

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society Newsletter

July 9, 2016

LSSDS Meeting for July 9: The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society will meet on July 9th at the First Christian Church, 114 W. Grauwlyer Road in Irving, Texas. Start time will be 1:00 for beginning workshops. HD people will do our usual tune share/learn and then get folks together for jamming, playing, having fun in general. Karl says: I'll be leading the mountain dulcimer folks. We will probably do a waltz or two and the usual jam tunes.

We can also review some of the tunes we've learned in recent meetings, so folks should bring their tab if they've got it. 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 2016. 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

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MEETING DATES, AND TIMES:

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

The 35th Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: We did it and we're still solvent! It turned out to be a great festival. There were and are several glitches with the location and we're trying to work it all out. Stay tuned. It was fun having Princess Harris back. We haven't had her for several years because she was always a workhorse for Winterfest. Joe Collins was well received as well. The Vanderveer boys did a fine job closing out the festival. Thanks to all the people that performed, manned booths, sold John B. Raffle tickets, ran contests, judged, donated "raffle items", bought tickets and just donated to the overall success of the event. An unsung hero that usually gets very little recognition, Thanks to Ann Browning. She keeps the performers fed and happy. We'll see what we can work out with Glen Rose for next year.

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.

Winter Creek Reunion 2016: A lot has changed since their first festival. They now have an extended barn for concerts, a new stage and a wonderful green room, improved camping, lots of tents for increased workshops, and they are now starting Friday morning so that they can have two full days of fun, jamming, and learning. These are the 2016 performer's lineup: Bill Robinson & Greg Ferguson, David Moran & Joe Morgan, Steve & Ruth Smith, Susan Trump, Sue Carpenter, and Charles Whitmer. The dates are October 6-9 in Bennington, Oklahoma. This is a free festival. For more information go to their website: www.rrvdc.com.

Dulcimers Needed: I got this email from Lynda Bowers of the Red River Valley Dulcimer Club. “Hello, Ron and I are giving mountain dulcimer lessons to young ladies in our church. We are looking for inexpensive wood dulcimers. We currently are using cardboard dulcimers. Any help is GREATLY appreciated. Lynda Bowers, RRVDC Secretary. [215-622-6394](tel:215-622-6394) Check us out on FB at Red River Valley Dulcimer Club and at www.rrvdc.com”. If you can help them out please give Lynda a call.

New Mountain Dulcimer Players: I got this message from Susan Loy in the Grapevine area. “Hi! I am a fiddle player. I inherited mountain and hammer dulcimers. I am playing with a small guitar group at the downtown Grapevine Methodist church on Tuesday evenings. I have two friends who have mountain dulcimers, and we would like to learn how to play them. Can you please send this out to the members to see if anyone in the Grapevine area would be interested in joining us on Tuesday evenings to play with the guitars (and fiddle, bass, mando, occasionally other instruments) with the intent of teaching the three of us to play mountain dulcimer? (Russ Logan, brother to Tex Logan band is our main fiddler. Jus' sayin'.) Hammer would be welcome if they just want to join in. A sample of our most recent play list is:

Do Lord (OPENER)	G
It's Snowin' On Raton	A
From Me To You	C
10,000 Reasons	G
Wagon Wheel	A
San Antonio Rose	G
The Old Rugged Cross	G?
A Wonderful Time Up There	G
Danny Boy	F?
Will The Circle Be Unbroken? (CLOSER)	G

Thanks!” If you would like to help them out contact Susan at: susanloy@outlook.com