

PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB  
Newsletter February, 2018

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**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, February 17, 2018, (always the third Saturday of the month)  
Westminster Hall, [417 West Lexington, Independence, Missouri 64050](#)

PROGRAM:

| Month | Hammer / Activity  | Mountain / Activity | Club Activity                   |
|-------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Feb.  | Linda Thomas       | Allen Macfarlane    | Potluck                         |
| Mar.  | L. Thomas workshop | Conger workshop     | No meeting:<br>attend workshops |
| April | Open               | Open                | Potluck                         |

**Incident Weather** - If the weather is bad and club meeting is cancelled, Dana Taylor will notify Rita and an email will be sent out immediately.

**Hammered Dulcimers** - Linda Thomas will be teaching.

**Mountain Dulcimers** - Allen Macfarlane will be teaching.

**This is a great opportunity for all players to have a good time of instruction. If you haven't been in a while, we have missed you and would love to see you this month. Let's all turn out to support these good teachers who have graciously volunteered their time. Bring club music for jamming after lunch. Books of club music will be available to new members who do not have it.**

**Directory Updates:** Please send any corrections, additions, etc. to Deb Leavitt. Her email is [Dleavitt08@gmail.com](mailto:Dleavitt08@gmail.com). Please add the following to your directory: (addresses and contact info intentionally omitted)

Stewart, Mike  
Mountain Dulcimer

Morrow, Kim  
Mountain and Hammered Dulcimer

Buie, Vicki  
Mountain Dulcimer

Choplin, Sherry

Mountain Dulcimer

### **Business Meeting Minutes:**

The meeting was called to order by Ed Barlett who was standing in for President Otis Watson. He welcomed visitors Jim Smith, Karen Dickerson and Ryly & Davis Marshal. Commended the Mountain Dulcimers for a beginner class of 14 new players. A motion was made by Jim Davidson, seconded by Dana Taylor and approved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the December Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - No report as Mary Richardson was not able to be at the meeting. A report will be given next month. Deb Leavitt accepted checks for the upcoming Thomas/Conger Workshop.

Secretary's Report - Nothing to report.

Education Report - Nothing to report.

Old Business - Rita Young asked everyone to continue to be on the lookout for a good deal on a tent to be used at Missouri Town on behalf of Pam Haskell. Discussion was held regarding a Children's Day. Rita Young made a motion to vote on having a Children's Day. Motion seconded by Deb Leavitt, motion did not pass.

New Business - Dana Taylor asked for players to perform at the upcoming Chocolate Festival to be held at the church (same location as club meeting) on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Musicians are needed to play from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Dana has a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in playing.

Dave Courtney reported that he purchased Esther Kreek's Hammered Dulcimer and is now offering it for sale for \$800.00. See Dave if you are interested.

Rusty Denes reported that long-time former club member Dave Crawford passed away recently.

Jim Davidson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Dana Taylor, approved. Meeting adjourned.

**Upcoming Events: Chocolate Festival - February 10, 2018** - Here is a great opportunity to share your talent. This event is at Westminster Hall (same location as the Prairie Dulcimer Club) from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Groups of 2-5 people would play music of their choice for 30 - 60 minutes. Dana Taylor is the coordinator for this event and has a sign up sheet for interested participants. See Dana if you have questions.

**Linda Thomas/Larry & Elaine Conger Workshop - March 17, 2018**

21st Annual Dulcimer Workshop Weekend

John Knox Presbyterian Church

[11430 Wornall Road](#)

Kansas City, MO

Workshops 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Instructors' Concert 7:00 pm

HD - Linda Thomas, MD 1 - Elaine Conger, MD 2 - Larry Conger

Info/Reg: [lindadan@primary.net](mailto:lindadan@primary.net) or 941.7834

Registration forms will be available at the club meeting. Cost is \$50.00. If you are a paid up member, the club will pay half of the registration fee. Your portion of payment must be made to the club by the February meeting, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**2018 Dulcimer Jamboree-Ozark Folk Center State Park - April 26-28, 2018**

This annual Dulcimer Jamboree features a "round robin" class format for both mountain and hammered dulcimers. Students will have the option for classes with each instructor over the 3 day event. For updates and registration information check the website at [Ozarkfolkcenter.com](http://Ozarkfolkcenter.com).

**Ozark Roots Dulcimer Festival - Hammered Dulcimer - July 17-21, 2018 - Mountain View Meeting Place, Mountain View, Arkansas.**

Linda Thomas will provide instruction and various workshops for this event.

**This 'n That:** Penny Lewis is our webmaster. If you have anything you would like posted on our website, contact Penny. Her contact information is in the club directory. Be aware that Penny does not include addresses on the web site. 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.

An update on Cathy Barton-Para - Continued prayers are appreciated. Her body is not always accepting the new drugs being administered.