

PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024

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Prairie Dulcimer Club Group

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 20, 2024

(always the third Saturday of the month)

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

PROGRAM:

Month	Hammer/	Mountain/Activity	Club Activity
January	Music for the Chocolate	Music for the Chocolate	Potluck(Bring a dish to share)
February	Ken Shoemaker	Allen Macfarlane	Open
March	Thomas/ Porterfield	Thomas/ Porterfield	Open

WEATHER ALERT: It is that time of year when the weather can hinder activities and driving. If the weather is bad, check your emails. Ken or Rita will send out a notice if the meeting is canceled.

TO EVERYONE: We will work together on songs for the Chocolate Festival. Here is the set list we will work on. If you need

music for any of the songs, contact Ken Shoemaker at kshoemaker99@gmail.com.

2024 SETLIST FOR THE CHOCOLATE

FESTIVAL

Courtin' Songs (5)

Finale

You Are My Sunshine
America the Beautiful - G

Medley: Fly Around (AABB), June Apple (AABB)
Whiskey Before Breakfast

Red River Valley

Aura Lee (=Love Me Tender) - G

Wildwood Flower

Dance Tunes (7) additional tunes if needed

Other

Westphalia Waltz
Southwind

Mississippi Sawyer
Shenandoah Falls - A

Jessica's Waltz
River Belle

Sandy

Old Rosin the Beau
of Mallow

Rakes

John Ryan's Polka
Annie

Ragtime

Over the Waterfall

Angeline the Baker

All songs are in D unless otherwise noted. Time will be allowed for anyone who would like to play a solo. We will provide music from 1:00-4:00. We will break this into 2 time frames (1:00-2:30 and 2:30-4:00). You may choose the time frame that works best for you.

A NOTE FROM ALLEN MACFARLANE REGARDING HIS

FEBRUARY WORKSHOP; My workshop will be in two parts: first half for beginners and the second half for intermediates. For beginners, I will focus on the mechanics of playing a tune, including how to maintain the rhythm during passages where you have whole and half notes. For the second half, we will focus on flatpicking tunes in 3/4 time and in some cases, playing them without turning them into waltzes.

DIRECTORY UPDATES: Ed Barlett has compiled an updated PDC directory. If your information in the directory is not correct, please let Ed Barlett (ffasteb@gmail.com) know.

DUES ARE DUE! Annual membership fees of \$25.00 for one person or \$35.00 for a couple are due. You can pay club treasurer, Ed Barlett, at the January meeting with cash or a check. Checks should be made out to the Prairie Dulcimer Club. You can also mail your check to Ed at 3223 Northeast 79th Street, K.C., Mo. 64119.

BUSINESS MEETING: No business meeting was held in December as the club had a Christmas party. President, Ken Shoemaker, interviewed special guest, Linda Thomas. A great time was had by all as we jammed and listened to concerts with Cheryl and Ralph New and the Sun Valley Dulcimer Club. The potluck and cookie exchange were enjoyed by all and many of us went home with bags of cookies to munch on until Christmas.

AROUND-TOWN JAMS TO JOIN:

Kansas City-West Monthly Jam. We meet at the Johnson County Central Resource Library (Conference Room #4): 9875 W 87th St Overland Park, KS 66212

Wed. Feb. 14, 2024 – 1:00-3:00

Wed. Mar. 13, 2024 - 1:00-3:00

Tune List for the KC-West Jam:

Bile Dem Cabbage Hard Times

Old Joe Clark
Water

Southwind
Liverpool

Ash Grove

Soldier's Joy

Amazing Grace

John Ryan's Polka
Brave

Fly Around My Pretty Little Miss
Beau

Angelina Baker

Shepherd's Wife's Waltz
Breakfast

Clock

Added:

Hard Times

Midnight on the

Leaving of

Skye Boat Song

Simple Gifts

Flop Eared Mule

Scotland the

Old Rosin the

St. Ann's Reel

Whiskey Before

Grandfather's

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 1-4: Quarantune WinterFest 2024 - [Just Around the Corner - Virtualdulcimerfest.com](https://www.virtualdulcimerfest.com)

It's a brand new year; do you want to improve your dulcimer skills this year? In just a few weekends from now, you have a great opportunity to take some online classes to move you along in your musical abilities. No matter what your level of expertise is, or what

technique you want to learn, there's probably a one-hour class or two that's right for you.

Teachers from all over the country (and teaching a variety of acoustic instruments besides dulcimers) are ready to instruct you at just \$10 per class. Buddy-up for a class: You don't have to take a class alone; maybe you could get with a friend or two to take the same

class together right in your kitchen or living room. Then afterward you could practice together what you all just learned. [**Just be sure to register individually.**]

Take in the concerts: Do you just want to listen to good music by the instructors? Buy a concert ticket for just \$25.75, and you can watch 5 different concerts over the span of Feb. 1-4.

Please consider this great, convenient learning opportunity at your fingertips. Register early; classes will fill up fast! Go to virtualdulcimerfest.com.

February 10, 2024 – 1:00-4:00 – Chocolate Festival – The club will provide music for the festival to be held in Westminster Hall, the same location as monthly club meetings.

February 22, 2024 – 10:00 – Parkview Nursing Home – We will play at Parkview Nursing and will play from the Chocolate Festival playlist. Parkview is located at 128 N. Hardesty Ave., K. C., Mo. Please plan to join us if you can.

March 16, 2024 – Linda Thomas Annual Dulcimer Workshop – Linda will be teaching hammered dulcimer and Duane Porterfield will teach mountain dulcimer. More information will follow soon.

Instruments for Sale: Wanda Reese has a 12/11 Wildflower Hammered Dulcimer with a stand, tuner and hammers for sale. For more information you can reach her at 816-616-6511.

Mary Richardson is selling her McSpadden ginger mountain dulcimer. It is tuned to D. It has a 1.5 and 8.5 fret and a case. She

is asking \$350.00. She is also considering selling her Masterworks ultralight hammered dulcimer. It has a case and stand. She will also sell books and other accessories. She is asking \$1500.00. You can reach Mary at 816-882-2334 or harpdulcimer@gmail.com.