

# Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

March 11, 2022

**The March Meeting of the LSSDS:** The March meeting of the LSSDS will take place at the International Baptist Church of Arlington, 1013 West Park Row, Arlington, 76013. Time will be 1-4. Karl has suggested we do these “Joe” tunes: Joe Clark, Cotton Eyed Joe, and Rock the Cradle Joe. We might need to reprise some tunes from last year for our set in Glen Rose. The April meeting is one Easter weekend so attendance might be a problem as well as a meeting site. I’m thinking the church will be utilizing their facilities that weekend. We should discuss perhaps a different Saturday in April for our meeting. We could try to work on a few tunes that we already know for our Glen Rose club performance.

**LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2023:** March 11, April 8, May 12-14 at Oakdale Park for the 41<sup>st</sup> 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:**

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 is welcome to come and join the Jam.

**February Jam In Glen Rose:** This was a really fun weekend. We had lots of new people show up and play tunes together. I think everyone had a great time. Lots of playing and lots of folks sharing what they knew about tunes, playing, tunings and whatever. I think we have hit on a good time. I think the crowd was double what it was last year with a lot of young people taking part. It’s so good to pass the music on.

**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 we will need help with. These include and help getting the arts and crafts people located in the spot on the grounds, personnel to help in the club booth, help in the John P. Raffle door prize booth, and maybe a few more. We will discuss that at future meetings. Also too, remind folks that we are still having our contests. There is not entry fee for this event. Several people have come to me and offered to put up the prize money for the contests. The contests generally draw

a pretty good crowd and I think it may be bigger this year since we are not charging a fee to enter. 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 kid's 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. Luke Vanderveer has offered to lead this dance and I'm sure he would 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.

**Old Pal Music Festival:** Mark your calendars now for March 23-25 for the annual trip to Palestine, Texas. This is a fun festival put on by Margaret Wright. Headliners this year include: Don Pedi, Steve and Sheryl Hartz, Duane Porterfield, Vanderveer Brothers Band, Charles Whitmer, Sweet Song String Band, Lloyd and April Wright, Carl Jones and Erynn Marshall, The Wright Family, and The Sea Cruisers. The festival moved last year from the old school house and is now located at First Baptist Church, 5700 North Loop 256, Palestine, Texas 75801. Lots of music, workshops and jamming.