. Southwind [D] |
| 6. Mississippi Sawyer [D] | 15. Shenandoah Falls [A] |
| 7. Jessica's Waltz [D] | 16. Sandy River Belle [D] |
| 8. Old Rosin the Beau [D] | 17. Rakes of Mallow [D] |
| 9. John Ryan's Polka [D] | 18. Ragtime Annie [D] |
| | 19. Grandfather's Clock [G] |

Note: For the 2026 Chocolate Festival downloadable PDF tunes, please see the zip file attached in the original email of the January newsletter. You can always find the downloadable PDF tunes at <https://prairiedulcimerclub.com/downloadable-music.php>

The West Jam group will be playing for the Prime Timers at Evangel Church on February 12th, located at **1414 E. 103rd Street, K.C., Mo. 64131.** There will be a potluck lunch at 12:00 noon and we will play following the lunch for about 45 minutes. We will use the same play list as the Chocolate Festival list along with Amazing Grace and I'll Fly Away. Plan to arrive at 11:30am to set up. We are invited to eat lunch with them then we will play immediately following the lunch.

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 or call 816-941-7834 or 816-519-3840. Registration fee is \$75, to include all handouts. Lunch is on your own. There are a few restaurants close by, or you may bring your lunch. There will be a 45 minute instructor concert immediately following the classes. REMINDER: If you are a paid club member for 2026, let Allen MacFarlane or Ken Shoemaker know if you have registered for these workshops. The club will pay \$25 towards your workshop fee. See flyer on page 6.

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. See Invitation and Capitol layout maps on pages 8 and 9.

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 February 11th - 1:30 - 3:30 PM
 - * WED March 11th - 1:30 - 3:30 PM
- Playlist to be determined by Ann Hauser

South of Kansas City - SOUTH MONTHLY JAM meets at the Southland Conservatory of Music, 1284 W Foxwood Drive, Raymore, MO 64083 located in the Willowind Square. Contact Karron Smith at karronlee.missouri@gmail.com.

- * WED February 25th - 12:30 - 2:45 PM
 - * WED March 25th - 12:30 - 2:45 PM
- Playlist to be determined by Karron Smith with group suggestions.

Meadowbrook Park Outdoor Summer Jam

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

INSTRUMENTS WANTED / FOR SALE

Dulcimers Needed: Prairie Dulcimer Club is involved in several educational programs that require a number of dulcimer instruments. Accordingly, we are asking for donations of playable mountain dulcimers and hammered dulcimers. If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping us reach our educational goals, please have them contact Ken Shoemaker, kshoemaker99@gmail.com. Thank you!

Master Works 16/15 Hammered Dulcimer for Sale: \$500

This offer includes a like-new, beautiful Master Works 16/15 hammered dulcimer, Master Works carrying case, adjustable stand, handmade dust cover to keep your instrument pristine and dust-free, holder for hammers, and several sets of custom hammers. Truly a bargain for a high-quality, exceptionally well cared for hammered dulcimer. Contact Holly at 913-221-4349 or ukeonjamgroup@gmail.com

MINUTES FROM OUR LAST BUSINESS MEETING January 17, 2026

President Ken Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 10:35 am on Saturday, January 17, 2026.

Ken recognized visitors and members with January birthdays.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 15, 2025 meeting were read. John Maas moved to approve; Ellen Marquardt seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Allen Macfarlane gave the treasurer's report for December with an ending balance of \$4,712.60 and mentoring fund of \$466.15. Income was from memberships and a performance. Expenses were food for the Christmas party and web hosting.

Chocolate Festival: Ken passed out the sign up sheet for the Chocolate Festival performance on Saturday, February 7, 2026, 1:00-4:00.

Web site update: The new website should be up by the end of January.

March Workshop: The March workshop with Linda Thomas and Duane Porterfield was discussed. Ellen Marquardt moved for the Club to provide a \$25 scholarship to PDC members, with a minimum of \$200 provided to Linda Thomas, the Hammered Dulcimer instructor, and a minimum of \$200 provided to Duane Porterfield, the Mountain Dulcimer instructor. Karron Smith seconded. Motion carried

Dulcimer Day at the Capitol: Easel temporarily assumed the Chair to allow Ken to discuss Dulcimer Day at the Capitol (since this event is not organized by the PDC). Ken explained that the event will be held in the Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol building, Jefferson City, MO on April 11, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All dulcimer players throughout the state are invited, and it is expected that players from neighboring states will also attend. Among other soloists, Rick Thum, Ilace Mears and David Wilson will perform in the morning. A 20-member dulcimer orchestra of elementary school students from Glendale Elementary School in Independence is also scheduled to perform. Then in the afternoon there will be a united jam in the Rotunda consisting of dulcimers and other instruments. Ken encouraged all PDC members and friends to attend.

Karron Smith moved to adjourn the meeting; Easel Roberts seconded.

Submitted by Diane Crouch, Secretary



01/17/26

Ellen orders a possum board while David handles the measurements



Pam Orders New Club Shirts from Diane



01/17/26



Diane welcomes the new visitors and their Mountain Dulcimers



01/17/26



Cal breaks down 'Roscoe' with the Hammered Dulcimers



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Easel leads the Mountain Dulcimer Class



27th Annual Dulcimer Workshops

March 21, 2026 - Kansas City, MO

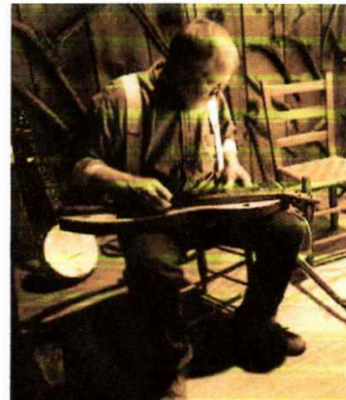
#1 John Knox Presbyterian Kirk
11430 Wornall Road (see map)

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

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



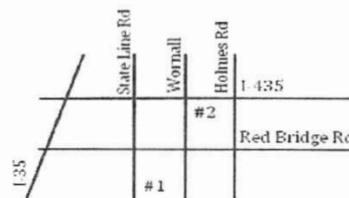
Linda G. Thomas, Hammered Dulcimer



Duane Porterfield, Mountain Dulcimer
2014 National Champion

Area room accommodations:

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



Name/s _____
 Address _____
 City/State/ZIP _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Make checks payable to Instructor's Name - \$75 Tuition Includes All Handouts

Mail Registration/Check to: Thomas/DeLancey, 406 W. 109th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64114

Questions? Call Linda 816-941-7834 or 816-519-3840.

Email: lindadan@primary.net

***YOU CAN LEARN TO
PLAY THE MOUNTAIN DULCIMER!***



Sign up now for a
***Free Mountain Dulcimer Course
for Beginners***

2026 Classes:

Feb. 21	9:00-10:15 am	May 16	9:00-10:15 am
Mar. 21	9:00-10:15 am	June 20	9:00-10:15 am
Apr. 18	9:00-10:15 am	July 18	9:00-10:15 am

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

Class begins: Feb. 21, 2026, 9:00 am

To Register, or for inquiries, contact Ramona Crawford

Email: ramona.crawford@gmail.com

Phone: (913) 522-4065 (Leave full message with details)

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Go to:

www.moaae.org/programs/fine-arts-education-week/Dulcimer-Day-at-the-Capitol



**Dulcimer Day at the Capitol
Saturday - April 11, 2026**

Welcome Dulcimer Players! On behalf of the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education and the Prairie Dulcimer Club, we are pleased to invite you to the inaugural "Dulcimer Day at the Capitol," scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2026 in the rotunda of the Missouri Capitol Building in Jefferson City, MO.

We encourage any dulcimer players with connections to the state of Missouri to join us for a free, fun-filled day with

- Stage performances featuring both hammered and mountain dulcimer
- Opportunities to meet and greet your fellow dulcimer enthusiasts from around the state
- A great united jam session celebrating the rich cultural music traditions which feature these folk instruments.

This is a free event!

[Please register](#) so we can keep you informed. Also, we welcome you to join our Missouri Dulcimer Directory with your contact information. If you have any further questions about the day or the event, please reach out to dulcimer@moaae.org.

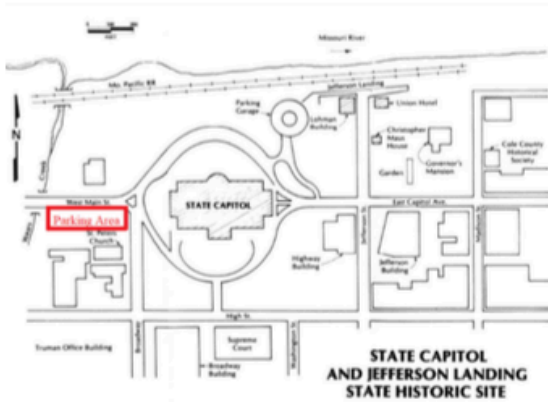
Let's make this a historic day to remember!

The Missouri Capitol Building

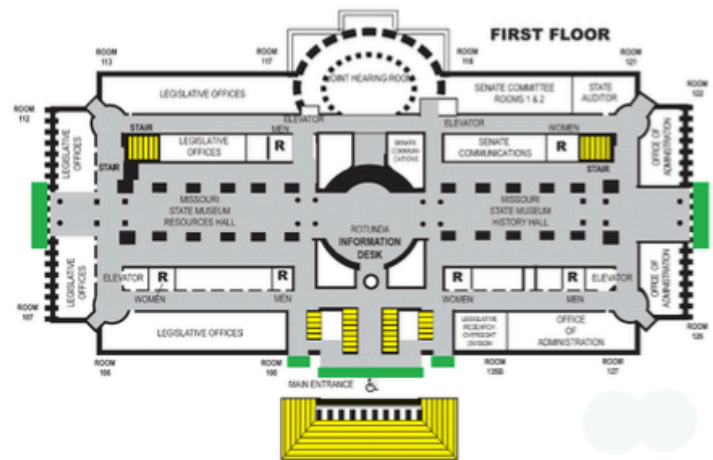
Dulcimer Day at the Capitol
April 11, 2026, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Capitol Building Rotunda
Jefferson City, MO



Nearby Parking



The Rotunda is in the Center of the Capitol Building



The Rotunda of the Capitol Building

