



PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

Website: www.PrairieDulcimerClub.com
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 Prairie Dulcimer Club Group
 (Members Private Group)

NEXT Meeting: January 18th, 2025
(Always the 3rd Saturday of the Month)
 Westminster Hall, 417 West Lexington,
 Independence, MO 64050

MONTH	Hammer Activity 1st Session 9:00am - 10:15am	Hammer Activity 2nd Session 11:00am - 12:00pm	Mountain Activity 1st Session 9:00am - 10:15am	Mountain Activity 1st Session 11:00am - 12:00pm	Club Activity
JAN 18th	Chocolate Festival Repertoire Practice	Chocolate Festival Repertoire Practice	Chocolate Festival Repertoire Practice	Chocolate Festival Repertoire Practice	Potluck Lunch
FEB 15th	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Potluck Lunch
MAR 15th	Linda Thomas Workshop, Held Elsewhere	Linda Thomas Workshop, Held Elsewhere	Linda Thomas Workshop, Held Elsewhere	Linda Thomas Workshop, Held Elsewhere	None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Renewal for 2025: \$25 for individual; \$40 for family. If you have not yet paid, please bring your renewal check (made payable to Prairie Dulcimer Club) to the January club meeting. Thank you!

2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

January 4th, 2025 Thom Yeates Party at Yellow Rock Barn at 8307 Westridge Road, Raytown, MO. PDC has been invited to jam with the Alferd Packer Memorial String Band on Saturday, 1/4/25 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Come play or just listen. More information to follow.

Just a little information about the Alferd Packer Memorial String Band:

The Alferd Packer Memorial String Band is five multi-instrumentalists, dressed in old time costumes, singing and playing fiddles, banjo, guitars, mandolin, hammered dulcimer, accordion, bass, and creative percussion. The band has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning with Bill Geist, and in a documentary called "Overlooked" which aired on KTKA-TV. They were the focus of articles in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and Readers' Digest. Their music has been used in a national broadcast on NPR. Their infectious good humor and high energy leave no toe untapped. Steve

Mason; fiddle, guitar. Lauralyn Bodle; fiddle, guitar. Noah Musser; banjo, guitar. Matt Kirby; hammer dulcimer, percussion, button accordion. Mike Yoder; guitar, mandolin. All members sing and take a turn playing bass. All members have, individually, won a category in the Walnut Valley Festival New Songs Showcase. All but Noah have won a Phoenix award for arts achievement in Lawrence, Kansas.

February 6th, 2025 (Thursday) at 10:00 am at Parkview Nursing Home 128 North Hardesty Avenue, KC, MO Please join us for a Valentine's Day Program for the residents. We will be playing songs taken from the Chocolate Festival playlist. Music will be forthcoming.

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025: PDC plays at the Chocolate Festival. Held at Westminster Hall (our club's regular meeting place: 417 W. Lexington, Independence). This is a Valentine's Day fundraising event by our host, First Presbyterian Church, where delicious chocolates will be sold to the public. PDC will provide the musical background, and you have two music sessions for you to choose to play: Group A: 1:00-2:20, and Group B: 2:30-4:00 (You can play both sessions, if you'd like.). Please email Ken Shoemaker (kshoemaker99@gmail.com) as to which group you want to join.

Ken S. will send out the setlist music shortly, and we will play through the setlist at our January club meeting, led by Rita Young. The setlist includes twenty tunes in this play order: You Are My Sunshine; Fly Around My Pretty Little Miss / June Apple; Red River Valley; Aura Lee; Wildwood Flower; Westphalia Waltz; Jessica's Waltz; Mississippi Sawyer; Old Rosin the Beau; John Ryan's Polka; Over the Waterfall; Angelina Baker; America the Beautiful; Whiskey Before Breakfast; Southwind; Shenandoah Falls; Sandy River Belle; Rakes of Mallow; Ragtime Annie; Grandfather's Clock.

Saturday, March 15th: 2025 26th Annual Dulcimer Workshops, Linda Thomas for Hammered Dulcimer and Duane Porterfield for Mountain Dulcimer 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at John Knox Presbyterian Kirk 114030 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO

Please contact Linda to register at lindadan@primary.net or call 816-941-7834 or 816-519-3840. Registration fee is \$75, to include all handouts. Lunch is on your own. There are a few restaurants close by, or you may bring your lunch.

Registration fee is \$75, which includes all handouts. (See the full-page poster in this Newsletter.) NOTE: PDC members who have paid their 2025 membership dues are eligible for a \$25 discount for this workshop, but you must follow these guidelines:

1. You need to formally register (lindadan@primary.net) and include a \$50 check to Linda Thomas (HDulcimer) or Duane Porterfield (MDulcimer). (See their instructions on the enclosed poster.)
2. Inform PDC Treasurer Ken Werne (ken.werne@gmail.com) that you have registered for the workshop, and which instructor you have signed up for. Ken will verify your PDC active membership and will pay your \$25 discount to your instructor.

****See printable flyer for the March Workshop on last page for sign up information.****

BUSINESS MEETING: November 16, 2024

President Ken Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 10:15 am on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

Minutes:

The minutes from the August 17, 2024 meeting were read by Secretary Diane Crouch. Karron Smith moved to approve the minutes, and Ellen Marquardt seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Ken Werne gave the treasurer's report for the past three months. Recent expenses were for web hosting, office and kitchen supplies. Income was from memberships and performances at Missouri Town and Liberty Fall Festival. The current balance is \$5,112.32 with \$466.15 reserved for the mentoring program. Memberships are due in January - individual \$25 and family \$40.

New Business:

President Ken discussed the upcoming Christmas Party at the December 21 club meeting and proposed to invite all of those on the email list. Ellen Marquardt moved to have the president invite former members and friends and the club will purchase the chicken for the party. Julie Goodman seconded; motion carried. Members need to bring side dishes and two dozen cookies for the cookie exchange. President Ken asked for all to help with set up and clean up at the meeting. Esther Creek will be invited and honored as our special guest. Members are encouraged to perform a solo or ensemble. President Ken welcomed the visitors to the meeting and recognized members with November birthdays.

President Ken discussed updating the by-laws and moving the club to a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Ken and Ramona will be presenting information at a music educators conference in June 2025 for using dulcimers in schools for both Kansas and Missouri.

The KC-west jam group will have Christmas treats after the jam session on December 11 at the Johnson County Library. The outdoor jams will resume in the spring. Maryann Barlett announced that the Northland jam group will have a Christmas party at their house on December 30.

Brenda Smith and Ellen Marquardt gave an update on the recent performance by the John Knox group. They will be having a Christmas party on December 16, and they plan to perform at Lakeside Grill on December 20.

Dave Courtney reminded members that there are three hammered dulcimers to loan to new students. Several members have cardboard mountain dulcimers to loan out.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, December 4, 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. Crown Center Christmas performance, organized by Ken Shoemaker

Thursday, December 5, 10:00 a.m.: Performance at Parkview Nursing Home, organized by Rita Young.

Wednesday, December 11, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m - Two 45 minute sets at the Northland Shepherd Center in Gladstone, organized by Diane Crouch.

Julie Goodman moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ellen Marquardt seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Diane Crouch, Secretary

AROUND TOWN JAMS TO JOIN

Kansas City - West MONTHLY JAM meets at the Johnson County Central Resource Library (Conference Room #4) at 9875 West 87th Street, Overland Park, KS 66212. Contact Ann Hauser at hausera58@gmail.com

- * WED January 8th 1:30 - 3:30 PM
- * WED February 12th 1:30 - 3:30 PM

TUNE LIST FOR KC - WEST JAM

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

Meadowbrook Park Outdoor SUMMER JAM

The outdoor park jams will resume in the Spring. Stay tuned for more information.

INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE

Mountain Dulcimer 2000 McSpadden hour-glass mountain dulcimer FM12W in excellent condition. Comes with hard-shell case, built-in bridge pickup, butternut stand, and Dudley brass capo. Also extra strings, picks, noters. \$300. Contact Terry Baldrige at tbaldrige@mnu.edu

Hammered Dulcimer Mary Richardson is selling her MasterWorks Voyager Hammered Dulcimer for \$1500. It is a compact, super lightweight 16/15 chromatic hammered dulcimer. It comes with a case and tuner. Contact Mary at mrrichardson322@gmail.com

Guitar *PRICE LOWERED* Like New 6 String Acoustic Oscar Schmidt with floor guitar stand. Model OD45CTSPAK-W Serial Number L21030138, no case. Asking \$150.00 OBO. Contact Karron Smith at kaktuskid11@gmail.com

Mandolin *PRICE LOWERED* Kay 8 String Acoustic hard case. Good condition, previously played. Asking \$50.00 OBO. Contact Karron Smith at kaktuskid11@gmail.com

26th Annual Dulcimer Workshops

March 15, 2025 - Kansas City, MO

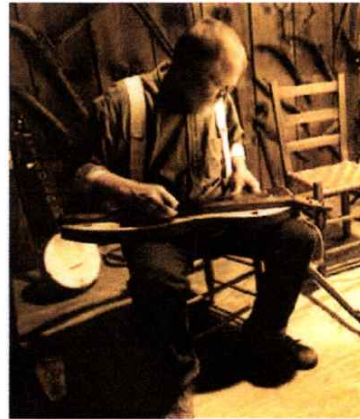
#1 John Knox Presbyterian Kirk
11430 Wornall Road (see map)

**Workshops - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
**On Your Own Lunch - 11:00 - 1:00

**45-minute Instructors' concert - immediately following classes



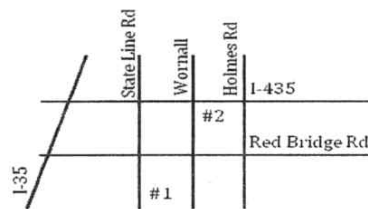
Linda G. Thomas, Hammered Dulcimer



Duane Porterfield, Mountain Dulcimer
2014 National Champion

Area room accommodations:

#2 Courtyard by Marriott
Kansas City South - 500 E. 105th St.
Tel: 816-941-3333



Name/s _____
 Address _____
 City/State/ZIP _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Make checks payable to Instructor's Name - \$75 Tuition Includes All Handouts

Mail Registration/Check to: Thomas/DeLancey, 406 W. 109th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64114

Questions? Call Linda 816-941-7834 or 816-519-3840.

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