

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

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O.K. I know I'm late! It's summer. I'm retired. I sleep late and stay up late. I sit in my porch swing and after a few hours of that I start swinging. It's the lazy, hazy days of summer. I'll try to do better. Your friend and mine, Dana

The July 13th Meeting of the LSSDS: The July meeting will be held on the 13th at our usual digs on Grauwlyer Road in Irving. The mountain dulcimer folks will be led by Karl this month. "Thought we'd start thinking about our play list for Glen Rose in 2020. We will be considering Hangman's Reel in D and/or A". HD folks will be doing pretty much the same and hopefully we will all jam on some tunes together. We also need to elect officers for the coming year. Start time is 1:00 p.m.

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2019: July 13, September 14, and November 9.

Meeting location for LSSDS: First Christian Church, 114 W Grauwlyer Rd, Irving, TX 75061

Upcoming Old Time Dulcimer Jam dates are: I have no idea! Location: Farmers Branch - Branch Connection a.k.a. The Senior Center. Open to the public, Free event, free access to building. All ages welcome, all acoustic instruments welcome. For more information contact Donna Shelton at DSHEL59@sbcglobal.net or 469-644-1226. She can tell you the dates.

Calendar at a glance:

August 2 – 4, 2019: Red River Dulcimer Festival in Red River, NM.

September 18-22: Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, Kansas.

October 10-12: Bennington, Oklahoma. For more info go to David'sDulcimers.com or Red River Valley Dulcimer Club (rrvdc.com)

January 3-5: Acoustic Music Retreat at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville , Texas.

The Saddest News: For anyone that hasn't heard yet, Cathy Barton passed away in April. The dulcimer world has lost one of the best. Cathy was a great hammer dulcimer player and one of the best teacher we have had. Her gentle spirit, wonderful laugh and amazing talents as a musician will be missed greatly. Cathy was absolutely the best and most astounding banjo player I ever had the chance to hear. Please keep Dave in your prayers as he navigates life without his lifelong music partner and wife.

The 38th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: It was amazing. Even with the rain, storms, flooding and other mayhem that happened it was one of the best ever. Dave Para came to the festival and it was a great chance for the LSSDS members to share the love we have for this couple and the respect we have for their music. The Saturday evening concert ended with a "Songs we learned from Cathy and Dave" set. Dave sat in on most of the tunes. We ended the evening with John Stinson's #2, a song that just about everyone learned from Cathy and Dave.

Glen Rose Arts and Crafts: We are already planning for the 2020 festival's Art and Crafts Fair. If you or someone you know would like to vend please have them fill out the form on our website, lssds.org. (I think we have .com and .net also) If you are going to festival where there are vendors you might tell them about it. We don't allow food vendors, that's the park's job and they don't want us doing it. Mike and Brenda Jeter have been heading up the Arts and Crafts Fair for quite some time now. They have recently been recruiting a younger couple to take charge of that task but since the couple was recently wed we'll wait to share who it might be. Thanks to Mike and Brenda for doing such a fine job for us all these years.

Club Booth Official Needed: If you are interested in helping man the club booth at Glen Rose next year please let Joe or me know. Joe is stepping down after something like a million years (or was it a million dollars worth of counting?) and we are looking for someone that can count to replace him. We have remedial math classes available for the mathematically challenged. Thanks to Joe for all the years of taking care of this and also playing with David Moran, judging the HD contest on occasion and all the other running around he does to help make the festival happen. We thought about giving him a trophy but all we have is a couple of unclaimed 3rd place trophies from the dulcimer contests. Oh well, it's the thought that counts huh Joe?

Mountain Dulcimer For Sale: "Hello. I have a dulcimer that I am looking to sell. The dulcimer has a tag inside that states it was made by The Dulcimer Shoppe in Mountain View, Arkansas. The tag also states that it was made by Larry McSpadden, model number M12-W, serial number 7241. I have learned that it was made in 1980 or 1981. I am also attaching a picture to this message. My wife purchased the dulcimer second-hand about 5 years ago from an individual in Kansas. If you know of anyone interested, please let me know. Brent 214-385-8118"

Dulcimer Players Needed In The San Antonio Area: I recently received this email from Karen Luisi. If you know of anyone in that area that can help her out please contact her. Here is her plea. "Greetings from San Antonio...apparently the land without a dulcimer club. Part of my retirement (from the military) plan is to learn how to play instruments I have long wanted to play. I have been researching mountain dulcimers (makers, wood, strings, etc) and hoped I would find a local community where I could hear what players had to say about their preferences...and just hear the instrument being played. Thought I would reach out to you (hope you don't mind). Maybe you know some dulcimer players in San Antonio or you wouldn't mind sharing your insights to an "outsider". I have never touched a dulcimer. I do play guitar (mostly folk music). I love bluegrass music...and celtic music...and Israeli music...and Spanish music...and ok...a lot of music. ha! Thoughts? Thank you so much.

Karen Luisi / Voiceover Talent kpluisi@gmail.com <https://www.linkedin.com/in/kpluisi/>"

Hammer Dulcimer For Sale: Masterworks hammered dulcimer for sale. 16/15 Mahogany Bantam Weight Diatonic with low D course added on the left side. 2009, has a lot of volume potential, but also can be played very softly. Asking \$1095, will deliver or meet you in north Texas or southern Oklahoma area.

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A Note From Aubrey and Elwood: "Thanks again for having us at the festival. It meant a great deal to us to be back and see so many good friends. Everyone was just wonderful. Loved our cabin, the hospitality, the people, etc. The tributes to Cathy were so well done and I was delighted that Dave came, wow, that meant the world to everyone. Congrats, too, on so many great years of running and hosting the festival! And hope to cross paths again sooner rather than later. Also, do you know how to get in touch with Homer and Laura Phillips? I would love to be able to contact them but have no email or phone. Thanks! Hugs from A and E". (Does anyone know how to contact these folks? If so could you send the info to Aubrey and Elwood at the following address?) Aubrey Atwater, Atwater-Donnelly, Traditional American Folk Music and Dance, 20 Campbell St., Warren, RI 02885 (401) 392-1909 www.atwater-donnelly.com