

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

April, 2020

The April Meeting of the LSSDS: The meeting for April 11th just got “Executive Ordered” last night by our governor. Executed right through the heart. So everyone social distance and stay home. It’s a good chance to practice your tunes for Glen Rose. Glen Rose? More on that later in this missive...

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2020: 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 corroded virus. 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), 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. I have looked at a couple of places that some of you have suggested then the Kung Flu hit. When this abates I will begin my journey to find a suitable location for our meeting. 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.

~~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: We are still up in the air about the festival this year. The city of Glen Rose has offered to help us reschedule the event if we need to. Of course that probably throws out all the reservations that have been made. I haven’t talked with them about that as we are still hoping that we can have the festival on the regular dates. If they want us to reschedule we could do it later in May, which of course would interfere with Memorial Day. We could do it the first weekend of June but any later I think would be getting too hot for many of our people. (I personally like the heat and I hate when the temperature drops into double digits.) This is a tough decision. I know Joe said he probably wouldn’t attend if we hold it on the regular dates because he has elderly parents that he has to deal with. I’m not sure if my own mother should or would attend. (We’re keeping our distance somewhat so I don’t know how she feels about it.) I would value your input into this problem. Drop me an email and give me your

thoughts. I know that opinions are like noses. Everyone has one. But go ahead and don't have your feelings hurt if you don't get your way. My email is mrbanjoist@gmail.com.

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: I am attaching a new "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. Glen Rose is still **tentatively** ON for 2020. Spread it around. Your friend and mine, Dana

The 39th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: 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.

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: Still Nothing! Still No events! Still No meetings! Still No church! Still No toilet paper! Still No hand sanitizer! We did however have some fun. We took a clue from Lloyd Wright and had a "social distancing" jam session in our neighborhood last week. Some of my musician neighbors and I took to the street. We set up across the street from each other and started playing some tunes. Non musical neighbors heard the noise and brought their lawn chairs and set up in the street (at least 6 feet apart and more like 15-20 feet) and listened. We played music for about 2 ½ hours. Everyone had a great time. We even stopped traffic. Well mostly. My banjo and I got runned over a few time but that didn't stop the fun. Actually everyone thought that was pretty funny, they applauded the driver and he went around the block and did it again. I'm still a little sore but at least I don't have the virus.

Also too, thanks for all the help with my little paragraph marks. I had several people email me solutions and it worked. I am trapped in the 20th century and I like it here....