

# PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

**MAY 2024**

Website – [www.PRAIRIEDULCIMERCLUB.COM](http://www.PRAIRIEDULCIMERCLUB.COM)

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Dulcimer Club Group Private Members Group

**NEXT MEETING: MAY, 18, 2024**

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

PROGRAM:

Month	Hammer/	Mountain/Activity	Club Activity
May 18	Dan Edson	Diane Crouch	Potluck
June 15	Patriotic	Patriotic	Potluck
July 20	TBA	TBA	Potluck

**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](mailto:ffasteb@gmail.com)) know.

**DUES ARE DUE!** If you have not yet paid your annual membership fees, it is not too late. Dues are \$25.00 for one person or \$35.00 for a couple. You can mail a check to club treasurer, Ed Barlett, at 3223 Northeast 79<sup>th</sup> Street, K.C., Mo. 64119. Checks should be made out to the Prairie Dulcimer Club.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Minutes of the Prairie Dulcimer Club Business Meeting

President Ken Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 10:30 am on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 17, 2024 meeting were read by Secretary Diane Crouch. Ellen Marquardt moved to approve the minutes; and John Maas seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Treasurer Ed Barlett gave the Treasurer's report. Income was from memberships. Expenses were the website and supplies for the potluck.

New Business: Linda Thomas thanked the club for the support of the March workshop.

President Ken suggested waiting on buying a projector and encouraged the members to participate in the Quarantune workshops. The next workshop is May 30 to June 2, 2024. <https://www.virtualdulcimerfest.com/>

Ed Barlett has resigned as Treasurer. Ken Werne has agreed to take on this office.

Karron Smith moved to appoint Ken Werne as the Treasurer until the regular election in August. Rita Young seconded. Motion carried.

There was a discussion of updates to the website. Diane Crouch has purchased tab software to update some of the club's handwritten music, and many have been posted to the website. Recent newsletters have been posted.

We need volunteers to coordinate the performances at Missouri Town Living History Museum. We have a standing invitation to perform at their events. We will plan to perform on July 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fall festival is October 5 and 6.

Ann Hauser announced the KC-West group will add a jam session on the fourth Wednesday of the month (weather permitting) at Meadowbrook Park from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m, beginning Thursday, May 23. You will need to bring your own chair. Let Ann know if you need the playlist ([hausera58@gmail.com](mailto:hausera58@gmail.com)). KC-West also meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Johnson County Library, 1:30-3:30.

Upcoming events:

Check the festival section at [dpnews.com](http://dpnews.com) for a list of festivals across the country.

Performance at Parkview Nursing Home is May 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Missouri Town 4th of July celebration, July 4, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Missouri Town Fall Festival - October 5 and 6.

Brenda Smith moved to adjourn the meeting; Jim Smith seconded. Motion carried.

### **BEGINNER'S MOUNTAIN DULCIMER CLASS :**

Beginning mountain dulcimer classes continue with Jim and Brenda Smith. You will learn the basic fundamentals to get you started on the mountain dulcimer! Classes include:

Free borrowing of the lesson book, if needed

Free use of an instrument, if needed

Expectation of completing your homework practice assignments

4 Remaining Class Sessions:

1. Saturday, May 18, 2024 9:00am - 2 hours

2. Saturday, June 15, 2024 9:00am – 2 hours
3. Saturday, July 20, 2024 9:00am - 2 hours
4. Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024 9:00am - 2 hours

Registration is limited to 10 people. You need to commit to attend at least four of the five sessions. To register, or if you have questions, contact: Jim & Brenda Smith - (816) 419-0717 (Leave message)

**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. May 22, 2024 – 1:30-3:30 – For the summer months, an outdoor jam is starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. They will be meeting at Meadowbrook Park, 9101 Nall Avenue, Prairie Village, Ks. 66207. The meeting time is 1:30-3:30. Players will need to bring their own chairs. There is no signage to indicate where we will be playing but the area is directly north of the Market coffee shop and Miss Ruby’s food truck (camper). There is on street parking.

Wed. June 12, 2024 – 1:30-3:30 – 9875 W. 87<sup>th</sup>

Wed. June 26, 2024 – 1:30-3:30 – Meadowbrook Park

Wed. July 10, 2024 – 1:30-3:30 – 9875 W. 87<sup>th</sup>

Wed. July 24, 2024 – 1:30-3:30 – Meadowbrook Park

Tune List for the KC-West Jam: Whiskey Before Breakfast Grandfather’s Clock

Bile Dem Cabbage	Hard Times
Old Joe Clark	Midnight on the Water
Southwind	Leaving of Liverpool
Ash Grove	Skye Boat Song
Soldier’s Joy	Simple Gifts
Amazing Grace	Flop Eared Mule
John Ryan’s Polka	Scotland the Brave
Fly Around My Pretty Little Miss	Old Rosin the Beau
Angelina Baker	St. Ann’s Reel
Shepherd’s Wife’s Waltz	Red River Valley
You Are My Sunshine	Home on the Range

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**May 16, 2024 – 10:00 – Parkview Nursing Home** – Our next performance at Parkview has been scheduled. If you plan to join us and need the playlist, please contact Rita at [youngrita500@gmail.com](mailto:youngrita500@gmail.com). Parkview is located at 128 N. Hardesty Ave., K.C., Mo. Please join us if you can.

### **UPCOMING FESTIVALS:**

July 11-13, 2024 – Ozark Roots – Hammered Dulcimer with Linda Thomas - \$159.00 for 3 days, designed for all levels, Mountain View, Ark. Register at <http://mvmeetingplace.com/hammered-dulcimer-2>.

August 2-4 – Gateway Dulcimer Music Festival – Four Points by Sheraton/Fountains Conference Center in Fairview Heights, Il. Registration fee is \$160.00 which includes lunch if registered before July 15<sup>th</sup>. Festival website is [www.gatewaydulcimer.org](http://www.gatewaydulcimer.org).