

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society Newsletter

February 20, 2016

Please Note The Date Change For The LSSDS Club Meeting For February. Do NOT Come On The Second Saturday Because We WON'T be there. Come On The 20th For Our "Gee, We Miss You Winterfestival" Meeting

LSSDS Meeting for February 20: The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society will meet on February 20 at the First Christian Church, 114 Grauwlyer Road in Irving, Texas. Start time will be 1:00 for beginning workshops. I think we're going to split into MD and HD for a bit and then get folks together for jamming, playing, having fun in general. Pot Luck and business meeting will be sandwiched in the middle sometime.

LSSDS MEETINGS -JANUARY 2016 - DECEMBER 2016

All meetings will be held at the First Christian Church (FCC) of Irving, located at 114 W. Grauwlyer Road. Grauwlyer is just south of Airport Freeway and the church is just east of O'Connor Road. This is a schedule that lists the tentative dates and times of the monthly LSSDS meetings through December 2015. They are listed as tentative because we may need to be flexible should a church activity conflict with our meeting. This schedule/map will be posted at www.lssds.com. Any changes in meeting times or dates will be posted on lssds.com asap. Any questions, give me (Joe) a call at 972-986-6371 or send me an e-mail at jmm55@verizon.net.

MEETING DATES, AND TIMES:

February 20, 2016: FCC 1:00 PM (Special "We Miss You Winterfestival" meeting.)

March No meeting

April 9, 2016: FCC 1:00 PM

May 6-8, 2016: The 35th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival, Glen Rose, TX

June: No Meeting

July 9, 2016: FCC 1:00 PM

August 2016: No Meeting

September 10, 2016: FCC 1:00 PM

October 2016: No Meeting

November 12, 2016: FCC 1:00 PM

Photo Disc for our 35th Festival: Jen Turner (with her degree in computer wizardry) has agreed to put together a photo disc for our 35th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival. If you have pics you'd like to share from our past 34 years send them to Jen at: jmturner383@gmail.com. Look through your old photos for some from our early years. We'd like as many as we can get to chronical our journey.

The 35th Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: Plans are progressing nicely for the 35th (is that possible?) festival at Glen Rose, Texas. I have heard that the park is 90% filled but if memory serves me right that is just for “hook ups”. Joe Morgan and I are planning a trip to Oakdale Park before the meeting so we should have more information for everyone at the meeting. Scheduled headliners are Joe Collins on Mountain Dulcimer, Princess Harris (affectionately known at “Ms Congeniality of 19 whatever year that was) on the Hammer Dulcimer and a crowd favorite from Mt. View, Arkansas, Harmony. I have had several commitments for open stage time and I hope to have a partial schedule at the meeting. Make plans to attend May 7-9, 2016 at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Texas

The 15th Annual Lagniappe Dulcimer Society Fête: This festival is being held March 10 -13, 2016. The Fête is held at West Baton Rouge Community Center 749 N Jefferson Street, Port Allen, LA 70767 with classes next door at the WBR Museum. The line-up of performer/teachers: Richard Ash; Sue Carpenter; Joe Collins; Guy (MC) & Sharrie George; Van Glynn; Craig Kaster; Jim Miller; the Shepherds; Butch Ross. They have filled 23 vendor tables (List of Vendors on their website), including a fiddle doctor & a dulcimer doctor. There are some unique classes being launched: They are offering 5 hours of dulcimer classes for children and teens; have Danny & Dottie Shepherd holding 2 Performance Classes where Individuals, duos, trios, quartets play performance piece and receive feedback from Danny & Dottie on ways to improve playing in a fun, nonstressful environment. So get your tune ready & bring them a copy. Van Glynn is teaching a series of 5 leveled "Violin to Fiddle" classes and Craig Kaster is teaching several leveled autoharp classes. There are 12 hours of hammered dulcimer classes with Guy or Jim Miller. There is continuous Teacher-led Jamming. Joe Collins & Sue Carpenter are Lagniappe favorites, with classes fine-tuned to their marvelous skills & unique playing styles. Another unusual class is Guy & Sharrie's Ukelele Meets Hammered Dulcimer, so bring those ukes to team up with the Big Boys. Margaret Wright is returning to move our new beginner & novice players along, challenge the more advanced folks, and bring out your Sacred Harp voices. They have planned a musical, fun "Mardi Gras & More" surprise around the theme for this year's Fête: River Rat Strummers. So be prepared to have fun, play music, learn from the experts, & eat well. Please visit their website: <http://www.lagniappedulcimerbr.org> for bios of the performers, class descriptions, & all information about the Fête. They have worked hard to make this Fête special. They want you to experience the excitement they are feeling about bringing out your inner "River Rat Strummer".

7th Annual New Mexico Dulcimer Festival: Headliners have been finalized for the 7th Annual New Mexico Dulcimer Festival held Oct 14-15, 2016. Robert Force (Mountain Dulcimer) from Port Townsend, WA. Stephen Humphries (Hammered Dulcimer) from Chattanooga, TN. Madeline MacNeil (Mountain & Hammered Dulcimer) from Berryville, VA. Steve and Ruth Smith (Hammered Dulcimer) from Zionville, NC. They're currently coordinating additional teachers, with some staff already on board. You can visit their website at: www.nmdulcfest.com The website has been updated with bios and such and the workshop schedule will come out this summer.