

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society Newsletter

December 2017

It is with a heavy heart that I must announce the passing of our dear friend Lorimer Arrendse. Lorimer passed Friday morning after his short struggle with stage 4 lung cancer. He was a lover of the dulcimer and the music we all shared. We will miss his smiling face at our events. Please remember his family in your prayers. He was a loving father, amazing educator and a friend to all he knew. Rest well, my friend, in the arms of Jesus. We had been planning a fundraiser for Lorimer. The need is still there and we are planning to go ahead with the fundraiser to help benefit the family. It will take place January 6, 2018 at Grand Prairie High School, 101 Gopher Blvd., Grand Prairie, TX 75050 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Lorimer battled stage 4 lung cancer since June 2017. In addition to conventional treatment, he underwent treatment in Mexico which was out of pocket. There will be a silent auction with a mountain dulcimer and a quilt. There is also a concert featuring: The Vanderveer Brothers, David and Annette Lindsey, April and Lloyd Wright, Ron and Linda Bowers, David Moran and Joe Morgan and perhaps a few others. This is a fund raiser and there is no set admission fee, so PLEASE come with a giving heart and deep pockets!

The services for Lorimer Arrendse are as follows: Visitation: Tuesday Dec 19 from 6-8 PM at Gateway Church, 2404 N Carrier Pkwy, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050.

Funeral Service: Wednesday Dec 20 at 10 AM, Gateway Church. Private burial in Cleburne, TX

Cards and monetary donations (the family still has monetary needs from all the medical expenses) may be sent to: Jeanelle Arendse, 4424 CR 424, Cleburne, TX, 76031.

LSSDS Meeting for January 13, 2018: RRVDC has invited the LSSDS to join them for a potluck at David's Dulcimer's, [654 Acorn Lane, Bennington, OK 74723](http://www.654acornlane.com) from 10:00 AM until ? This will be the January meeting date for both clubs. The Red River Valley Dulcimer Club will be providing leftover BBQ from their festival. Everyone else is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. The campground will be open for \$10.00 per night. Please contact Lynda Bowers at rrvdc.ok@gmail.com or [215-622-6394](tel:215-622-6394) to RSVP. There will instructors for both hammered and mountain dulcimers, we hope from both clubs. Plan to get out of the metromess and enjoy a little country time in the wooly backwaters of Oklahoma. It is generally understood that David's Dulcimer is so far out in the country that they walk TOWARDS town to go hunting. It's only a 2 to 2 ½ hour drive from the metromess.

February Meeting of the LSSDS, February 10, 2018: Since our regular meeting for January will be in Oklahoma, the next LSSDS meeting in Irving will be in February. This used to be Winter Festival time, but we are now scheduling a regular meeting for February. More details in the February newsletter.

LSSDS MEETINGS: All meetings will be held at the First Christian Church (FCC) of Irving, located at 114 W. Grauwlyer Road. Grauwlyer is just south of Airport Freeway and the church is just east of O'Connor Road. The next newsletter will include a tentative schedule for 2018.

February 15-17, 2018: David Lindsey and Dana Hamilton will be teaching a McSpadden mountain dulcimer building workshop at David's Dulcimer's. The cost is \$165.00 for the kit and supplies. This kit is solid Walnut and makes a very nice sounding dulcimer. It looks good too. There are 6 slots still available. The campground will be open for \$10.00 per night. Please contact Lynda Bowers for more information and reservations. There will be HD and MD workshops at the Chitwood Center on Saturday 2/17. These workshops are open to everyone.

From the North Harris County Dulcimer Society: We are so excited to announce the location of our annual retreat! Here is the location/date information: First Baptist Church Kennard, Kennard, Texas Dec 29, 30, departing Dec 31.

Housing:

Margaret Wright has generously volunteered to help you find housing. Here are some possibilities:

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/ratcliff-lake-recreation-rea/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=75227>

Camping is available here. You don't need to contact Margaret if you're staying here.

- Camping trailers – If you have a self-contained camper, contact Margaret Wright so she can assign you a place near the church.
- Want to sleep on the church's carpeted floor? Bring your inflatable mattress or sleeping bag. Let Margaret Wright know you are doing this so she will know how many people are planning to do this. There's a shower in the building and two kitchens you can use.
- Want to stay in Margaret or Lloyd Wright's house? \$10 to stay at Margaret's "boys dorm" or "girls" dorm; \$25 to stay at Lloyd Wright's. There may be more rooms available at various people's houses which Margaret can tell you about.
- Prefer a motel? A few motels are in Crockett 15 miles away and plenty of motels in Lufkin, 30 miles away.
- If you want, stay New Year's Eve for the Wright family's annual performance at the Camp Street Café in Crockett. It's not a café, it's a music venue. Cost is \$5 at the door. Pot luck dinner.

Meals:

Inexpensive meals will be prepared by our members and served at the church. There's also a café in Kennard. I hope you are not disappointed that we are not going to the resort in Galveston. Your planning team decided that the top goals were: 1) Affordable for everybody, 2) A beautiful place where we could all hang out together for the whole weekend. Margaret Wright's contact information: [936-222-1892](tel:936-222-1892) margaretgwright@yahoo.com
Thank you, Linda Siemers, President, North Harris County Dulcimer Society

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: We are making plans for the 37th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival. Stephen Seifert is one of our featured performers for the festival May 11-13, 2018. Stephen and Lloyd Wright are offering an intensive mountain dulcimer workshop on Tuesday-Thursday before the festival starts. Here are the details for those interested:

05-08-18 Glen Rose, TX, Mountain Dulcimer Three-Day Intensive with Lloyd Wright and Stephen Seifert
Join Lloyd Wright and Stephen Seifert for a three day mountain dulcimer intensive for all levels. Lloyd and Steve will take turns working with each level. They'll sometimes work with everyone as a group. Together and separately, they're going to share their favorite techniques, tunes, and philosophies. You will get tablature and video of each tune and technique. Some time is built into the schedule for assisted group practice. This is laid back time for everyone to let their mind and fingers review and process everything covered during the day. Rather than just throw a bunch of content at you, we want you to go home confident you can be the kind of musician you want to be.