

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society Newsletter

April 8, 2017

LSSDS Meeting for April 8: The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society will meet on April 8th at the First Christian Church, 114 Grauwlyer Road in Irving, Texas. Start time will be 1:00 for beginning workshops. Jim Thornton will be leading the mountain dulcimer folks. Jim plans to teach the following tunes: Black Mountain Rag, Old Molly Hare, Waterbound, May Day Carol, Spring's Message. Pot Luck and business meeting will be sandwiched in the middle sometime.

LSSDS MEETINGS

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 2017. 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. 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.

MEETING DATES, AND TIMES:

May 12-14 Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival. Oakdale Park, Glen Rose, Texas

July 8, 2017

September 9, 2017

November 11, 2017

Glen Rose: The 36th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival, May 12-14, 2017.

Headliners so far are Harmony from Mt. View, Arkansas, Marsha Harris from Morehead City, NC and Dan Landrum from Chattanooga, Tennessee. You will find a copy of the TENTATIVE SCHEDULE attached to this newsletter. It's like the Pirate's Code in Pirates of the Caribbean, it's only a guideline. It's not set in stone yet, mostly because Cheryl is checking it for me to see whom I have required to be in two spots at one time. Cheryl is currently out of town, in the hill country visiting wineries so there's no telling what the schedule will really be like. We'll email the final copy with the May newsletter. Tell everyone you know to come to the festival. Put it on Facebook, Twitter, Flutter, email, snail mail, Autodial, (well, maybe NOT autodial. I get enough of those already.) We need to let folks know that it's happening. I am getting lots of calls asking about it so help get the word out and invite all your friends, family, enemies, strangers, mailmen and whoever else might like or not like dulcimer and old time music.

Rooms At La Quinta in Glen Rose: The La Quinta in Glen Rose has 5 king and 5 double rooms they are holding for the dulcimer festival. The price is \$92.00 per night. Call the LaQuinta at (254) 898-0679 if you want to reserve one of these rooms.

Donations for Glen Rose: Anne Browning will not be at the April meeting. She asked us to ask for, beg for, beseech, the club members for funds to help feed our performers. Anne does an amazing job. However the food trees we planted all those years ago still aren't producing so we will be taking up a collection to help defray the cost of food. (Believe me, shoplifting doesn't work at a grocery store.) We will have a basket for funds at the meeting. If you can't come to the meeting you could send it Anne at: Anne Browning, 644 West Colorado Blvd., Dallas, TX 75208. She is an unsung hero at Glen Rose so let's pitch in and help her out.

Southern Regional Dulcimer Jamboree: The Ozark Folk Center State Park in Mountain View, Arkansas will be sponsoring this event on April 20-22, 2017. Mountain Dulcimer headliners are: Judson Steinback-New Players ONLY, Tull Glazener, Duane Porterfield, and Gary Gallier. Hammered Dulcimer headliners are: Joe Jewell-New Players ONLY, Rick Thumb, Ilace Mears and Stephen Humphries. For more information go to their website: ozarkfolkcenter.com

8th Annual New Mexico Dulcimer Festival – November 3 & 4, 2017: Their www.nmdulcfest.com website has just been updated to reflect the 2017 festival. This year they will feature **Aubrey Atwater** with husband **Elwood Donnelly** plus **Joe Collins** on mountain dulcimer, and **Wes Chappell** and **Randy Marchany** from No Strings Attached on hammered dulcimer. **Tina Gugeler**, **David Ellison**, and **Irma Reeder** will also be teaching dulcimer. They will again feature over 40 workshops including numerous non-dulcimer classes. When they had Aubrey (solo) out at their first festival in 2010, attendees told them they wished she had given a clogging workshop. Well, they've talked her into doing just that for this year! Workshop schedule is in progress, but the rest of the website is updated and they are now accepting registrations. Plan to join them in November!