

PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

Newsletter October, 2017

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, October 21, 2017

(always the third Saturday of the month)

Westminster Hall, [417 West Lexington, Independence, Missouri 64050](#)

Bring Your Own Sack Lunches!

PROGRAM:

Month	Hammer / Activity	Mountain / Activity	Club Activity
Oct.	Rita Young	Open	BYO Sack lunch
Nov.	Open	Open	TBD
Dec.	Christmas Party	Christmas Party	Potluck

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To my dulcimer friends:

Thanks you all who participated in Missouri Town this last weekend!! Your time and talent make a difference to make this event successful. Wheter you played, set up, took pictures, or just came to listen and enjoy the festival, I am grateful to you!!

Most of you all know we lost the tent in a storm Friday night, but were able to duct tape and secure it Saturday morning to use for both days. It was not salvageable for next year, so if anyone knows where we can buy or rent a canvas tent for PDC, please let me know as I will be looking for one.

I believe this event is important to PDC for exposure and to enhance potential new members to join in to keep the club growing. Thanks again to all!!

-Pam Haskell.

Hammered Dulcimers - For our October meeting Rita will teach the "Delta Queen Waltz" and a Christmas song. Music will be provided. She will also be sharing some simple embellishment ideas learned at the Gateway Festival. We will talk about how to choose an introduction for your songs and work on leading a song in a jam. Please choose a song that you could lead in a jam and be prepared to try it.

Directory Updates: None reported. A new directory is in the works and will be released soon. Please be aware that if you have not paid your dues, you will not be included in the directory and you will no longer receive the newsletter.

Business Meeting Minutes: Saturday, September 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Dana Taylor in the absence of President Otis Watson. Rita Young made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the August Newsletter. Motion seconded by Mary Richardson, motion passed.

New Visitor at the meeting was Julia Kounter from Blue Springs. Julia is a Mountain Dulcimer player. Welcome Julia.

Treasurer's Report - Mary Richardson gave a report on club funds. Dana Taylor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Pam Haskell. Motion passed.

New Business - Everyone agreed they would like to have a Silent Auction at our December Christmas Party. Please plan to bring items you would like to donate to the December meeting.

Old Business - Pam Haskell updated everyone on Missouri Town. The club will provide music on Saturday, Oct. 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is available for those who want to play with the group and also for Center Stage. Mary Ann Fenstermacher and Lisa Ibarra will teach Mountain Dulcimer in a tent next door again this year. Pam and helpers will be at Missouri Town on Friday around noon to set up the tent if anyone would like to assist. Help is also need on Sunday afternoon to take everything down.

Discussions about having a potluck every month versus bringing a sack lunch and possibly changing the meeting format were tabled until the next meeting so more members can be present.

Remember that if you change your email address you must let Rita know if you want to continue receiving the newsletter.

Norma moved to close the meeting. Dana seconded. Motion passed. Meeting closed.

Upcoming Events:

Linda Thomas - Holiday Music for Hammered Dulcimer - Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Pre-Registration Requested - Tuition - \$65.00

Will be held at the John Knox Presbyterian Kirk - [11430 Wornall Rd., Kansas city, Mo.](http://11430WornallRd.com) For information or registration forms, contact Linda Thomas at [816-519-3840](tel:816-519-3840) or lindadan@primary.net.

Dulcimer Cruise - 10 Day Southern Caribbean Cruise - Thursday, Oct. 18 - Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018. There will be jamming and classes for Mountain

Dulcimers. Anyone is welcome to attend. The event is endorsed by the Gateway Dulcimer Club. If you are interested, contact Dave Kronk, Travel One, [2603 Plaza Drive, Highland, IL](#).

15th Annual Colorado Dulcimer Festival - February 2-3, 2018 - Registration begins Sept. 1, 2017. "Early Bird" registration rate is \$110 (after December 15, 2017, it goes up to \$130). For more information about the Festival, visit the website <http://www.coloradodulcimerfestival.com/> Guest instructors this year are Ted Yoder/Hammered Dulcimer and Kim McKee/Mountain Dulcimer. Of course, this is in addition to our amazing local instructors and performers: Tina Gugeler, Malacha Hall, and Judy Jones, Dianne Jeffries, Heidi McClure, and we welcome Paul Weidig. This year we welcome back two honorary Coloradans Steve Eulberg and Erin Mae. And don't forget: several of our local instructors are National Dulcimer Champions!

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.

Update on Cathy Barton - She is doing well and is going for radiation treatments. She and Dave were able to attend and enjoy Winfield and Carp Camp. She is now in the middle of her radiation therapy but is not experiencing any side effects so far. They are very grateful for all the support they have received in the form of cards, prayers, etc.

Congratulations again to Ken Shoemaker for winning 4th place in the Hammered Dulcimer competition at Winfield.