

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

June 8, 2024

The June 8th Meeting of the LSSDS: The June 8th meeting of the LSSDS will take place at the International Baptist Church of Arlington. All instruments are welcome. Karl will be out but Donna Shelton will be leading the mountain dulcimer folks. I (Dana) will also be out that day. I have been assured that the building will be open. Judy will be around the house recovering from a hip replacement and she knows who to call if things don't fall into place. Her cell is (817) 269-6427. A new year of learning tunes so the MD and HD will be working on their own tunes and interest. We will compare notes later in the year and see what we come up with together.

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2024: June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9.

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:

Red River Dulcimer Festival in Red River New Mexico. August 2-4 in the cool 75-degree August mountain weather. Think about it.

Walnut Valley Festival, Winfield, Kansas. September 18-22.

Winter Creek Reunion, Bennington, Oklahoma. October 10-13.

Old Mill Music Festival, Kennard, Texas. November 1 & 2.

Christmas At The Fort, San Angelo, Texas. December 6-8.

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

Glen Rose Update: The festival was a huge success this year. All the performances were top notch. It was so good to see everyone again. Randy Marchany and Mark Tindle had an amazing concert Saturday evening. It was like two separate and delightful concerts in one evening. The Friday night extravaganza was wildly successful. I think everyone wants a repeat next year. I think there might be a few more families with youngsters available next year. It was so great to see all these young people picking up the music and instruments that mean so much to so many of us. We are "passing the music on". Next year is the 100th anniversary of Oakdale Park and we want to get right on the scheduling for it. It should be a great year for the park and for the dulcimer festival. Start thinking now about what you might like to see, and we'll see what we can work out. We have already booked our dance master, Sharon Guli, for next year. She was such a hit. It was nice to have so many new dances and especially for me to have someone else to call the dances. I learned a lot more about the dances, how to teach them and I got to play in the band AND dance too. Our children's music classes, dances and performances were also a

highlight of the weekend. Thank you to everyone that stepped up and lent a hand here and there. Special thanks to Ann Browning for taking such good care of the performers this year. She is wonderful and our performers really appreciate all that she does. Thanks to the Turners for all they do before, during and after the festival. I don't think anyone realizes just how much of yourselves you pour into this festival. Thanks. And Thanks to everyone that helped, performed, donated, listened and just came and made this year special.

Lone Star State Dulcimer Championships: This year's winner of the Lone Star State Mountain Dulcimer Championship is Matthew Hathaway. The winner of the Lone Star State Hammer Dulcimer Championship is Asa Houston. Great job and good luck at Winfield in September!