

PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, April 20, 2019

(always the third Saturday of the month)

Westminster Hall, 417 West Lexington, Independence, Missouri 64050.

PROGRAM:

Month	Hammer / Activity	Mountain / Activity	Club Activity
April 20	Open	Open	Potluck
May	Open	Open	Potluck
June	Open	Open	Potluck

Note to Hammered & Mountain Players – We will begin our new meeting format as approved by the club in November. Hammered and Mountain players will meet separately at 9:00 and work on whatever they choose. It is suggested that the groups could work on 4 of the 9 tunes selected for emphasis for 2019, starting with the more familiar “Southwind” and “Liberty”. Let’s also add “Rakes of Mallow” and “Arkansas Traveler”. We will break for the business meeting as usual. After the business meeting, everyone will come together to jam on the 9 tunes selected for emphasis for 2019. All of these songs are now available on our website (Prairiedulcimerclub.com) and are downloadable. Please bring music. Here is a list of the 9 songs for 2019:

Ragtime Annie	Rakes of Mallow
Southwind	Arkansas Traveler
Sandy River Bell	Shenandoah Falls
Arran Boat Song	Leaving of Liverpool
Liberty	

Directory updates: No changes reported.

Business Meeting: The February meeting was canceled because of bad weather, so no business meeting was held. No meeting was held in March because most members attended the Thomas/Conger workshop.

Our president, Otis Watson, has resigned his position related to personal reasons. We need to elect a new president. **Everyone, please be thinking about this and consider accepting this position of leadership for our club.**

UPCOMING EVENTS: – MOUNTAIN VIEW DULCIMER FESTIVAL – April 25, 26, 27, 2019

This is a great festival held at the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View, Arkansas. It is for both Mountain and Hammered dulcimer players. Classes are held all day on Thursday and Friday and on Saturday morning. Concerts are held each evening at the Folk Center and are followed by a jam. Saturday afternoon is reserved for district contests for hammered and mountain players. First place winners are eligible to compete at Winfield in September. There are also ensemble contests with great prizes for the winners. If you are interested in going, you can find registration information at the website for Mountain View Dulcimer Festival, 2019.

OZARK ROOTS DULCIMER FESTIVAL – July 16-20, 2019

Linda Thomas will teach Hammered Dulcimer Special Classes/Workshops July 16-20 in Mt. View, Ark. A great line-up of Mt. Dulcimer Instructors will provide workshops July 18-20.

Evening Concerts at: THE CAVERNS / OZARK FOLK CENTER / MOUNTAIN VIEW MEETING PLACE.

Space is limited for this one and REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW so plan to sign up EARLY!!!

You can register by contacting Linda Thomas at lindadan@primary.net.

GATEWAY DULCIMER MUSIC FESTIVAL – August 2, 3, 4, 2019

The festival will be at the Four Points by Sheraton/Fountain Conference Center located at 319 Fountains Pkwy., Fairview Heights, Il 62208. Make room reservations as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Call 618-622-9500 and ask for Gateway dulcimer Music Festival – block #GA1013 or GAAGAAD. This is always a great festival for both hammered and mountain dulcimers as well as autoharp, ukulele and other assorted acoustic instruments. Registration information is now available at Gateway Dulcimer Music Festival in your search engine.

THIS 'N THAT: Our website is back up and running. It is now Prairedulcimerclub.com. Check it out.

Dulcimer Players News – The magazine has a new owner/editor, Ashley Ernst. Ashley is taking over the magazine from Dan and Angie Landrum. This resource for dulcimer players is filled with much good information about upcoming festivals, tips for playing tunes, etc. If you are interested in subscribing, the contact information is:

Dulcimer Players News, Ashley Ernst

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Jam at Ed Barlett's House – The jam meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 1:00p.m. - 2:30p.m.

Update on Cathy Barton – Cathy continues to struggle with serious health issues related to cancer. Please keep her and Dave in your prayers and thoughts.