

# PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

Newsletter June, 2017

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**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, June 17, 2017  
(always the third Saturday of the month)  
Westminster Hall, 417 West Lexington, Independence, Missouri 64050

**POTLUCK! POTLUCK! POTLUCK!**

## PROGRAM:

Month	Hammer / Activity	Mountain / Activity	Club Activity
June	Katy Waters	Deb Leavitt	Potluck
July	Cheryl New	Open	Potluck
August	Picnic	Picnic	Potluck

**Instructions for Hammered Dulcimers:** Katy will be teaching a new song. She will provide music. Bring your club music and plan to jam.

**Instructions for Mountain Dulcimers:** Bring club music. Deb Leavitt will be teaching "My Dear Companion" by Jean Richie.

**Directory updates:** No changes to report. Please report changes to your contact information to Mary Richardson or Rita Young.

**Business Meeting Minutes:** Sat May 20, 2017. Club Meeting

President's Report - President Ed Barlett was not in attendance. Meeting was called to order by Debbie Leavitt. Dana Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter online. Pam Haskell seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Mary Richardson reported on club funds. Rita Young made motion to accept treasurer's report. Penny Lewis seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report - Deb Leavitt reported no correspondence.

New Business - Rita Young gave announcement about the upcoming Ozark Roots Festival, 3-day workshops in Mountain View, Arkansas. July 18-22. Linda Thomas sent flyers.

Pam Haskell purchased 2 cardboard mountain dulcimers from Jerry Teal at Butler Music. Dave Courtney made a motion to reimburse from club funds to

Pam for the purchase of dulcimers to be used at club and Mo Town event. Katy Waters seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business - Education Committee - HD - no report. MD - no report. Missouri Town, Jackson County. October 7 & 8, 2017. Calendar of events posted on their website per Pam Haskell. Pam will have more news to follow.

Announcements - Dave Courtney is planning to sell his business, Courtney's Dulcimer Shop. Let him know if you are interested in purchasing inventory or know of anyone interested in buying him out.

Officers for Upcoming Year - President Ed Barlett is resigning his office as of this month. A volunteer is needed to take over the office of President for the club. Deb Leavitt volunteered to fill in until a new President is found. Please consider taking this position to help our club continue.

Dana Taylor made motion to adjourn the meeting, Linda seconded. Meeting ended.

**DUES!** - Dues should be paid to Mary Richardson, club Treasurer, by August.

**Upcoming events: Ozark Roots Dulcimer Workshops** - Mountain Dulcimer workshops will be July 17-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Instructors will be Joellen Lapidus, Lee Cagle and Duane Porterfield. Hammered dulcimer workshops will be July 18-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Instructors will be Linda Thomas, Joe Jewell and Lisa Culver. The Festival will be in Mountain View, Arkansas. For information or to register go to [www.mvmeetingplace.com](http://www.mvmeetingplace.com). Hammered Dulcimer players can contact Linda Thomas for information.

**Gateway Dulcimer Festival - August 11-14** - If you would like information for registering, contact Rita Young or check their website.

**Ozark Mountain Dulcimer Gathering - September 18-22, 2017** - Come, learn, share and play music with friends, old and new. For more info contact: [ozarkmdgathering@gmail.com](mailto:ozarkmdgathering@gmail.com)

**Missouri Town - October 7-8** - Pam Haskell will be providing more information as the time approaches. Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to play with the group, with an ensemble or play a solo.

**This 'n That:** Penny Lewis is our webmaster. If you have anything you would like put on our website, contact Penny. Her contact information is in the club directory.

Don't forget to check out the Prairie Dulcimer Page on Facebook. It is a great way to stay in touch with your dulcimer-playing friends. If you have pictures or

other things of interest to other dulcimer players, please post it so we can all enjoy it.

President Ed Barlett recently received an email asking for advice from Mountain Dulcimer players. The email follows:

On Sun, May 28, 2017 at 9:17 PM, Don Grundy <(e-mail address withheld)> wrote:  
I am lucky enough to have acquired a 4 string dulcimer; tuned DAA, that I play with a noter.

Recently we went to the Cedar Creek Dulcimer Store in Branson.

They sell a small backpack dulcimer that is 29 inches. At age 70 I won't be backpacking but I am attracted to it's smaller size.

Do you have any thoughts?

Thank you, Don Grundy, Liberty, MO

Ed responded: Don, It should play an octave or two higher than yours. I am a beginner on the mountain (more advanced on the hammer) but I have a short mountain dulcimer, It's fun and bright, you can get more frets in your finger span, but the strings are really rough on my fingers. I will forward this to the groups newsletter for further comments.

If anyone else has suggestions or advice for Don, please feel free to contact him.