



# PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

## APRIL 2025

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 (Members Private Group)

**NEXT Meeting: April 19th, 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
APR 19th	Rita Young Leads	Easel Roberts Leads	United Jam	United Jam	Potluck Lunch
MAY 17th	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Potluck Lunch
JUN 21st	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Potluck Lunch

### **This Month's Workshop Sessions**

For Session #1 this month, Both Mountains and Hammers will work separately on Ash Grove, Kerfunken Jig, Sheperd's Wife Waltz, and Saro's Waltz.

### **From the President**

#### **Our New Proposed Bylaws: 2025 Timetable for Adoption**

As Prairie Dulcimer Club takes steps to become an officially approved 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, we are beginning the ratification process for an updated version of the PDC Bylaws. This process will occur in three stages at our regular monthly business meetings, beginning this month:

- Stage 1: April 19: Introduction to the Proposed Bylaws; Q&A and discussion
- Stage 2: May 17: Additional Discussion; Preliminary Vote by the Membership to adopt the Bylaws document
- Stage 3: June 21: Additional Discussion: Final Vote by the Membership to adopt the Bylaws document

Ahead of our April 19th business meeting, all up-to-date PDC members will receive an electronic copy of the newly proposed PDC Bylaws. Then at the April 19 business meeting, we will briefly explain and then take comments and questions. But no action will be taken this month.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Only current PDC members are allowed to vote in the Bylaw approval process. We want you to be included in this important process, so please be sure that your 2025 membership dues have been paid to Treasurer Ken Werne.

## **MINUTES FROM OUR LAST BUSINESS MEETING: February 15, 2025**

President Ken Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 10:30 am on Saturday, February 15, 2025.

President Ken recognized the visitors and members with February birthdays.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the January 18, 2025 meeting were read by Secretary Diane Crouch. Karron Smith moved to approve the minutes, and Allen Macfarlane seconded. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer:**

Treasurer Ken Werne gave the treasurer's report with a total balance of \$5,847.28. Annual memberships are due now for 2025 - individual is \$25 and family is \$40.

### **Updates and New Business:**

Thank you to all the performers for the great turn out at the Chocolate Festival. Special thanks to Barry for playing backup on the guitar.

We have the opportunity to play at all of Missouri Town 1855 festivals in 2025: May 3 - Sheep Shindig; 4th of July; October 4 & 5 -Fall Festival; December 6 - Christmas Celebration.

Several members gave reports on the latest Quarantune classes.

Linda Thomas spoke about the upcoming workshop on March 15 and thanked the club for the support. 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. Club members need to let Ken Werne know if they will be attending the March workshop.

Linda will also be teaching a workshop at the Ozark Roots Festival, July 10-12 in Mountain View, Arkansas.

President Ken submitted the revised by-laws to the Executive Committee for review.

Make plans to attend the June 3 workshop with area music educators to demonstrate using dulcimers to teach music. The location and time is to be determined.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, March 20, 10:00 a.m.: Performance at Parkview Nursing Home, organized by Rita Young.

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.)

Allen Macfarlane moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Karron Smith seconded; motion carried.

Submitted by Diane Crouch, Secretary

## **A Note of Thanks from First Presbyterian Church**

Dulcimer Club, Thank you so much for sharing your talent with us at the Chocolate Festival. The music added greatly to creating a festive mood to the day. It is also nice that your "following" enjoys participating with our activities. Thanks again for making the day a success!  
Blessings, Emily Johnson

## **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 April club meeting. You may mail your checks to Ken Werne if you choose so. Thank you!

**Free Mountain Dulcimer Course:** Beginning this month (April 19), Prairie Dulcimer Club is offering a free mountain dulcimer course, occurring simultaneously with our regular monthly club meetings. Taught by Jim and Brenda Smith, this course will gently introduce you to how to play this simple-yet-beautiful instrument. And it's all free!

The course is structured as 5 monthly sessions, held on the third Saturday morning of the month, beginning April 19. Students who enroll need to commit to the entire program's duration.

Do you know someone who might be interested? Please send them the attached flyer, and have them contact Jim Smith right away to enroll or to find out more information. Jim's contact information is included in the flyer.

This is a great opportunity for people to learn a fun, easy instrument that will produce hours of enjoyment. And it's free!

Please forward this email today to someone you know. Don't wait; the course begins in just a couple of weeks. ***A printable flyer is attached on page 5.***

## **2025 UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 17th, 2025 (Thursday) at 10:00 am at Parkview Nursing Home** 128 North Hardesty Avenue, KC, MO Please join us for the April Program for the residents. If there are songs on the list that you don't know, that's okay. Come and play chords or just sing along. Also, solos are always welcome. Just let me know what you would like to do. Contact Rita at [youngrita500@gmail.com](mailto:youngrita500@gmail.com) if you would like to add a solo to the playlist. If you want to play a solo, think Easter and Springtime.

April Playlist for Parkview Nursing Home: Shall We Gather at the River – D; Simple Gifts – D; Home On the Range – D – sing along; My Wild Irish Rose – G – Sing along; You Are My Sunshine – D – sing along; Golden Slippers – G; This is My Father's World – D; Unclouded Day – D; I'll Fly Away – D; Amazing Grace – D

**Saturday, May 17th 2025:** Hammered Dulcimer Workshops with Ilace Mears and Mountain Dulcimer Workshops with Joe Collins. 9:00am to 4:00pm with instructor concert to follow. Cost for the all day event is \$60.00. Ilace and Joe are both former National Dulcimer Champions. Workshops will be held at the Maranatha Village Community Center at 304 W. Bethany Street, Springfield, MO 64803.

For registration and more details, contact June Day at 417-207-4766, [dogwoodmountaindulcimers@gmail.com](mailto:dogwoodmountaindulcimers@gmail.com) or FB DogwoodMountainDulcimers.

## 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 April 9th 1:30 - 3:30 PM
- \* WED May 14th 1:30 - 3:30 PM
- \* WED June 11th 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.

## REQUEST FOR INSTRUMENTS

PDC is in need of cardboard mountain dulcimers. These will be used by the Club for various events. If you have any cardboard mountain dulcimers you would like to donate, please bring them to our next meeting. Thank you!

## 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)

# ***LEARN TO PLAY THE MOUNTAIN DULCIMER!***



Sign up now for a  
***Free Mountain Dulcimer Course  
for Beginners***

<b>Classes:</b> April 19	9:00am—Noon	July 19	<i>[No Class]</i>
May 17	9:00am—Noon	Aug. 16	9:00am—Noon
June 21	9:00am—Noon	Sept. 20	9:00am—Noon

**Free** instruction

**Free** loan of instructional materials

**Free** loan of a practice dulcimer for the course duration

**Location:** Westminster Hall  
417 West Lexington  
Independence, MO 64050

**Registration Deadline:** April 14; **Class begins:** April 19

**To enroll** or for inquiries, contact Jim Smith

Phone: 816-419-0717 (Leave full message with details)

Email: [jimbusybees@gmail.com](mailto:jimbusybees@gmail.com)

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