

# PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

## FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, February 16, 2019,  
(always the third Saturday of the month)  
Westminster Hall, 417 West Lexington, Independence, Missouri 64050

**WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY** - In case of bad weather, check your emails. If the club meeting is canceled, Dana Taylor will notify Rita who will send out an email to all club members.

### PROGRAM:

Month	Hammer / Activity	Mountain / Activity	Club Activity
Feb. 16	Open	Open	Chili cook-off
March	Thomas / Conger workshop		
April	Open	Open	Potluck

**Chili Cook-Off** – Everyone is encouraged to bring your best pot of chili. The winner of the chili contest will receive a 1-year membership to the club. If you don't want to bring chili, you can bring side dishes, trimmings for chili or desserts.

**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 3 of the 9 tunes selected for emphasis for 2019, starting with the more familiar "Southwind" and "Liberty". For the 3<sup>rd</sup> tune, let's try "Rakes of Mallow" as it is somewhat familiar and not difficult. 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](http://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 January meeting was canceled because of bad weather, so no business meeting was held.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** – CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL – FEB. 9TH

This event is hosted by the church, same location the club meets at, the afternoon of Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to provide music throughout the event. This is an opportunity to thank the church for allowing the club to use their facility at a very low cost. It is also a great opportunity to get in some practice time performing with others. If you are available and willing to help out, contact Dana Taylor at 816-737-3310 or [dana9852@aol.com](mailto:dana9852@aol.com).

## **22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DULCIMER WORKSHOPS – March 16, 2019**

Linda Thomas will present her annual workshop in March. Linda's class will be for advanced beginner to advanced hammered dulcimer players and will focus on the ability/enjoyment of playing with others. Larry and Elaine Conger will teach advancing beginner to intermediate mountain dulcimer players and will present numerous duet arrangements.

Workshops will be held at the John Knox Presbyterian Kirk located at 11430 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Mo. For more information call Linda at 816-941-7834 or email at [lindadan@primary.net](mailto:lindadan@primary.net).

The Prairie Dulcimer Club will pay \$25.00 of the registration fee for any paid up members who wish to attend this workshop. You must have your registration and payment of \$25.00 to Mary Richardson, club treasurer, no later than Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to the instructor of the workshop you will be attending. Registration forms will be available at the meeting and you can sign up that day.

## **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 during the day on Thursday, Friday and 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. More information will be posted as it is available.

## **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!!!

### **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.

**THIS 'N THAT:** Our website is back up and running. It is now [PrairieDulcimerClub.com](http://PrairieDulcimerClub.com). Check it out.

Looking for music frequently played in jam sessions? A helpful web site is [Jam Tunes & Resources – Colorado Dulcimer Festival](#). Sheet music is available to be printed off. Thank you to Katy Waters for providing this information.

[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:

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[Jam at Ed Barlett's House](#) – The jam has resumed and meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month from 1:00p.m. - 2:30p.m.