

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

January 14, 2022

The January 14th Meeting of the LSSDS: The January meeting of the LSSDS will take place on January 14 at the International Baptist Church in Arlington. Address below. We held a “Holiday Hoe Down” for them last year and it was a huge success. They want to do another one on the evening of our meeting. They asked us to invite whoever we want to join them. Hopefully we will have enough musicians stay around to play for the dance. I will be calling and if anyone else wants to call a dance or two (or more) let me know and we can share the calling. The club meeting will be from 2-5 with the dance starting at 7 p.m. We could call out for pizza or go eat together at one of Arlington’s local establishments. We are hoping for a big turnout for the club meeting and the dance so plan on having a great time and ask someone else to come along.

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2023: January 14, 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:

North Harris County Dulcimer Society Music Retreat, December 30-31.

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

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

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

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 will try to have designated times when we eat lunch and dinner 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.

Acoustic Music Retreat: The North Harris County Dulcimer Society is pleased to announce the return of their Acoustic Music Retreat. This year, the retreat will be held on December 30th and 31st at the First Presbyterian Church of Sugar Land (502 Eldridge Rd. Sugarland TX 77478). They will have multiple rooms available for both slow and fast jamming, or lessons. There are

also nearby hotels for out-of-towners. In addition to jamming, they will also have a silent Auction of a mountain dulcimer, a mandolin, a homemade banjo, and an autoharp. You can find more information and register for additional updates at <https://nhcads.org/wp-nhcads/event/nhcads-dulcimer-retreat/>.

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. More on this later.

Moving? Well, my baby is. Carrie and her husband, Charlie, are moving to New Braunfels so I will be out of pocket for the next week as we move them and try to get their new household established in their new digs. Charlie was called to ministry by the same church that my son was called to. It's a God thing. At least I'll get to visit 6 grandchildren whenever I go south. I will regrettably miss the Huntsville Jam. It's always a fun time. If you go, dedicate a tune or two for me. Drive safe and have a Happy New Year!