

# The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society Newsletter

## September 10, 2016

**LSSDS Meeting for September 10th:** The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society will meet on September 10th at the First Christian Church, 114 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 will be teaching the MD folks a fast tune and a slow tune but he hasn't decided on the tunes. 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](http://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](mailto:jmm55@verizon.net).

### MEETING DATES, AND TIMES:

September 10, 2016: FCC 1:00 PM

October 2016: No Meeting

November 12, 2016: FCC 1:00 PM

**Officer elections:** Sometime in the past we were supposed to have officer elections but we just go merrily on our way. If you'd like to occupy an officer position for the next year come to the meeting and stake your claim. If you don't want to be officer come to the meeting and make your defense. (It's sort of like open season on ALL club members.) We could always reelect the current staff and keep them at it until they get it right. So here you have the official announcement. Election of officers will take place on September 10<sup>th</sup>. I think that covers all our statutes, rules, laws, parliamentary procedure and whatever other procedures need following short of a frontal lobotomy.

**Winfield: The granddaddy of all festivals:** The Walnut Valley Festival will be held on September 15-18 this year in Winfield, Kansas. This is a wonderful weekend of music with 5 stages going all day long, workshops, arts and crafts, camping and probably some of the most fun jamming anywhere. There are too many folks to list but three highlights that LSSDS members might be interested in are the National Hammer Dulcimer Contest, the National Mountain Dulcimer Contest, and the International Autoharp Contest. Check it all out at [WVA.com](http://WVA.com)

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual New Mexico Dulcimer Festival:** Headliners have been finalized for the 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 Fergusson, 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.rvdc.com](http://www.rvdc.com).

**Willie asked me to forward the following to the LSSDS membership:** It is with a heavy heart that I must send this message. Our friend J.B. Brannen passed away yesterday at his home. Alice & J.B. have been regulars at Winter Fest, Glen Rose & Winter Creek over the years and have made many friends along the way. So, bring your fondest memories & funnies for his Celebration of Life memorial to be held in the Chapel at the First United Methodist Church of Denton, 201 South Locust at 3:00 P.M., Friday, September 2, 2016. Donations in memory of J.B. can be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 2630 West Freeway, #100, Fort Worth, TX 76102, Dulcimers for David ([www.debbieporter.net](http://www.debbieporter.net)) or the First United Methodist Church in Denton. Cards may be sent to Alice and the family at 824 Skylark, Denton, TX 76205. The full obituary will also be on Kate & Terry's website, later today. <http://thompsonfuneral.com>

**Mountain Dulcimer Teacher Needed ASAP:** Laura Cotton recently moved here and is 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.

**We received a note from Gigi Norwood** that the Dallas Wind Symphony has a program coming up that might be of interest to the dulcimer community. The Wind Symphony is presenting Kodaly's Hary Janos Suite. It is a Hungarian folk tale and features Laurence Kaptain playing cimbalom. Performance is September 13, 2016 at 7:30 at the Meyerson Symphony Center. For more information, 214-428-2263 or [dallaswinds.org](http://dallaswinds.org).

**We received the following from Jonathan Carr with the Dallas Public Library Children's Center:** I am contacting you on behalf of the Dallas Public Library Children's Center. October 22 is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Edgar Allan Poe Victorian Halloween celebration. Held at the downtown Central Dallas Public Library Children's Center, it is a big event with lots of activities relating to Halloween and the nineteenth century going on throughout the 8 floors of the library. We are looking for interesting performers to participate in our event, that have a connection to nineteenth century history. I think the music of the hammer dulcimer would be a fascinating and entertaining musical addition. If you think someone from your society might be available, please let me know. Thanks!

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