

PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

Newsletter November 2018

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, November 17, 2018, (always the third Saturday of the month)

Westminster Hall, 100 North Pleasant Street, Independence, Missouri 64050

PROGRAM:

| Month | Hammer / Activity | Mountain / Activity | Club Activity |
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| Nov. 17 | Rita Young | Allen Macfarlane | Potluck |
| December | Christmas Party | Christmas Party | Potluck |
| January | Open | Open | Potluck |

Note to Hammered Dulcimers – Rita Young will lead and we will work on Christmas songs from our club music. We will especially work on Angels We Have Heard on High and Joy to the World. We will review using triangle shapes to add embellishments.

Note to Mountain Dulcimers – Allen Macfarlane will teach for this session. He will teach “What Child is This” in A minor (no capo needed) and “The Bottom of the Punchbowl”. He will also review the songs from last month.

Directory updates: Please make the following corrections to your PDC directory.

Buie, Vickie – email address should be (intentionally omitted from online pdf)

Frazier, Norma – delete the home phone number

Morrow, Kim – update address

Business Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President Otis Watson. He welcomed visitors Debbie Thornton and Mike Manaday, both hammered dulcimer players. Katy Waters made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. Penny Lewis seconded, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Mary Richardson presented the treasurer's report. Rusty Denes made a motion to accept the report. Motion seconded by Rita Young, approved.

New Business – A proposal was made to change the format of our meetings starting in January. Two formats were suggested. One is to have everyone jam together from 9:00-10:15, and then break for the business meeting. Afterward, we would break into classes and have a workshop time until lunch time. The other suggestion was to switch the jam time and workshop time (i.e. workshop first, jam after the business meeting). It was also suggested that we have a list of 9 songs for 2019 that everyone would focus on and try to learn to play without music. These are the songs we would jam on during this early jam session. The after lunch jam session would continue as it has been, jamming on club music and songs that everyone likes. Much discussion was held. Pros and cons for both formats were presented. It was also suggested that we continue to have people available to help beginners.

Allan Macfarlane commented that we need songs that have some advanced and new chords. We would put the music on our club website. We should learn songs outside of the key of D to expand our horizons.

A committee was elected to explore the options, coming up with a list of songs and to bring a proposal to the November meeting. Committee members are Allan Macfarlane, Kim Morrow, Lee Ann Googe and Rita Young. Everyone was asked to submit song suggestions via email to one of the committee members no later than October 31st.

Rita Young reminded everyone that they should watch for an email if the weather is bad. Dana Taylor will contact Rita if the weather is too bad and the meeting is cancelled. Rita will send out a quick email to everyone.

Lin Everett liked the call chain and email when Mo. Town was cancelled.

Discussion was also had about bringing instructors to our meetings. Dave Courtney suggested Aaron Rogers. Kim Morrow suggested that we could raise the dues to have money to pay instructors to come or have guests pay to attend.

Old Business – Pam Haskell gave a report on Mo. Town. Because they set up the tent and the club was going to make an effort to perform, the club will still receive the \$250.00 agreed on. Special thanks again to Pam and team for all their hard work to put this event together.

Education Committee Report – Katy Waters introduced her student, Brenna Kuder, whom she is mentoring on hammered dulcimer. Katy made a motion that Rita Young take over Brenna's mentoring when Katy leaves town. Ted seconded, motion approved.

Dana Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rita Young, motion approved, meeting adjourned.

UPCOMING EVENTS: – 22nd 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 atlindadan@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. This is always a great festival for both hammered and mountain dulcimers as well as autoharp, ukelele and other assorted acoustic instruments.

THIS 'N THAT: Our website is back up and running. It is now prairiedulcimerclub.com.

Jerry Tjelle has loaned out two mountain dulcimer capos and would like to have them back. If you can help with that, Jerry would appreciate it.

Looking for music frequently played in jam sessions - a helpful web site available 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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Belated congratulations to Ken Shoemaker who won 1st place in the 2018 Kansas State fiddling and Picking championship in the category of Miscellaneous Accoustic Instruments. The contest was in August.

For hammered dulcimer players who asked for the lyric to “Down Yonder”, here they are. Thank you, Katy.

DOWN YONDER

Railroad train, railroad train, hurry some more;
Put a little steam on just like never before.
Hustle on, bustle on, I’ve got the blues,
Yearning for my Swanee shore.
Brother if you only knew, you’d want to hurry up, too.

(Refrain:)

Down yonder, someone beckons to me,
Down yonder, someone reckons on me.
I seem to see a race in memory
Between the Natchez and the Robert E. Lee.
Swanee shore, I miss you more and more;
Everyday, my mammy land, you’re simply grand
Down yonder, when the folks get the news,

Don’t wonder at the haullabaloo.
There’s Daddy and Mammy, there’s Ephram and Sammy,
Waitin’ down yonder for me.
Summer night, fields of white, bright cotton moon?
My, but I feel glad I’m gonna see you all soon!
“Lasses Cakes mammy bakes, I taste them now.
I’ll see my sweetie once more,
There’s lots of kissing in store.