

PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

June 2019 Newsletter

Website – www.PrairieDulcimerClub.com – visit often; tell everyone about it.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, June 15, 2019,
(always the third Saturday of the month)
Westminster Hall, 417 West Lexington, Independence, Missouri 64050.

PROGRAM:

Month	Hammer/Activity	Mountain/Activity	Club Activity
June 15	Katy Waters & Rita Young	Open	Potluck
July	Dave Courtney	Erin May	Potluck
August	Chicken Jam: club	provides chicken.	Bring side/dessert.

Note to Hammered Players – Katy Waters will teach Leaving of Liverpool and Rita Young will teach Sandy River Bell. We will review Arkansas Traveler, Ragtime Annie and Arran Boat Song as time allows. Bring music for the 9 songs for 2019.

Note to Mountain Players – Bring music for the 9 songs for 2019. Plan to work on all 9 songs.

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 The Leaving of Liverpool. It is attached for those interested. Thank you, Katy, for digging this out for us. Please bring music for these songs. Music is available on our website.

Directory updates: Rita will bring a printed directory to the meeting for everyone to check and make necessary changes and additions. An updated directory will be sent out in August.

Business Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President Ken Shoemaker. Ken welcomed guest, John Aferton, a fiddler and harmonica player, to the meeting. John is starting on the mountain dulcimer. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the April meeting as printed in the May newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – Report was give by Mary Richardson, club Treasurer. Motion made by Rita Young to accept the report as given, seconded by Deb Leavitt, motion passed.

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.

Secretary's Report – Deb Leavitt, club Secretary, will accumulate a list of club social groups meeting to jam or practice.

Old Business – President Ken shoemaker reported on the process of getting our Nonprofit status in order. He will keep the club posted on the progress.

Discussion was held about payment of instructors and all agreed a committee should be established to work out details.

New Business – Ken is looking for ideas for marketing and asked for anyone interested in helping to meet in the back of the room after the club meeting.

Sheryl Godsy shared about an opportunity for the club to perform at “Make Music Liberty” on June 21 and 22. Ken would like to see our club represented. Rita Young volunteered to help with this. Sheryl will get the club registered to perform and will provide times and locations. Rita will get that information out to all club members. Anyone wishing to play can contact Rita or Sheryl. The Missouri Town playlist will be used. Cheryl New will post information on Facebook.

Dave Courtney would like to bring Erin May to the July meeting as an instructor for Mountain Dulcimers. Dave offered to cover the cost and also to teach Hammered Dulcimers that day, using materials to compliment what Erin does with the Mountain class. A motion was made by Rita Young to accept Dave's offer. Motion was seconded by Dana Taylor. Motion carried.

Dave mentioned that Erin May will be in this area the first week of July. Pam Haskell offered to have a get together so Erin can perform.

Education Committees – Ken asked Dave Courtney and Maryann Fenstermacher about how many instruments are available for mentoring. We have a few of both hammered and mountain dulcimers. Discussion followed about the quality of

donated instruments. Ken and the Education Committee asked that donated instruments be submitted to the education committee.

General Information – Ken Werne shared that Arlene Holsapple, former club member and long-time friend of many in the club, passed away. Information will be provided regarding her Memorial Service as it is available.

Pam Haskell shared that Arrow Rock Tavern burned down. Pam also reported that over 500 people were in attendance at Memorial Services for Cathy Barton-Para.

Rita Young shared that she was contacted by a lady in western Kansas. She needed assistance with tuning and how to get basic instruction on her hammered dulcimer. She found our contact information on our website, so our club is making contact outside of our area.

UPCOMING EVENTS: – MAKE MUSIC LIBERTY – June 21 and 22

The Prairie Dulcimer Club will perform at this event on Saturday, June 22, from 9:00-10:00 at 100 West Franklin Street, Liberty, Mo. We will be in the gazebo. Please rsvp to Rita Young at youngrita500@gmail.com by Wednesday, June 19, if you are able to perform with the group. We will use the Mo. Town playlist with the addition of Arkansas Traveler, Liberty and Rakes of Mallow. Please bring a chair if you need one. For questions, contact Rita Young or Sheryl Godsy at shecandothat@gmail.com.

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.

MISSOURI TOWN – OCTOBER 5 & 6

A note from Pam Haskell – It is not too soon to start thinking about Missouri Town 1855. Mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5th and 6th. 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:

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. [address intentionally omitted from online copy]