

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

Novemberish, 2020

The Meetings of the LSSDS: The meetings of the LSSDS are STILL on hold. Perhaps the upcoming “vaccine” will change things in the near future. That is, of course, if they can find enough people to volunteer to be the human “Lab Rats”. Until then we will patiently wait and practice our tunes for whenever we can meet again.

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2021: Your guess is as good as mine.

Meeting location for LSSDS: This item is still up in the air. We did have an offer from the Turners. They offered up their home for the meetings. Good and bad news on that front. They don't live at the edge of the world (Benbrook) but you definitely have a great view of it from there. On a good day you can see sailboats sail right off the edge of the lake in the land of Columbus' other two ships which of course fell off the edge too. The good news is I think I remember them offering to cook the steaks if everyone else could bring the wine. I might be wrong on the but I'll check it out. In the meantime Judy says we could meet at our house in Arlington, home of THREE taxpayer built stadiums that we graciously built for billionaires. We don't have steaks and don't drink so I guess you have to choose which sounds better to you. More on this after we find an antidote to the Kung Flu.

The Old Time Dulcimer Jam dates are: About the same as those for the LSSDS. When it becomes available you can find it here or on the website.

Calendar at a glance:

Everything is canceled. Nothing is happening. No one is going anywhere. Ain't life grand?

The Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: I have talked with the new owners of Oakdale Park and they have assured me that they are VERY interested in continuing the festival at the park. We have some details to work out. Dave Turner and I are going to meet with the owners and see what all needs to be narrowed down. They have said they are open to having food vendors at the festival this year so we might have other options than hamburgers and fries. I think everyone is on board that got canceled last year. So just think, a festival two years in the planning.

A Club Booth Official Found: I don't know if I mentioned this before but Cheryl Turner has volunteered to take over the club booth. Thanks Cheryl and thank you Joe Morgan for seemingly 173 years of covering that job at the festival.

The Winter Creek Reunion: This festival was the latest one in the Kung Flu's march to disrupt everything that's fun in the whole wide world. They too are on hold until we conquer the fight against this deadly and disruptive virus. Keep up with their plans at rrvdc.com or davidsdulcimer.com.

Winfield 2020: Winfield of 2020 has now become Winfield of 2021. They are going to open up the contests to 50 in each contest for next year so keep practicing.

The Winterfestival of Acoustic Music: Vanessa Rhodes with Visit McKinney contacted me recently about moving the dulcimer festival to McKinney. I informed her that Glen Rose was in Glen Rose and I wasn't interested in moving it. She said she was interested in hosting "Winterfestival" for McKinney. Winterfestival was Linda Thompson's baby and before we could agree to call it that it would require the approval of Linda's family. More importantly, it would require someone willing to take on the job of putting it all together. I have no idea about budgets, cost, locations, venues, or any of the other stuff available for a festival in McKinney but the fact that they would like to do it is a plus. Think about it and if you think you might like to take it on you can contact Vanessa at 972-547-2060 or 214-544-1407 or by email at vrhodes@visitmckinney.com.

Mountain Dulcimer Building Books: At one point Jim Cadorette thought about building mountain dulcimers and amassed quite the collection of books, articles and other resources. He's since decided to do something else so he's willing to donate his collection of 'stuff' to someone who might be just starting out. Sorry, no wood or tools, just books and stuff. His only requirement is that you'll have to drive to Frisco to get it. If you are interested in these books you can contact Jim at: 214-683-5000.

Learning to Play The Fiddle with A Critic: Click on this link and find out how hard it is to learn the fiddle. This is our friend Bobby Duke Zinkgraf as he is practicing a tune. Listen at least until the B part. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/TuSYTEYNA91c3TC78>

Wendy Songe From the Red River Valley Dulcimer Club: From Richard Ash:
"I just got off the phone with Wendy Songe. As many of you know, she's been having health issues for a while now. Heart issues specifically, but most recently she's had a fall (possibly from the heart problems). The fall has given her a brain aneurism. The aneurism is currently bleeding and swelling. Wendy is expected to undergo surgery early next week. It is a risky procedure. Wendy is having difficulty speaking and communicating right now, because of the swelling mass on her brain. Wendy is at home now. She is optimistic about her outlook, but we all know that any surgery has risks, especially one involving the human brain. Wendy has asked that we NOT contact her via phone, Facebook, email, etc. She knows you all care for her, and wish her well, but she doesn't have the capacity to read and reply to a slew of well-meaning messages. I am in the loop to get updates from Wendy's mother, and a couple of close mutual friends, and I will post updates as they come to me. If you could share this particular post with your dulcimer friends and ask them to refer back to this original post for updates, that would be best for her. I will make a point of providing the latest information available. There probably will NOT be an update until Monday, November 23, at the earliest. As far as upcoming events - Wendy is scheduled to be the MC for the Quarantunes Christmas Concert - she's hoping to be recovered by then, but she's already arranged for a backup MC. She's definitely planning on teaching at the Winter 2021 Quarantunes festival. That's all I know - not a lot of details, but it's all fact, straight from Wendy's mouth to my keyboard. Thank you for reading - please check back here periodically for updates. Richard Ash". She really needs prayer right now. She feels so bad she just can't call everyone personally.