

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

March, 2020

The March and April Meeting of the LSSDS: The meeting for March (the one we either decided to do or not) is now definitely NOT happening. We don't know about April yet but it is looking rather bleak. Whether you think the Chinese virus is real or overblown we are planning to follow CDC guidelines. There will be another announcement when April 11th gets closer. Watch your email or go to LSSDS.com to find the information when it becomes available.

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2020: April 11, Glen Rose on May 8-10, then a July meeting on July 11th. After that we need to find a new location.

Meeting location for LSSDS meetings is 114 W Grauwlyer Rd, Irving, TX 75061

The Old Time Dulcimer Jam: I talked with Donna Shelton and she said the Old Time Dulcimer Jam has been cancelled until further notice. The center that hosts the jam is closed because of the Chinese virus scare. Watch the newsletter or LSSDS.com

The Old Time Dulcimer Jam dates: Schedule for 2020: Old Time Dulcimer Jam / Acoustic Jam: (Saturdays 1:30-4:30), April 18, May 2, June 13, July 18, August 22, September 5, October 24, November 7, December N/A, no jam. All jams are at the Branch Connection (Senior Activity Center), 14055 Dennis Ln, Farmers Branch, TX. For information contact: Donna Shelton at (469)-644-1226.

New Meeting Place Needed For LSSDS: We are looking for a place to hold our meetings after July. If you know of a place that we might be able to use please let me know (Dana. Email: mrbanjoist@gmail.com) We'd like to find a place that will allow us to use the facility for free or very little cost or we could even trade performances for time. Look around and bring suggestions to the club meeting.

Mountain Dulcimer Building Class was a lot of fun as we had 17 people build 19 mountain dulcimers over the three day event. Watch for information on the next one or email Annette Lindsey at annettel@redrivermail.com or david1@daviddulcimers.com

~~Old Pal Old-time Music and Dulcimer Festival:~~ March 26-28, 2020 in Palestine, Texas. This festival has been cancelled due to the virus.

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: I spoke with Oakdale Park this morning regarding the CDC's recommendation that groups of 50 not meet for 8 weeks. I wanted to get the city's view on the festival. They informed me that the plan was to go ahead with the festival. We will come at the end of the 8 week period so hopefully everything will be better by then and everyone will want to get out of their houses, apartments, campers, tents and whatever and enjoy the great weather, great fellowship, and great music we have planned for the 38th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival. We will be watching to see how things develop and will inform everyone when and if anything changes. As I write this missive I am thinking that the festival will be postponed. The city and park have assured me that they will do everything possible to reschedule the event. We should be able to have the festival later and have a better turn out for it. More on this later...

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: I am attaching a "TENTATIVE" schedule of events. Names listed in italics are folks I have not heard from. If you know them tell them to drop me an email assuring me of their knowledge of the times and sets. Thanks to those of you that have dropped me an email about possible meeting sites. I am currently looking into those suggestions and will inform the club when we reach a decision. So pass the word. Glen Rose is ON for 2020. Spread it around. Your friend and mine, Dana May 8-10 at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Texas. Workshops, concerts, Arts and Crafts Fair, Jamming, and Contests. Featured performers this year include: Karen Mueller on mountain dulcimer, autoharp, guitar, and who knows what else. The great Irish band from Kansas City, Tullamore will be joining us again with workshop on fiddle, guitar, singing, and Irish music and arranging. We will also have a reunion concert of the locally famous and now scattered Ragged Edge featuring our own John Cardascia on hammer dulcimer. They will have workshops on HD, guitar, fiddle, maybe bass and who knows what else. A good time will be had so you need to come and enjoy the fun with us.

Club Booth Official Found: Cheryl Turner has volunteered to take over responsibilities at the LSSDS club booth in Glen Rose. I'm sure she would accept help from club members. She just gave up the "John B. Raffle" donation table to her daughter Jen so we put her right back to work. Thanks Cheryl!

Meeting Dates for 2020: Beginning in July we need a new venue to meet for our club meetings. I have had a few suggestions and have been looking over the situation. Thanks for all the ones that emailed me your suggestions. Keep them coming. You can email Dana at: mrbanjoist@gmail.com.

Calendar at a glance: Nothing! No events! No meetings! No fellowship! No church! No toilet paper! No hand sanitizer! No fun! Let's all hope this silly virus gets better and we can all go back to enjoying life and friends and family and music and travel and toilet paper...

And there's no such thing as a Sears Catalog anymore...

Help needed. I seem to have this little paragraph symbol leading all my typing. There's also a lot of dots between all my letters. If anyone knows how to get rid of these please email me a cure at mrbanjoist@gmail.com