

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society Newsletter

September 12, 2015

LSSDS Meeting for September 12: The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society will meet on September 12 at the First Christian Church, 114 Grauwlyer Road in Irving, Texas. Start time will be 1:00 for beginning workshops. The mountain dulcimer folks will be continuing to play, review, and learn jam tunes as well as a tune or two. For hammer dulcimer the Easy/Beginning workshop will be first. We'll go through all the easy tunes listed on our website and continue to work on our Easy Jam Tune list. Intermediate workshop following Pot Luck and business meeting.

LSSDS MEETINGS -JANUARY 2015 - DECEMBER 2015: 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:

September 12, 2015: FCC 1:00 PM

October 2015: NO MEETING

November 14, 2015: FCC 1:00 PM

December 2015: NO MEETING

Officer elections at September Meeting: I think this is correct. We have to announce the elections in the newsletter before the next meeting in order to be legal and tender. Therefore, if we didn't already do it we will hold officer elections at the September meeting. If you want to serve show up and let us know. If you don't want to serve show up or you might be elected.

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: jmtturner383@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 Winter Creek Reunion is October 9-11, 2015: The Winter Creek Reunion is an acoustic music festival that takes place on the banks of Winter Creek in Bennington, OK, the dulcimer capital of the USA. It is sponsored by David's Dulcimers and the Red River Valley Dulcimer Club. Winter Creek Reunion is a free festival and offers workshops in hammer dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, autoharp, fiddle, rhythm, and shape note singing. You will always find someone jamming and all are welcome to join. There is camping on the grounds available for rv's and tents along with a campground at Masterworks close by. Vendors are also available to offer a variety of crafts and musical products. Everyone enjoys the afternoon and evening concerts as well. Everyone loves the relaxing, laid-back country atmosphere of the festival. You'll feel like you've been to a family reunion by the time you leave! Come be a part of this wonderful event that takes place the weekend of Columbus Day in October each year. Visit the club's website at www.rrvdc.com/ for information and registration. The featured headliners for this year's festival are Joe Jewell, Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly, Anne Norris, and Linda Thomas and Dan DeLancy.

The Old Mill Music Festival is November , 2015: Join us in the heart of the Davy Crockett National Forest for the fourth annual Old Mill Music Festival. Come and see some of the best in the business at this all acoustic two day event. Featured performers include: Brad Leftwich & Linda Higginbotham, High Plains Jamboree,

Roy Bookbinder, Spencer and Rains, Notorious, Kristyn Harris, Pipp Gillette, The Bayou Hotshots, Lyle and Lloyd, The Sawmill Vagrants, Old Town Gospel Project. We are between Nacogdoches/Lufkin and Crockett on Highway 7 in Kennard, Texas. Turn in at The Old Mill (look for the sign just west of Kennard). Lloyd Wright, Email: lloydwright@gmail.com Phone # (936)222-8895 or April Wright, Email: april@crockettspringsrealestate.com Phone # (936)222-3110.

6th Annual New Mexico Dulcimer Festival is October 16-17, 2015 in Albuquerque, NM: Forty-six workshops this year in Mountain Dulcimer, Hammered Dulcimer, Celtic Harp, Bowed Psaltery, Autoharp, Guitar, Bodhran, Penny Whistle, and Ukulele. Featured performers include: David Moran and Joe Morgan, Bing Futch, Gary Gallier, David Ellison, Karen Alley, Irma Reeder, and Rick Thum. Instructor bios, schedule, workshop descriptions, host hotel, registration, all the details are at www.nmdulcfest.com. Get your registration form in the mail soon for the \$95 early bird discount, goes up to \$120 after September 15. Your registration will help ensure the future of this festival.

Presentation for the Greater Lewisville Newcomers' Club: Carol Kilman wanted to follow-up on the email she sent to us on July 06 requesting a performance by a Dulcimer group at one of our meetings in Lewisville, Texas. We usually have between 85-100 members present. The group consists of mainly retired ladies between the ages of 50-90. If you are interested, please let her know as soon as possible. They are trying to set up their programs for the coming year beginning in September. They do have a sound system and projector available for your use. Let her know how much you charge for your performances, and if you are available. Contact Carol Kilman, Program Chairman of the Greater Lewisville Newcomers' Club at: Cell: [972-839-5938](tel:972-839-5938) Home: [972-436-9393](tel:972-436-9393)

Hammered Dulcimer for Sale: A Hammered Dulcimer handcrafted of Zebrawood in 1983 by Dana Hamilton, premier Texas dulcimer builder. It is designated #42. The dulcimer is a 12-11 with 2 string per course, maple bridges and a spruce soundboard. It is in Good Condition. It has a black velveteen lined wood cover, telescoping legs from Dusty Strings and several sets of hammers. \$950. obo considered. For more information contact: Gary Higgins, 644 Crestone Ave., Salida, CO. 81201, gwhiggins53@gmail.com or call: 719-539-1826

Acknowledgement: Received a nice letter from Vicki McRae with her LSSDS renewal expressing her regrets in missing the Glen Rose festival in May. Along with the letter and renewal, Vicki enclosed a donation toward future festivals in memory of our old friend Bill Lee, who passed away earlier this year. Bill and Jean were big supporters of all things dulcimer and were fixtures at our festivals for many years. To say we miss them would be an understatement. Thanks, Vicki!