

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

September, October, Whatever it is, 2020

Any Meeting of the LSSDS: Any meeting for the LSSDS has been put into suspended animation for the foreseeable future. Deciding when to meet will depend on the CDC, government recommendations (whoever that may be), and maybe even Governor Abbott. Where we meet is also up for grabs. We've passed our last date to use Joe's church and I haven't been able to get out and find some new digs. So, continue to enjoy your "house arrest", learn some new tunes or practice old ones. I miss seeing actual people. Zoom just doesn't do it for me. Besides, I'm still living in the 20th century in some degree and I like it here. I'm trying to not listen to the voices in my head although they often have very good and fun ideas.

Meeting location for LSSDS: The meetings used to be at 114 W Grauwlyer Rd, Irving, TX 75061. Now we're on the lookout...

The Old Time Dulcimer Jam: 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. 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 haven't been out looking for a place to hold our meetings. Nobody wants to see me right now. 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.

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: Oakdale Park has been sold. I have to go meet with the new owners and see what sort of deal we can make with them about the festival. If you have questions you'd like me to check on please email them to me and I'll try to get some answers.

The 39th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: Still in a holding pattern until we conquer the "Kung Flu" and talk with the new owners. But if we have it the dates are May 7-9, 2021, at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Texas. Workshops, concerts, Arts and Crafts Fair, Jamming, and Contests. Featured performers whenever 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.

Winter Creek Reunion: The WCR has taken the path of so many other festivals this year. They too have made the painful decision to postpone their festival this year. The board tried to hold on with the hopes that they may get to have it but the county where the Lindseys live is in an “orange” level for Covid and they did not want to be blamed for making it “red”. I can’t blame them. You have to protect the brand whenever you can.

The Old Mill Music Festival: They’ve had a lot of people ask about Old Mill Music Festival and have decided to move forward with the event. The dates are November 6th and 7th. Due to our current circumstances some changes will be made. They will have fewer featured artists than usual and they’ve given them the option to back out at the last minute if they get cold feet. No official workshops. No square dance. No t-shirt or cd sales (artists are responsible for their own product sales). No check in booth, strictly donations. There will be no Covid-19 police. PPE and distance at your discretion. There will be no talk of politics. Love of each other and music is the theme for the weekend. I hope to see you all in November!

Instruments for Sale: Peyton Boddie has numerous musical instruments including harps, guitars, flutes, etc. He also has a Songbird hammered dulcimer and an AppleCreek mountain dulcimer. The hammered dulcimer was bought new in June from Songbird. The AppleCreek looks new as well. Both are in new cases. The Songbird owner told him roughly what he thought these would sell for...around \$500 since they are new. Do you know of anyone that might be looking to purchase something like these? If so email Peyton at: 214.299.4333 direct phone or 214.878.2224 mobil.

I/We would greatly appreciate you including a note about the string instruments in the LSSDS newsletter. Our motive is NOT to “make money” off these instruments; we are only wanting to sell them at a reasonable price to those who would play them. Philip has arthritis in his hands and it is difficult for him to play them anymore. Philip is keeping his 4-string vintage banjo (1930’s) and his mandolin.

The string instruments that my husband has for sale are: two acoustic guitars, a banjo, a hammer dulcimer, a mountain dulcimer, an autoharp. I/we have pictures of them but publishing pictures of them might be too much for the LSSDS newsletter. So, please let me summarize the information below and you can wordsmith it as you see fit:

More String Instruments Available: For sale or reasonable offer. They have a hammer dulcimer was made by Harold Dry, bought it in 1992. (Mr. Dry has since passed away.) They bought the mountain dulcimer and hammer dulcimer from craftsmen at the Lone Star State Dulcimer festival, so these are not “mass produced”. The autoharp is a vintage one but is in good shape and the strings are in good shape. All of the instruments are in cases and have been well taken care of. They don’t know what brand the one guitar is, but it is not a name brand. They don’t do facebook, and don’t really trust Craigslist. They can send pictures and

prefer these instruments go to a good home and be used. Pictures available upon request. Contact information is: Martha Mayville, mobile # 972-935-3716 or Philip Mayville, mobile # 214-546-8595. They will discuss instruments by phone call only – not text.

Bonus Video: If I did this right you can click on this link and enjoy our friend Bobby Duke Zinkgraf playing his fiddle for his dog Bear:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/TuSYTEYNA91c3TC78>

Instructional Videos Possibly Available: You might be able to see some instructional videos I did for the LSSDS when the festival was cancelled. It took some doing to get them on you tube but I think they could be very helpful to those that would like a little extra help with their hammer dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, and banjo during these trying time. Simple go to you tube and type in “Dana Hamilton dulcimer”. Look for quarantine hammer dulcimer workshop, quarantine mountain dulcimer workshop and my personal favorite, quarantine banjo workshop. Hopefully they will show up on your computer like they do on mine and you can have some of my very helpful hints on playing and performing with these instruments.