



# PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

Website: [www.PrairieDulcimerClub.com](http://www.PrairieDulcimerClub.com)  
 Facebook: Prairie Dulcimer Club Networking  
 Prairie Dulcimer Club Group  
 (Members Private Group)

**NEXT Meeting: February 15th, 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 2nd Session 11:00am - 12:00pm	Club Activity
FEB 15th	Ken Shoemaker Leads: Ash Grove (D) Kerfunken (D) Shepherd's Wife Waltz (D) Saro Waltz (D)	Diane Crouch Leads: Ash Grove (D) Kerfunken (D) Shepherd's Wife Waltz (D) Saro Waltz (D)	Joint Jam with favorite tunes	Joint Jam with favorite tunes	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
APR 19th	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Potluck Lunch

## 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 February club meeting. Thank you!

### **BUSINESS MEETING: January 18 2025**

President Ken Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 10:30 am on Saturday, January 18, 2025. President Ken recognized the visitors and members with January birthdays.

### Minutes:

The minutes from the November 16, 2024 meeting were read by Secretary Diane Crouch. Ellen Marquardt moved to approve the minutes, and Ramona Crawford seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Ken Werne stated the treasurer's balance is approximately \$5,000, and he will give an update at the next meeting including the dues collected in January. Annual memberships are due now - individual is \$25 and family is \$40.

Old Business:

Ken plans to have the updated by-laws to the executive committee soon.

New Business:

The Presbyterian Church Chocolate Festival is February 8 with the club providing the entertainment from 1 p.m to 4 p.m. Two performance times are open and a sign up sheet was passed out.

Linda Thomas will be hosting the 26th Annual Dulcimer Workshop on March 15, 2025. Duane Porterfield will be teaching the mountain dulcimers. The cost of the workshop is \$50 for club members and \$75 for non-members. The club reimburses the workshop teachers \$25 per club member in attendance.

Motion from the Executive Committee:

To help with the costs of the 26th Annual Dulcimer Workshops, Prairie Dulcimer Club will contribute a minimum of \$200 to Linda Thomas, the Hammered Dulcimer instructor, and a minimum of \$200 to Duane Porterfield, the Mountain Dulcimer instructor. Motion carried.

Dana Taylor thanked everyone for the food and cash contributions to the Community Service League at the November meeting.

Karron Smith discussed the upcoming Quarantune virtual workshop on February 13 to the 16. Classes on Friday and Saturday are \$10.99 per hour from numerous instructors. The website is [virtualdulcimerfest.com](http://virtualdulcimerfest.com). Registration closes Saturday, February 8 at 6 p.m. CST.

Ramona Crawford discussed the upcoming one-day workshop with Kansas and Missouri music educators on Tuesday, June 3. All club members are urged to attend this workshop to help demonstrate individually with the teachers in attendance. The tentative time is 12:30 to 2:30, and the location will be at a location in the Shawnee Mission School District still to be determined. The long-range plan is have club members introduce dulcimers in a classroom setting in both public and private schools.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 6, 10:00 a.m.: Performance at Parkview Nursing Home, organized by Rita Young.

Saturday, February 8, 1- 4 p.m. Chocolate Festival at First Presbyterian Church, Independence, Missouri.

Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 26th Annual Dulcimer Workshop, hosted by Linda Thomas, 11430 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO. (The regular club meeting is cancelled.)

President Ken adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Submitted by Diane Crouch, Secretary

## 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

**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. Contact Rita Young at [youngrita500@gmail.com](mailto:youngrita500@gmail.com) if you would like to add a solo to the playlist.

**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](mailto:kshoemaker99@gmail.com)) as to which group you want to join.

Ken S. has sent out the setlist music in a previous email. 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.

### **Friday, February 14th & Saturday, February 15th**

Registration is open through February 8th for the QuaranTune Winterfest 2025. Workshops will be held Friday and Saturday, please check the website for times and the instruments and levels. If you register for a February class, please try to work around the club meeting, you can always catch the replay as most instructors will send out a replay to all registered participants. Concert tickets will be sold through February 16th. To register and for more information, go to <https://www.virtualdulcimerfest.com>

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.\*\***

## **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](mailto:hausera58@gmail.com)

- \* WED February 12th 1:30 - 3:30 PM
- \* WED March 12th 1:30 - 3:30 PM
- \* WED April 9th 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** McSpadden dulcimer, \$300, tear drop style, Model T-34S, made by George Looney, #20,108. Located in Moberly, MO - Beth is willing to meet closer to KC. Contact Beth at [oakhavenfarms@hotmail.com](mailto:oakhavenfarms@hotmail.com) or 660-998-9662

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kaktuskid11@gmail.com)

# 26th Annual Dulcimer Workshops

## March 15, 2025 - Kansas City, MO

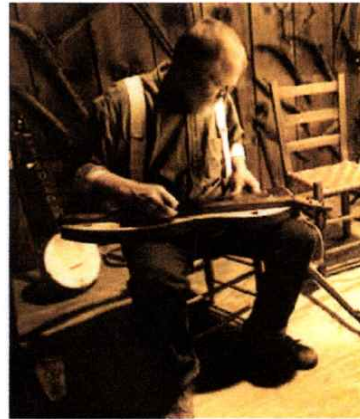
#1 John Knox Presbyterian Kirk  
11430 Wornall Road (see map)

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

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



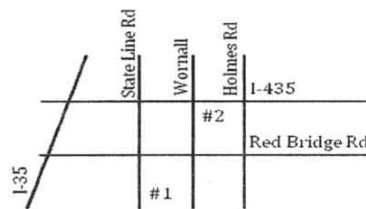
Linda G. Thomas, Hammered Dulcimer



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




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Name/s \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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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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