

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

April 9, 2022

The April 9th Meeting of the LSSDS: The April meeting will be held at my house, 904 Houston Street, Arlington 76012. The church has graciously offered us the use of their facility for our meetings BUT this is the Easter time of year and they are hosting a big event that day and need the building and their parking lot. We will begin at 1 pm and end promptly at 5pm. Hope you can make it. We will be going over tunes for our Glen Rose club performance. Hopefully we can get back to HD/MD workshops in June, then gather to jam together after that.

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2022:

May 6-8, Glen Rose, Texas for the 40th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival. June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, - Winter Creek Reunion in Bennington, Ok. November 12, December-No meeting.

Meeting location for LSSDS: The International Baptist Church of Arlington has graciously offered us their facility (when available) for our meetings. Their address is 1013 West Park Row, Arlington, 76013.

The Old Time Dulcimer Jam dates are: I'll have to get back to you on this one.

Calendar at a glance:

The 40th Annual (except for the Covid year) Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival, May 6-8, 2022 to be held at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Texas. For reservation contact Oakdale Park at (254) 897-2321.

Red River Dulcimer Festival held in Red River, New Mexico during the hottest part of the Texas year, August 5-7. The location is at the Community House in beautiful Red River. Mountains! Fishing! Hiking! Shopping? Riding in an International Scout! (or a Jeep if you want to). With high temperatures in the 70's. You really need to come and relax. Altitude of 8750 so bring your own oxygen as they have very little on hand.

Winter Creek Reunion: Bennington, Oklahoma. October 6-9.

Old Mill Music Festival: Kennard, Texas, November 4-5.

Finally, The 40th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: I am finishing up the schedule right now. Hopefully I will have it for the April meeting. Our headliners for this year are: Bing Futch, Ilace Mears and Dave Wilson, Don Pedi, and Tina Bergmann and David Rice. We will be offering a few workshops on Friday AND Saturday this year. We are also going to try to revive the Texas Death Match Ensemble Contest for this year's festival. For those of you not familiar with the death match, it is a contest with one rule. A dulcimer has to be in the band. It doesn't have to be played, it just has to be in the band. It is a contest in mediocrity with the goal being to be "absolutely very last place". Judges will be chosen from the crowd and it is actually a very nice job to have because bribing of the judges is endorsed and desired, with no loyalty to the briber. Two songs will be played. Costumes are allowed. Kidnapping of members of other bands is not encouraged but actually happens since there are no rules outlawing it. We've

actually had a nice write up in Dulcimer Players News the year Maddie McNeil was in the losing band. So, untune that banjo, poke holes in the accordion bellows, and think of a few songs that will be assured of getting the coveted “very last place”. We are really looking forward to the festival this year. If you can stay over Sunday night we will cook out some hot dogs and sit around and visit and jam. It’s always a great time to unwind and bask in the after festival atmosphere.



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