

PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

December, 2017 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday 16, 2017, (always the third Saturday of the month)
Westminster Hall, [417 West Lexington, Independence, Missouri 64050](#)

PROGRAM:

Month	Hammer / Activity	Mountain / Activity	Club Activity
Dec. 2017	Christmas party	Christmas party	potluck
Jan. 2018	Ed Barlett	Open	Chili cook-off
Feb. 2018	Open	Open	potluck

Hammered and Mountain Dulcimers - Bring your club music, especially Christmas songs and we will jam. If anyone wants to do a solo or small group number, please come prepared. We want to hear you! Feel free to bring other instruments. We will have a silent auction headed up by Jim Davison. Please bring any items you wish to donate. Proceeds will go to the club. We will not have a white elephant gift exchange this year.

Directory Updates: A new directory was emailed to everyone. Deb Leavitt has agreed to take over maintenance of the directory as Mary Richardson is no longer able to do that. Please send all corrections, additions, etc. to Deb. Her email is Dleavitt08@gmail.com.

If you are not listed in the directory and have paid your dues, please let Deb know. If you have not paid your dues and would like to be added to the directory, you can send your check to Mary Richardson.

Please add these new members to your directory: Lillian & Kiendra Martin

Business Meeting Minutes: Minutes for Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 - The meeting was called to order by President Otis Watson. He welcomed visitors Jeff Larsen, Vicki Berie and Lillian and Kiendra Martin.

Treasurer's Report - None given as Mary Richardson was not present. Deb Leavitt will take over the directory updates.

Secretary's Report - Asked for approval of minutes from the last meeting as printed in the Newsletter. A motion was made by Jim Davison, seconded by Dana Taylor, approved.

Old Business - Jim Davison will organize the silent auction at the December Christmas party. He encouraged everyone to bring items to donate and reminded everyone that proceeds are donated to the club treasury. It was agreed that we will not have the white elephant gift exchange this year.

Dana Taylor gave information regarding the use of items donated for Harvesters and thanked everyone for their donations.

Rita Young presented a proposal for a “Kid’s Day”. She proposed that it be held on our regular club meeting day in the April/May/June time frame. Recommended an age bracket of 6-16 years old. A teacher for each group (hammered and mountain) would be designated. Both groups would learn the same songs. The meeting could begin with a short get acquainted time then separate. Dedicate an hour to learning the songs. Have a short break with refreshments provided. Bring both groups together to play the songs learned. End by noon and then provide lunch. Each young person would be assigned an adult assistant and provided with an instrument to play by that adult. Registration would be required so teachers will know how many to prepare for and to make sure that every child has an instrument to play and an adult assistant. President Otis Watson recommended that everyone think about this and we will revisit it in January.

New Business - None reported.

Jim Davison made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Ken Shoemaker, approved. Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Events: 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!

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

21st Annual Dulcimer Workshop Weekend at 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/Registration: lindadan@primary.net or 941.7834

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.