

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

October 14, 2023

The September Meeting of the LSSDS: The October 14th meeting of the LSSDS will take place at the International Baptist Church of Arlington, 1013 West Park Row, Arlington, 76013. Time will be 1-5. I will be sure the church is opened but I have a gig at Nash Farms until 2 p.m. I should be back by 3. We had a great time last month. I think we had about a dozen hammer and the same in mountain dulcimer. The mountain folks stayed over and jammed on for a while in September. Hope y'all can join us.

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2023: 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:

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.

Winter Creek Reunion, Bennington, Oklahoma, October 5-8.

Old Mill Festival, Kennard, Texas, November 3-4.

Dulcimers for Sale: I still have the Dusty Strings Dulcimer and the Lee Spears available. Also, the McSpadden kit with the Doug and Lee Felt case. Several adjustable stands too. These were all owned by Linda and Wesley Thompson. I'll try to get these to the meeting.

Elections In September: We elected/sentence our current slate of officers. Dana Hamilton-president, Mary Ellen Robertson-vice president of hammer dulcimer, Karl Neumann-vice president of mountain dulcimer, and Cheryl Turner-treasurer.

Fort Griffin Living History Days: You are invited to join the Bridgeport TX and the Farmers Branch TX Dulcimer players at Fort Griffin Living History Days on October 13th & 14th, 2023. Tereasa Cotter sent an email asking anyone interested to join them in Albany, Texas for this event. If I do this right, then there will be an attachment at the end of this missive with more information.

CDs and Books Available: There were quite a few that took advantage of the cd and book fair. I will bring the leftovers to the next meeting. All CDs and books are free.

More Dulcimers for Sale: Jim Cadorette has three dulcimers for sale. He built two and the fancy one is an actual Modern Mountain Dulcimer by David McKinney.

In 2016 Jim took a week long private workshop with David McKinney of Modern Mountain Dulcimers to build dulcimers. They were built in his shop using his wood, jigs, tools, materials and techniques. They've never been played since so essentially new. These are all pro-level dulcimers built with skill and care.

Workshop built: Cherry with cedar soundboard, Ebony fretboard, Abalone dots and Planet Wave self-trimming machines: \$500

Workshop built: Walnut body with spruce soundboard, Ebony fretboard, pearl dots and Planet Wave self-trimming machines \$600.

Modern Mountain Dulcimer Appalachian Model - Walnut body, resonator back, redwood and spruce soundboards, Ebony fretboard, pearl dots and Planet Wave self-trimming machines. \$750
This is an heirloom level dulcimer.

For more information you can contact Jim at: jimcadorette@gmail.com or by phone at 214-683-5000.

Winfield: Winfield was a great show this year. Our Texas Mountain Dulcimer Champion, Sarah Miner, got into the final round and our Texas Hammer Dulcimer Champion, Mickey Sweeney, won the National Hammer Dulcimer Championship. Congratulate these ladies when you see them.

Winter Creek Reunion is Just Around The Corner: Mark you calendars for October 5-8th, 2023. Performers and teachers: Erin Mae Lewis (mountain dulcimer), Kendra Ward (mountain & hammered dulcimer), Bob Bence (guitar), Charles Whitmer (autoharp & sacred harp singing), The Vanderveer Brothers, Sweet Song String Band, Margaret Wright, Russell Cook, Grandpa's Neighbors, plus many others. Workshops all day, jamming all day, good fun all day, Dana's great jokes ALL DAY? Yep! ALL DAY! It will be David and Annette Lindsey's farm in Bennington, OK. You can get more information at rrvdc.com.

The Old Mill Festival In November: This festival is held on Lloyd and April Wright's sawmill in Kennard, Texas. The dates are November 3-4, 2023. Featured performers include: Randall McKinnon, The Western Flyers, The Hillsiders, Eddie Bond, Roy Bookbinder, Pip Gillette and Lloyd Wright, Country Willie Edwards, The Vanderveer Brothers String Band, Cajun Prairie Tri-eaux, Steve and Cheryl Hartz with Jay White, The Wright Family, and The Duckweed Pickers. This is always a great time of music, workshops and jamming.

Pictures of Jim Cadorette's Dulcimer are hopefully attached to the email.

