

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society Newsletter

January 21, 2017

LSSDS Meeting for January 21: The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society will meet on January 21st at the First Christian Church, 114 Grauwlyer Road in Irving, Texas. Start time will be 1:00 for beginning workshops. Karl Neumann will be leading the mountain dulcimer folks. He plans to teach a fast tune and a slow tune, plus maybe review a couple of the traditional jam tunes they've done in the past. HD people will be led by Linda Thompson I think. My emails got all mixed up somehow and that's the one I'm going with. She will be teaching Sean Ryan's Polka and Garryowen. Both of these are fairly easy, fairly familiar tunes. She might even bring a third one in that category. Pot Luck and business meeting will be sandwiched in the middle sometime.

LSSDS MEETINGS -JANUARY 21st, 2017

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.

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Mountain Dulcimer Teacher Still Needed ASAP: Laura Cotton recently moved here and is still looking for a mountain dulcimer teacher who can come to her home in Irving for a lesson once a week. She cannot drive due to health conditions so needs someone who can come to her. She said she would be happy to pay you for the lesson and for the gas and drive time. She is a serious intermediate level student so please only apply if you are at an advanced playing level. Her number is [\(901\) 832-3129](tel:9018323129) and you can also text her.

16th ANNUAL LAGNIAPPE DULCIMER SOCIETY FÊTE MARCH 9, 10, 11, & 12, 2017: We received information about this festival from Regina Payne, the Publicity Chairperson for the 2107 Lagniappe Dulcimer Society Fête. You may be familiar with their club and may have attended the Fête in past years. They are reaching out to dulcimer clubs in the south and in other nearby states to advertise their great 16th Annual Fête with the theme, "Yankee Doodle Dulcimer". The Fête will be held March 9 through 12, 2017 in Port Allen, Louisiana at the Community Center and Museum as years past. For a whole lot more information you can visit their website at: <http://www.lagniappedulcimerbr.org/>

Glen Rose: It's ON! The City of Glen Rose accepted our proposal and we're getting set to go with it. Headliners so far are Harmony from Mt. View, Arkansas and Marsha Harris from Morehead City, NC. Stay tuned as we fine tune the happenings for the 36th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival, May 12-14, 2017.

Fundraiser: David's Dulcimers and the Red River Valley Dulcimer Club are hosting a fund raiser for a person in the dulcimer community who has a financial need. All activities will be at the Chitwood Center in Bennington, OK. Friday 02/24/17 Linda Thomas and Dan DeLancy and Wendy Songe each will have a 3 hour workshop for \$25.00 payable to each of them. Friday workshops will be from 6-9 p.m. Saturday (February 25, 2017) afternoon they will be teaching workshops with different materials than what they taught Friday. The Saturday afternoon workshops are **FREE!** Following the workshops there will be a pizza dinner, two slices of pizza, salad, drink and dessert offered for \$5.00. Proceeds go to the fund raiser. Saturday at 7:00 PM there will be an old fashion barn dance with a professional caller. (Editor's note: Gee that's nice. A "professional caller". I thought I was doing it. Way Cool!) No experience necessary for the dance. A love offering will be taken to fund the benefit. WCR campground will be available with 30 amps and water (if above freezing) for \$15.00 per night. All of this money goes to the benefit. Any questions please contact David and Annette Lindsey [580-847-2822](tel:580-847-2822) or Lynda Bowers at [215-622-6394](tel:215-622-6394). If you can not attend the event, any donation will be appreciate. Make check out RVDC and mail to 413 Island Bayou Drive, Calera, OK 74730. Thank you so much and have a blessed day.

Howard Gay: You may remember Howard and Marilyn Gay, long time members of LSSDS. Howard was a CPA and played Irish flute and Marilyn played hammer dulcimer and harp. Several years ago they retired and moved into a retirement home in Garland where they shared their talents and love of music by conducting music lessons for their fellow residents. Due to failing eyesight and advancing years, they eventually could no longer drive at night or make the trip to Irving for Winterfest or monthly LSSDS meetings. Howard passed away on January 7th after having lung surgery and a massive stroke. Howard and Gay just celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Please keep Marilyn in your thought and prayers.

14th Annual Colorado Dulcimer Festival – February 3 & 4, 2017: Our friends just north of us are about to kick off the Colorado Dulcimer Festival in Littleton, CO. Their guest artists this year are Jody Marshall (hammered dulcimer) and Susan Trump (mountain dulcimer), plus scads of local instructors and performers. We're very appreciative of their efforts to put on wonderful festivals year after year. For registration information and other details, see www.coloradodulcimerfestival.com

8th Annual New Mexico Dulcimer Festival – November 3 & 4, 2017: Their www.nmdulcfest.com website has just been updated to reflect the 2017 festival. This year they will feature Aubrey Atwater with husband Elwood Donnelly plus Joe Collins on mountain dulcimer, and Wes Chappell and Randy Marchany from No Strings Attached on hammered dulcimer. Tina Gugeler, David Ellison, and Irma Reeder will also be teaching dulcimer. They will again feature over 40 workshops including numerous non-dulcimer classes. When they had Aubrey (solo) out at their first festival in 2010, attendees told them they wished she had given a clogging workshop. Well, they've talked her into doing just that for this year! Workshop schedule is in progress, but the rest of the website is updated and they are now accepting registrations. Plan to join them in November!

A Note from Mike Sonntag: "I got your email address from the LSSDS site. I am a fiddler and live in Azle. Long long ago, I had a band that included a hammer dulcimer player, Keith, who was a member of LSSDS which is how I found out about LSSDS. For many years, I've played traditional Scottish, traditional Irish, and early American music - the same public domain music that LSSDS promotes. In the last decade or so, however, my interest has shifted to English Country Dance music. I am looking for others in the western part of the Metroplex who might share this interest, and this made me think about LSSDS. Do you think that anyone in

LSSDS would be interested in ECD music? Mike Sonntag m_and_j_sonntag@yahoo.com (note: that's M_and_J..., not M_and_I...)"

A Note From Kelly Harris: (Editor's note: This is the lady that fought so hard for us to get our festival back at Glen Rose. She's an awesome person and I'm glad she's on our side.) "Happy New Year Dana! Do you know any Dulcimer groups close by that might be interested in performing at the Opera Guild in Granbury for their luncheon the first Tuesday in April? They will get lunch provided and play for about 20 minutes. They can pay \$125. Thanks, Kelly" If you or someone you know would like to fill this gig please contact Kelly at kelly.harris@glenrosetexas.org