

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

March 8, 2025

The March 8, Meeting of the LSSDS: Our next meeting will be held at our regular digs, IBCA in Arlington. (Address below) I'm trying to get this newsletter out a little early because there is another great opportunity to play some music in some great jams with some awesome jam leaders. (See below). Our meeting time will be 1-5. I'm not sure about what workshops will be held but I'm pretty certain that we will be working on our tunes Glen Rose. Those tunes should be on our website LSSDS.com. There is also a better-than-even chance that yours truly will not be in attendance. My daughter will be delivering her 4th child, our 8th grandchild, at any time and we have our bags packed to help care for the older siblings during that precious time. I will be sure the doors are open if I'm not here.

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2025: April 12, May 9-11 in Glen Rose for our 43rd Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8.

Meeting location for LSSDS: The International Baptist Church of Arlington has graciously offered us their facility (when available) for our meetings. Their address is 1013 West Park Row, Arlington, 76013.

Calendar at a glance:

Old Mill Jam Weekend: Kennard, TX. February 28-March 1. At Lloyd and April Wright Mill.
22nd Palestine Old Time Music and Dulcimer Festival: March 27-29 at First Baptist Church, 5700 North Loop 256, Palestine, Texas.

Dulcimer Jamboree contests and concerts. Friday, April 25, 2025, and Saturday, April 26, 2025 at the Ozark Folk Center in Mt. View, Arkansas.

43rd Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival. May 9 – 11, 2025 at the Oakdale Park Campground in Glen Rose, TX.

Old Mill Jam: Held in Kennard, TX at April and Lloyd Wright's farm/mill/whatever. This will feature lots and lots of jamming. Last year was a blast. We had several jams going on all around the farm. There was even a square dance that broke out a time or two. Nothing is planned. Just like our recent jam in Glen Rose you just come and play and learn new tunes, new chops, new words and have a great time. Bring a lawn chair and pray for weather like we had during our jam in Glen Rose. 83 degrees Friday and Saturday. WOW

22nd Palestine Old Time Music and Dulcimer Festival: Held in Palestine, Texas March 27-29. Always a fun time with workshops, concerts, arts and crafts, and plenty of jamming. Featured performers this year include: Stephen Seifert – mountain dulcimer, Erynn Marshall and Carl Jones – old time fiddle, mandolin, guitar, vocals, Mark Tindle – mountain dulcimer, Vanderveer Brothers -hammered dulcimer, guitar, fiddle, keyboards, penny whistle, Lloyd and April Wright – mountain dulcimer, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar, vocals, David and Annette Lindsey –

hammered and mountain dulcimers, Dana and Judy Hamilton – hammered dulcimer, Maria Terres – fiddle, clawhammer banjo, Amy McFarland – piano, concertina

Ozark Folk Center Dulcimer Jamboree: Held in beautiful Mt. View, Arkansas on April 25-26. Workshops, concerts, and contests for both hammer and mountain dulcimers. Headliners include: Colin Beasley: hammered dulcimer, Kara Barnard: mountain dulcimer. DeeDee Tibbits: hammered dulcimer, Rick Thum: hammered dulcimer, Stephen Seifert: mountain dulcimer, Katie Moritz: hammered dulcimer and mountain dulcimer, Margaret Wright: mountain dulcimer and multi-instrumentalist.

43rd Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: May 9-11 at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Texas. Concerts, workshops, arts and crafts, square dance workshops and dances for all ages, Lone Star State Dulcimer Championship for mountain and hammer dulcimers, a drum circle, playground, river wading, dinosaur tracks, swimming pool, and all that other stuff that seem to be so much fun. Featured performers this year include: Dave Para and his band, Snorty Horse, Mark Shelton, and Dave Wilson. Our Friday Evening Concert will be an all youth concert featuring: Elijah Wright, Sarah Miner, The Gill Family, The Houston Family, The Fiddes Family, The Knirbys featuring Norma Brink with Travis Brink playing backup and the Vanderveer Brothers String Band, plus a grand finale will as many of them as we can put on stage>

A Sad Note That Missed The Newsletter: I became aware that I did not mention the passing of our dear friend Steve Jones in our last newsletter. Steve passed away late last summer. He had been ailing for quite some time but he always put in the extra effort to be at Glen Rose and Bennington. Steve loved doing the contests at Glen Rose and his input will be greatly missed. At the Winter Creek Reunion he could always be found on his golf cart doing whatever needed to be done. Steve and Melissa made many quilts for the Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival. Perhaps one of my favorite memories of Steve was in the early days of the Infamous Texas Death Match Ensemble Contest. Steve played his bagpipes, Jim Curley played the saw and I either played the nose flute or the hurdy gurdy. We were the ungongable act. He was up for a little fun and mischief and he will be greatly missed at our gatherings. Rest well my friend.