

# Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

July 13, 2012

**July Meeting:** The July meeting of the LSSDS will be held on Saturday, July 13, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet in at the Senter East Building in Irving, Texas. The Hammer Dulcimer will be led by Mary Ellen and she's agreed to teach Gaspe Reel and Spotted Pony. Linda is in the process of having Bob post her versions on the LSSDS website which is LSSDS. Something. .com, .net, org. Just google it. Everyone knows how to do that right, even me. Karl Neumann will be leading the Mt. Dulcimer folks and says, "We'll do some jam tunes and, if we have enough willing participants, try "Morning Has Broken" as tabbed out in the latest Dulcimer Players News".

**Email Newsletter:** If you still receive the newsletter via snail mail and would like to switch to the email version, please send a note to Joe at [jmm1@flash.net](mailto:jmm1@flash.net) to let him know.

**2013 Meeting Dates and Times:** July 13: Senter East Building. August: no meeting. September 14: Senter East Building. October: no meeting. November 9: Senter East Building. December: No meeting. *The Senter East Building is located at 228 Chamberlain Street, Irving, Texas 75060. All meetings at the Senter East Building will begin at 6:00 p.m.*

**The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival:** The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival went off well. There were no major glitches except perhaps the rain during the concert Friday night. But everyone showed up at the convention center (also known by me as "Hamilton Hall") and we had a great end to the concert and great dance to follow. We tried to include a little more jamming time for folks during the evening. The problem was when everyone decided to go jam and hardly anyone played for the Saturday night dance. Special thanks to the those that stuck it out and made noise for the dance. Saturday was a great day with good, well attended workshops and some awesome music on stage. Stay tuned to this the monthly LSSDS missives on next year's festival. We had some trouble with the park turning away attendees because they had no spots. If we can get the city to work that out with us we will try to host the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual festival. Not much sense in having a festival that they don't let anyone come to. If you know of folks in the Glen Rose area have them contact businesses, city council members, the mayor, the garbage man, the postman, and even the little guy that drives the street sweeper after the horses in the parades. We will keep you posted on our efforts.

**A New Festival With A Great View:** There is going to be a dulcimer festival in Red River, New Mexico on August 3, 2013 at they Community House. I believe it is a free festival with workshops, performances, and jamming. Many members of the Red River Valley Dulcimer Club in Oklahoma are planning on attending. If you want to get out of the 100 degree heat and enjoy some music plan on going to Red River, NM.

**Dulcimer For Sale:** Sandy Ivey has a Russell Cook Hammered Dulcimer for sale. It has a wooden stand, carrying case, books and hammers. She attached pictures but anyone who knows my prowess for computers knows that's not a lot of help. It is a 15/14 with case, stand and book. She would like to get \$ 900.00 for all. You may contact her at [sandy@mmlmanagement.com](mailto:sandy@mmlmanagement.com). or at [gad-a-byte@juno.com](mailto:gad-a-byte@juno.com).

**Thompson Family News:** For those of you who may not have heard, Linda and Wesley's daughter Jennifer passed away on April 6 after several years of declining health. Jenny was a fixture at Winter Festival and Glen Rose until the last few years when her health would no longer allow her to attend. Our condolences go out to all of Jenny's family and friends. But, as Linda is quick to point out, joys and sorrows often happen close together. So, on a happier note, Linda and Wesley will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 20<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone will join us in sending best wishes and heartiest congratulations their way on reaching this milestone.

**Storytelling Success:** I contacted Randy Dunning, the father of the girls that have entertained us for the past few years with their storytelling expertise. I wanted to report to the LSSDS how they did in their competitions. In the STOA National Invitational Tournament of Champions, Manda and Meleah were 7th in the Nation. They compete next week in the NCFCA National Championships in Tulsa. Currently the girls are ranked 5th in the US but this will change up or down depending upon how they do in Tulsa. Watch the following site for more info on that competition: <http://www.speechranks.com/ranking/event/Duo> Good luck girls.

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