

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society Newsletter

September 9, 2017

LSSDS Meeting for July: The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society will meet on September 9th at our usual digs. Meeting time is 1 pm for beginners, pot luck and more advanced workshops after. Workshop titles

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:

November 11, 2017

Winfield 2017: This is one of the best festivals anywhere. Lots of stages full of amazing talent. Jamming, some of the best anywhere. Just total fun. For info on the festival go to wvfest.com

16th Annual Winter Creek Reunion: The dates for this year's event are October 5-8, 2017. These are the 2017 performer's lineup: Kendra Ward & Bob Bence, Max ZT and House of Waters, Neal Hellman, Tull Glazener, Spencer & Raines, Karen & Chuck Daniels, Ciaran & Collette Dalton (Ireland). Cost? Free! Where? David Lindsey's farm in Bennington, Oklahoma. For all the information you need you can go to the Red River Valley Dulcimer Club Web page at: rrvdc.com. They also have some stuff on Facebook but since I have never, not ever looked at even one page on facebook, my face, my space, my twitter, my instant messenger, and I rarely listen to my answering machine. If you know anything about any of these sites/devices then you can go ahead and look it up. I remain thoroughly old school.

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!

The Old Mill Music Festival: Dates for this one are November 3-4, 2017. Featured performers include: The Purple Hulls, Spencer and Rains, Stephen Seifert, Jody Kruskal, Roy Book Binder, Beth Chrisman and Friends, The Vandarveer Brothers Stringband, The Matchsellers, Steve and Sheryl Hartz, Gaston's Merrymakers, and The Sawmill Vagrants. For schedules and other pertinent information go to oldmillmusicfestival.com They are between Nacogdoches/Lufkin and Crockett on Highway 7 in Kennard, Texas. Turn in at The Old Mill (look for the sign just west of Kennard).

Annual Meeting: Joe here. Since Dana was gone most of the summer and wasn't at the July meeting, I get to make the report. July is when we elect officers for the coming year and discuss any other business that comes up. This year, in addition to the election, we discussed the \$10 yearly dues that have been in place for ages. At one time, the dues were necessary to cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter that went out every month. Over the past few years, almost everyone has migrated to the email newsletter. There are still a few

folks that receive the newsletter via snail mail, but the number is very small and the expense of printing and mailing those few newsletters is very small. The dues have also helped cover expenses at Glen Rose a time or two when bad weather made for smaller crowds. The last couple of festivals have been pretty successful and we feel there is enough money on hand to weather a couple of less than successful festivals, should they occur. When you take all of this into consideration it was proposed that we do away with the yearly dues. Our Secretary, Sherry Ittel, suggested we suspend the dues rather than eliminate them. Suspension would not require amending the by-laws and, if we need to reinstate them in the future, that could be done with a simple vote at a meeting. After some discussion, we voted to suspend the dues. So, starting in July, you will no longer receive a renewal notice. As an added bonus, the balance in your checking account will no longer be off by \$10 because I haven't found time to get to the bank and deposit the checks. Joe

Officer Elections: Elections were held at the July meeting. Officers for the coming year are the same. I knew I get stuck with something because I had to miss the meeting.

I think that's it. Enjoy...