

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

February 10-11, 2022

The February Meeting of the LSSDS: The February meeting of the LSSDS will take place on at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose on the 10th and 11th. The plan is really laid back. Those that get there early can start playing whenever they get the hankerin'. We plan to break Friday and Saturday from 11-1 for lunch break and 5-7 for dinner break. This doesn't mean you HAVE to break then, just don't get mad at anyone that decides at that time to take on some nourishment. A Gospel sing is planned for Sunday morning. Other than that we just need to show up, play music, see the sights, swim in river and/or ice skate on the river (tba) and just have a great time. Hope to see you there. While in Glen Rose we need to decide on what tunes to play as a group at the May festival. Bring your ideas...

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2023: February 10-11 At Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, March 11, April 8, May 12-14 at Oakdale Park for the 41st Almost Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, No meeting in December.

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.

Calendar at a glance:

Second Annual Dulcimer Jam, Glen Rose, February 10-11.

Old Pal Dulcimer and Old Time Music Festival, Palestine, March 23-25.

Big Muddy Folk Festival, Boonville, MO. April 14-15, 2023

Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival, Glen Rose, May 12-14.

Mt. View, AR Ozark Roots Festival, July 13-15. Workshops for hammer and mountain dulcimer.

The Browder Springs String Band meets the First and Third Saturdays from 10:00 -1:00. At Old City Park in Dallas. Everyone welcome to come and join the Jam.

February Jam In Glen Rose: Mark your calendars for the Second Annual February Jam at Oakdale Park in the Glen Rose. We had a great time last year even with the cold that blew in eventually. They have let us have "Hamilton Hall". So rain, shine, cold, hot or whatever, we can play. We have designated times when we eat lunch (11-1) and dinner (5-7)so we can all go at the same time and really flood the places that serve food. Get your spots early. Closer to the "Hall" the better. And bring friends. If you have not made reservation yet you can call Oakdale Park at (254) 897-2321. I talked with Lucy and she said they are reserving several spots near "Hamilton Hall". Mention that you are coming for the Mid-Winter Dulcimer Jam and they will give you a 10% discount.

Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: We are getting things in gear. Headliners this year are Jim Miller, Leo Kretzner, and the Vanderveer Brothers String Band. We have a few positions that I may need help with. These include an Arts and Crafts coordinator, personnel to help in the club booth, and maybe a few more. We will discuss that at future meetings. Also too, remind folks that we are still having our contest. There is not entry fee for this event but there is also no prize money. We will be offering first place prize dulcimers and the Walnut Valley Entry Prize. We are hoping that this will increase our participation in the contests and give more folks a chance to get up and try it out. Contests really help you learn. At our last meeting we discussed having a children's hour where we introduce kids to musical and rhythm instruments. We are hoping that this will encourage kids to pick up an instrument and carry the tradition on. Saturday night before the contests winners are announced we want to have them play a tune or two while we get the contests winners organized. If you would like to help with this endeavor please let me know. We are also hoping to institute a kids square dance during the day. We hope to make this available to all kids. Since the Friday and Saturday dance start so late the kids often turn in early. If this interests you at all we'd surely appreciate your assistance. I'd like to find an assistant for Steve Jones in the contest area. Steve has had a rough year but is healing slowly. They are planning to be here in May and he wants to be the contest manager. It would be nice to have someone help with the setting up mics and chairs. This may be a bigger contest than usual since we have eliminated the registration fees.