

# Prairie Dulcimer Club

## July 2019 Newsletter

Website – [www.PrairieDulcimerClub.com](http://www.PrairieDulcimerClub.com) – visit often; tell everyone about it.

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, July 20, 2019,  
(always the 3rd Saturday of the month)  
Westminster Hall, 417 West Lexington, Independence, Missouri 64050.

### PROGRAM:

Month	Hammer / Activity	Mountain / Activity	Club Activity
July 20	Dave Courtney	Erin Mae Lewis	Potluck
August	Chicken Jam: club	provides chicken.	Bring side/dessert.
September	Open	Open	Potluck

**Note to Hammered Players –** Dave Courtney will teach music to compliment what Erin will teach the Mountain players.

**Note to Mountain Players –** Erin Mae Lewis will teach Mountain Dulcimers during the first session and will work with both groups during the second session. Don't miss this great opportunity for instruction.

**For Everyone -** 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	

Katy Waters provided some interesting history on Arran Boat Song. It is attached for those interested. Thank you, Katy, for digging this out for us. Please bring music for all 9 songs to the club meeting. Music is available on our website.

**Directory updates:** No changes or additions were reported. An updated directory will be sent out in August. Please let Mary Richardson know if you have changes to your contact information.

**Business Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Dave Courtney. President Ken Shoemaker was out of town and asked Dave to present the agenda and lead discussions.

Dave outlined the President's agenda and moved to approve. Motion seconded by Jim Davidson, motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Report was given by Treasure, Mary Richardson. Motion to approve report by Katy Waters, seconded by Rita Young, motion carried unanimously.

Dave called for an update on the Liberty performance this coming weekend. Sheryl Godsy, the person in charge, was not available, so Rita Young gave an update. The club will not play Friday evening as originally proposed, but will play from 9:00 to 10:00 at the gazebo on the square on Saturday morning. If no one else is scheduled to follow us, we probably would be able to stay there and play longer, or we might be asked to move to another location. Rita will send an email with full information.

Dave reported that Ken has been working on the club's Missouri tax status. Our not-for-profit tax certification lapsed because we did not keep up with the paperwork. Ken should have it taken care of in a couple of weeks.

Pam Haskell brought the group up to date on our annual Missouri Town 1855 performance. It will be October 5 and 6, 2019. Please let her know if you will play and if you need period clothing.

Pam Haskell explained that Ken Shoemaker has been in contact with Tull Glazener about a mountain dulcimer workshop. Tull will be traveling through K.C. on his way to California sometime in August and would be glad to present a workshop. Dave asked if anyone would like to take over this project for Ken. No one volunteered.

With regard to the Steve Eulberg/Erin Mae Lewis concert at her home, Pam explained that the concert will be Monday, July 1, at 6:00 p.m. She handed out flyers and reminded everyone to bring your own lawn chair, snacks and drinks. She will furnish bottled water.

Pam gave a report from the Marketing Committee. They have been discussing club t-shirts, business cards and advertising on FaceBook. We do not have a copyright for our old logo, so the group is looking into updating and copyrighting the logo. Discussion was held about the need to update the logo.

Dave Courtney explained that Courtney Dulcimer Shop is covering the cost to bring Erin Mae Lewis to the club in July and made a motion that the club charge non-members \$25.00. Motion seconded by Nancy Dowling. Discussion ensued about inviting the New Century Dulcimer Ensemble from Warrensburg and whether to advertise the event; whether \$25.00 should be applicable to non-members who do not participate in the workshop, but just listen to Erin's concert. After long discussion Dave withdrew his motion, stating that bringing Erin in to teach was meant as a gift to the members, not an invitation to the public. Cheryl New made a motion that non-members are welcome and would pay \$25.00 directly to Erin. Seconded by Dana Taylor, motion carried.

Rita Young announced that she brought a hard copy of the club directory so everyone please check your listing and make any necessary corrections thereon.

Dave reminded everyone that Mary Richardson has resigned as Treasurer and called for a volunteer for the job. No response.

Jerry Tjelle pointed out that we have a guest today: Jill Kaiser from the Leavenworth Dulcimer group.

Dana Taylor, who opens and closes the facility and organizes the potluck, said that at every meeting a church member must be present. Dana has to leave early and has made arrangements for another church member to be with us and close the building.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Pam Haskell, seconded by Jim Davidson, approved unanimously.

**DUES ARE DUE! - Annual dues of \$25.00 for individuals and \$35.00 for families are due. Please provide checks to Mary Richardson by the August meeting.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS: – 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](mailto: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.

Rita Young has a room available at the Four Points which she will not be using. If you are interested in having this room, contact Rita at [youngrita500@gmail.com](mailto:youngrita500@gmail.com) or 816-673-0764 by July 22.

**MISSOURI TOWN – OCTOBER 5 & 6** - It is not too soon to start thinking about Missouri Town 1855. Mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Our club has been asked to perform again for both days. Dig out your performance playlist from last year and review those songs. Even though we were not able to perform last year because of the weather, let's anticipate a great time this year.

**THIS 'N THAT:** 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 – Ed has placed this jam temporarily on hold until further discussion.

**Thank You** to everyone who participated in the “Make Music Liberty” event. We appreciate your time and efforts in representing our club.

What a great time was had by all who attended the Steve Eulberg/Erin Mae Lewis concert at Pam and Rick Haskell's farm. The concert was outstanding and those who stayed afterwards to jam had a great time as well. **Thank you so much, Pam and Rick, for hosting this event.**