

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

February 8, 2020

Please note: 2:30 start time – NO POT LUCK THIS MONTH

The February Meeting of the LSSDS will be held on the 8th at our usual digs on Grauwylers Road in Irving. Because of a conflict, we cannot start until 2:30. Because of another conflict, we must be out of the building by 5:00. Due to the shortened time frame, we will not have a pot-luck. But, we do need to have a brief meeting between the workshops. I suggest we work on tunes from 2:30-3:30, meet from 3:30-3:45, then work on tunes again from 3:45-4:45 so we can be out by 5:00. Sorry for the conflicts this year. As they say, stuff happens. Joe

From Karl: We are planning to go through a couple of tunes for Glen Rose. I told everyone that Dana said if we only had a small number of tunes, he could just fill the time with talk. People sure started throwing out all kinds of tunes for the set after that! We really haven't come up with a final list, but here are the contenders at this time: Hangman's Reel in A, Boatman, Loggiewille 2-Step, March of St. Timothy's in G, Old Ground Hog, Will the Circle Be Unbroken in G, Caleche Creek (Mountain Dulcimers tune DAC), Wildwood Flower, and Southwind. Since many of these carry over from past years, many (most?) of our members should have the music and/or tab for them already. Please ask everyone to practice the tunes on their own prior to the next meeting if they can, since we don't have that many meetings until Glen Rose. Tab for many of these tunes can be downloaded from the internet. People can contact me and I can give them a link or scan them a copy of the tab. My email is kfneumann@att.net. I'm going to be out of town for the February meeting, and Donna Shelton will be leading the MD group. Thanks, Karl. Assume the hammered dulcimers will be doing something similar. Start time is 2:30 p.m.

April Meeting: We need to find a location for our April meeting. We could not use First Christian on the 11th, as it is the day before Easter and the church has plans. We said we would do it on the 4th, but it turns out Joe will be out of town that weekend. So, we need another place for one of those two dates. Contact Dana if you have suggestions: mrbanjoist@gmail.com

New Meeting Place Needed For LSSDS: While we are discussing new locations, we need to find a new place to hold our meetings after July. If you know of a place that we might be able to use please let me know (Dana. Email: mrbanjoist@gmail.com) We'd like to find a place that will allow us to use the facility for free or very little cost or we could even trade performances for time. Look around and bring suggestions to the club meeting.

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2020: April meeting TBD, Glen Rose on May 8-10, July 11th. After that we need to find a new location.

The Old Time Dulcimer Jam dates: Schedule for 2020: Old Time Dulcimer Jam / Acoustic Jam: (Saturdays 1:30-4:30), January 18, February 22, March 7, April 18, May 2, June 13, July 18, August 22, September 5, October 24, November 7, December N/A, no jam. All jams are at the Branch Connection (Senior Activity Center), 14055 Dennis Ln, Farmers Branch, TX. For information contact: Donna Shelton at (469)-644-1226.

Calendar at a glance:

Mountain Dulcimer Building Class: To be held February 20-22 at David Lindsey's farm in Bennington, Oklahoma followed by the RRVDC meeting of Saturday, February 22nd.

Old Pal Old time Music and Dulcimer Festival: March 26-28, 2020 in Palestine, Texas. Featured performers include: The Dove Brothers, David & Annette Lindsey, Lloyd and April Wright, Erin Mae Lewis, Dana and Judy Hamilton, Don Pedi, Charles Whitmer, Linda Thomas and Dan Delancy, Margaret Wright, The Vox Hunters, Joe Newberry, Alice Gerrard, Kay Justice, Beverly Smith with Pete Peterson and Kellie Allen, and Steve and Sheryl Hartz.

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: May 8-10 at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Texas. Workshops, concerts, Arts and Crafts Fair, Jamming, and Contests. Featured performers this year include: Karen Mueller on mountain dulcimer, autoharp, guitar, and who knows what else. The great Irish band from Kansas City, Tullamore will be joining us again with workshop on fiddle, guitar, singing, and Irish music and arranging. We will also have a reunion concert of the locally famous and now scattered Ragged Edge featuring our own John Cardascia on hammer dulcimer. They will have workshops on HD, guitar, fiddle, maybe bass and who knows what else. A good time will be had so you need to come and enjoy the fun with us.

Still Looking For A Club Booth Official: We still need a force to man the club booth at Glen Rose. If you'd like to help out there please let me know when you might be available and I'll try to set up a schedule. Joe is stepping down after something like a million years. It's time for some of us to step up to the plate.