



PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

APRIL 2026

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

NEXT Meeting: April 18th, 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
APR 18th	Dulcimer Salsa with Allen MacFarlane	All Instrument Group Jam	Shooting Creek, Hangman's Reel, Shepherd's Wife, Kerfunken & Black Mountain Rag with Diane Crouch and Easel Roberts	All Instrument Group Jam	Potluck
MAY 16th	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Potluck

This Month's Workshop Sessions

Allen MacFarlane has written a tune for the hammered dulcimer and will be teaching this during the hammered dulcimer session. Diane Crouch and Easel Roberts will be leading the mountains in tunes previously learned in the mountain dulcimer session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Renewal for 2026: \$25 for individual; \$40 for family. Not paid yet? Please bring your cash or check (made payable to Prairie Dulcimer Club) to the April club meeting. Thank you!

NEW BEGINNERS MOUNTAIN DULCIMER COURSE: The six-part beginner's mountain dulcimer course started Feb. 21st and will continue monthly through July. The class is held in conjunction with our club meetings. Led by Ramona Crawford, we will meet down the hall at the Westminster Hall PDC meeting place. *See flyer on page 8.*

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).

Mountain Dulcimer Survey Coming Soon: Start thinking about what or how you want to explore on the mountain dulcimer. Easel Roberts will be doing a survey with the MD class in April.

Club T-Shirts and Polo Shirts: We have a few shirts remaining with the new logo. We probably won't order more for some time, so if you want one, contact Diane at diane.crouch81@gmail.com
Remaining Club Shirts: \$18 Short Sleeve T-Shirts: 2 Med, 1Lg, 2 XL, 2 XXL; \$20 Long Sleeve T-Shirts: 1 Med, 1 XL, 1 XXL; \$38 Embroidered Polo Shirts: 1 Med, 5 Lg, 2 XXL

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

Parkview Nursing Home April No Play: 128 North Hardesty Avenue, KC, MO. March Playlist: We will not be playing at Parkview in April. Rita will set a future date for May. If at any time you would like to play a solo, please contact Rita at youngrita500@gmail.com.

Dulcimer Day at the Capitol Saturday, April 11, 2026 9am-3pm at the State Capitol Building Rotunda in Jefferson City, Mo. You can still register at www.moaae.org/programs/fine-arts-education-week/Dulcimer-Day-at-the-Capitol. See *Invitation and Capitol layout maps on pages 5 - 7*.

The Ozark Mountain Dulcimer Festival April 23rd - 25th in Mountainview AR. For tickets and workshop registration, go to <https://events.ticketleap.com/events/ozarkfolkcenter>

QuaranTUNE Virtual Dulcimer Fest June 4th - 7th. For details, go to virtualdulcimerfest.com

Kentucky Music Week June 21st - 26th. For details, go to www.kentuckymusicweek.com

Hammered Dulcimer Ozark Roots Dulcimer Workshop 2026 with Linda Thomas July 9th - 11th. The cost of this 3 day workshop is \$159. Register at clubpossum.com. See *flyer on page 9*.

Mountain Dulcimer Ozark Roots Dulcimer Workshop 2026 with Duane Porterfield, Dave Kerwood and Sarah Miner July 9th - 11th. To register, call 870-269-4313 or email Cindi Porterfield cindi.dulcimershoppe@gmail.com or copy/paste this link www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScB2b9t_IXBVInSbZoAXc4jOLj9CnrthBlrp8PRSWeytPSfAw/viewform

Gateway Dulcimer Music Festival July 31st - Aug 2nd with Rick Thum, Ilace Mears, Debbie Porter, Joe Collins, Les Gustafson-Zook, Dave Haas and Susan Trump. For registration or information, email gdsmf98@gmail.com or go to gatewaydulcimer.org

AROUND TOWN JAMS TO JOIN

Kansas City - WEST MONTHLY JAM meets the second Wednesday of the month but has a new location: Lutheran Church of the Resurrection ELCA at 9100 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66206. Meet in the basement, use the elevator. Contact Ann Hauser at hausera58@gmail.com.

* WED April 8th - 1:30 - 3:30 PM

* WED May 13th - 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 April 22nd - 12:30 - 2:45 PM

* WED May 27th - 12:30 - 2:45 PM

Playlist to be determined by Karron Smith with group suggestions.

Northland Group - NORTH MONTHLY JAM - meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 2:00 PM at Maryann and Ed Barlett's home. The 4th Monday of the month we alternate between two Nursing Homes: Aspire and Valley Manor. In March, we will have three presentations: March 14th at 3:00 PM at Mt. Gilead School - a Clay County Historic Site and on March 16th at 10:00 AM at the Excelsior Springs Senior Center.

* MON April 20th - 2:00 PM - ?

* MON May 18th - 2:00 PM - ?

Spring Playlist: • Cluck Old Hen • Westphalia Waltz • Wildwood Flower • Rakes of Mallow • Sandy River Belle • Over the Waterfall • Amazing Grace • Dawning of the Day • Ashgrove • Scotland the Brave • John Ryan's Polka • My Wild Irish Rose • Minstrel Boy • Road to Lisdoonvarna • Danny Boy • Be Thou My Vision; And possibly: • Tommy Bhetty's Waltz • Kesh Jig.

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

Dusty Strings D570 Hammered Dulcimer for Sale: Will Sacrifice for \$2800

This offer includes a like-new, one owner, rarely played hammered dulcimer with padded case, gooseneck tuning wrench and practice hammers, if needed. Original price \$3420, they now sell for \$3815 without the case, etc. The D570 is a 3-3/4 octave chromatic hammered dulcimer with a deep, rich, and balanced tone and super bass bridges on the left and right, 3¾ octaves overall range, 3½ octaves chromatic range, solid sapele soundboard and back, traditional 5th-interval tuning, 16/15 configuration with an 8-course super bass bridge on both right and left, reinforced with carbon fiber for stability. Contact Karron Smith at karronlee.missouri@gmail.com Will deliver within the greater KC area, MO or KS. Will ship within 48 contiguous states, included in price.

MINUTES FROM OUR LAST BUSINESS MEETING February 21st, 2026

President Ken Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 10:30 am on Saturday, February 21, 2026.

Ken recognized visitors and members with February birthdays.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 17, 2026 meeting were read. Julie Goodman moved to approve; Rita Young seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Allen Macfarlane gave the treasurer's report for January with an ending balance of \$5,450.60. Income was from membership dues and shirt sales. Expenses were supplies and t-shirts.

March workshop with Linda Thomas & Duane Porterfield: Linda Thomas is closing her music business after 44 years and is transitioning to a hobby musician. She appreciates the support of the club, but is declining the \$200 support for the March workshop. She will still be teaching the workshop. The club's financial agreement to support Duane Porterfield's workshop will continue as planned.

Chocolate Festival: Ken thanked all the participants at the Chocolate Festival in February, and Dana said she received many compliments on the performance from the organizers and attendees.

Evangel Church Performance: Rita thanked all those who performed at her church, and we have a few new MD players in the beginner class after hearing the group. Beginner MD class: Ramona reported nine student attendees with four instructors helping out in the beginner mountain dulcimer class. This next class will be meeting on March 21 at Westminster Hall.

Web site update: The new website is not quite finished but is getting closer.

Dulcimer Day at the Capitol: Easel introduced Ken to discuss Dulcimer Day at the Capitol since this event is not organized by the PDC. The event will be held at the Missouri State Capitol building, Jefferson City, MO on April 11, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. A handout was distributed with information. Ken reminded the Club to register for the event and explained how to do so on-line.

The following questions were directed to Ken by PDC members as follows concerning the event:

Parking – Map was handed out showing location of parking, across the street from the Capitol Building.

Instruments - Teams will assist with transporting the instruments to the security check point in the Capitol. Wagons are permitted. He explained that the instruments will be run through a scan (much like at the airport) and stored in a designated protected area in the rotunda. Late arrivals will be helped.

Set list of music - Ken said he is working on the list and it will be posted soon. Time schedule for performance – set up starts 12:15 p.m with jam starting at 1:00 pm. You can come and go throughout the day. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Hotels – list is in the handout.

Sign up sheet for carpooling – a signup sheet was passed around the room

Donors – if you would like to be a sponsor and donate to the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education, a 501(c)3 organization, please do so. At this time, PDC is not receiving funds for this event.

Parkview Performance - Rita Young announced the next performance for Parkview will be held on March 12, 2026. Mostly Irish songs will be played. Please join in.

Ramona Crawford moved to adjourn, and Linda Kell seconded; motion carried.
Submitted by Diane Crouch, Secretary

“Dulcimer Day at the Capitol”

A Free Celebration of Missouri Dulcimer Music!

Capitol Building Rotunda
Jefferson City, Missouri
Saturday, April 11, 2026
9:00am – 3:00pm



Rick Thum
Nationally acclaimed
Hammer Dulcimer
Recording Artist,
Performer, and
Instructor



Ilace Mears
2016 National
Hammer Dulcimer
Champion



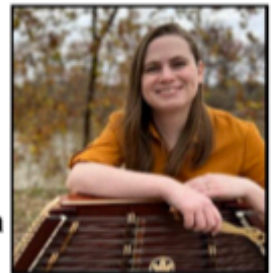
David Wilson
2023 National
Mountain Dulcimer
Champion



Mickey Sweeney
2023 National
Hammer Dulcimer
Champion



Cliff White
Award Winning
Hammer Dulcimer



Susana Baker
2024 National
Hammer Dulcimer
Champion



Susan & Bill McFarland
Award Winning
Mountain Dulcimer

- 9:00-9:30 Registration; Meet & Greet
9:30-9:45 Welcome, Introductions, Recognitions
9:45-10:45 Stage Performance #1
Rick Thum (Eureka, Mo)
Ilace Mears (Springfield, Mo)
David Wilson (Springfield, Mo)

- 10:45-12:00 Stage Performance #2
Glendale Elementary School Mountain Dulcimer Orchestra
Led by Mrs. Jeannae Segura-Brown (Independence, Mo)
Cliff White (Jefferson City, Mo)
Susan & Bill McFarland (Columbia, Mo)
Susana Baker (St. Louis, Mo)
Mickey Sweeney (Lake St. Louis, Mo)

12:00-1:00 **Break**; All Jam Musicians set up their instruments for the Jam-Concert

- 1:00-2:20 United Dulcimer Jam-Concert
(Led by Rick Thum, Eureka, Mo)
2:20-2:30 Concluding Remarks, Adjournment
2:30-3:00 Pack up, Clean up

Please register and download the jam music:

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**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

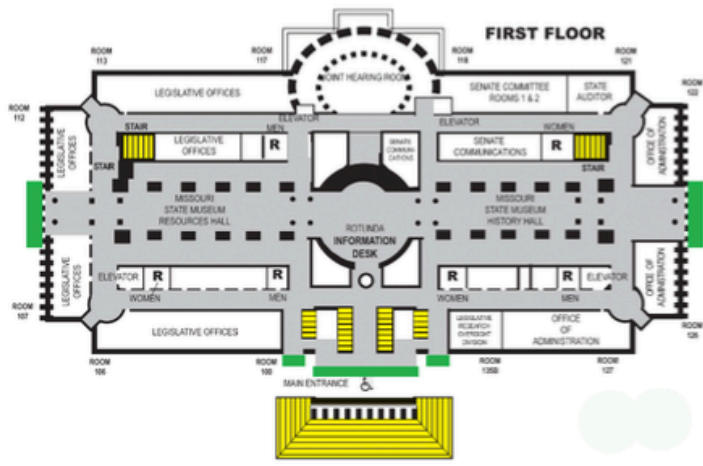
Dulcimer Day at the Capitol
April 11, 2026, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Capitol Building Rotunda
Jefferson City, MO



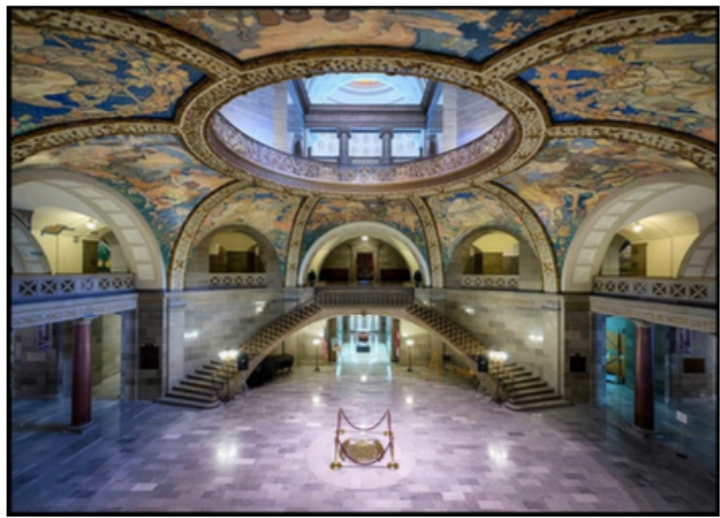
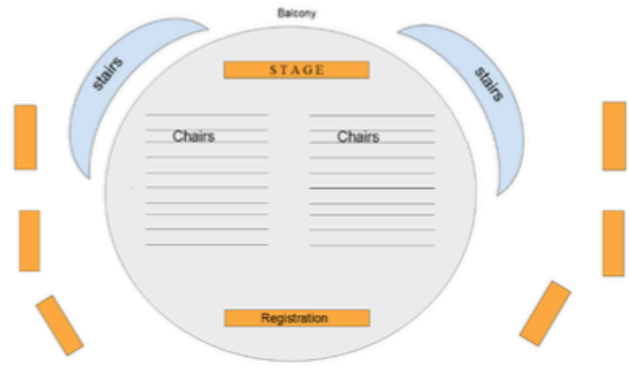
Nearby Parking



The Rotunda is in the Center of the Capitol Building



The Rotunda of the Capitol Building



***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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Hammered DULCIMER

— 2026 WORKSHOP —

July 9–11



*with
Linda Thomas*



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