

# The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society Newsletter

November 11, 2017

**LSSDS Meeting for November:** The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society will meet on November 11th at our usual digs. Meeting time is 1 pm for beginners, pot luck and more advanced workshops after. Karl Neumann will be leading the mountain dulcimer bunch at the November meeting. We will practice our tentatively scheduled tunes for Glen Rose, so please bring your music if you have it. Here's the songs we've been working on so far for Glen Rose. All are in D. Ode to Joy, Flop Eared Mule, Wildwood Flower, Angeline the Baker, Southwind. We will also play a few Christmas tunes to warm up for Christmas, so bring some tab for a favorite Christmas tune if you've got it.

## 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. This is a list of the tentative dates and times of the monthly LSSDS meetings through January 2018. They are listed as tentative because we may need to be flexible should a church activity conflict with our meeting. This schedule and a map will be posted at [www.lssds.com](http://www.lssds.com). Any changes in meeting times or dates will be posted on lssds.com asap. Any questions, give me (Joe) a call at 972-986-6371 or send me an e-mail at [jmm55@verizon.net](mailto:jmm55@verizon.net).

## MEETING DATES, AND TIMES:

November 11, 2017

January 13, 2018

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Creek Reunion and The Old Mill Music Festival:** If you missed either of these or both of these you should definitely mark your calendars for next year. They were well attended and well planned. Both festival set individual records for attendance and show no signs of slowing down. If you missed them... Oh well. Try again next year. You will not be disappointed.

**For Sale:** Masterworks 15-14 Hammered Dulcimer. Marbled walnut entrails. Mahogany soundboard. Rosewood bridges. Paid \$1200 for instrument, case, stand, tuner, double-sided hammers Call [972-965-3604](tel:972-965-3604) Ask for Van or Pat Lazaroff. Willing to negotiate.

**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-area/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: [1-936-222-1892](tel:1-936-222-1892)  
[margaretgwright@yahoo.co](mailto:margaretgwright@yahoo.co)

Thank you,

Linda Siemers, President, North Harris County Dulcimer Society

**The Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival:** We are making plans for the 37<sup>th</sup> 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.

By the way, make sure you attend the Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival immediately following the intensive. When: May 8-10, 2018. Where: Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Texas

Schedule

Day 1

9:00 - Noon - Session 1 - Lloyd and Steve in one room.

Noon - 1:30 - Lunch

1:30 - 3:30 - Session 2 - Lloyd takes experienced beginners and lower intermediates while Steve takes upper intermediates and advanced.

3:45 - 4:30 - Assisted Practice/Jamming

5:30 - 7:00 - Dinner

Day 2

9:00 - Noon Session 3 - Lloyd and Steve in one room.

Noon - 1:30 - Lunch

1:30 - 3:30 - Session 4 - Steve takes experienced beginners and lower intermediates. Lloyd takes upper intermediates and advanced.

3:45 - 4:30 - Assisted Practice/Jamming

7:30 - 9:00 - Jam/Party

Day 3

9:00 - Noon - Session 5 - Steve takes experienced beginners and lower intermediates. Lloyd takes upper intermediates and advanced.

Noon - 1:30 - Lunch

1:30 - 4:30 - Session 6 - Lloyd takes experienced beginners and lower intermediates while Steve takes upper intermediates and advanced.

Meals are not included but we do plan on eating lunches together and probably one dinner.

Fee: Tuition is \$175 for the three days. Register by paying a non-refundable \$87.50 deposit. The remaining is due on the first day of class. To register go to [stephenseifert.com](http://stephenseifert.com) and click on "three-day registrations".

*[Editor note: If you have trouble with that contact me (Dana, [mrbanjoist@gmail.com](mailto:mrbanjoist@gmail.com) your devoted and beloved editor) and we'll be sure you get signed up. This ad will run until the festival.]*

**Presentation Presenter Needed:** I received this note from Karen Stika enlisting our help in finding someone to share with her class in Lewisville. Here's the information. If you are available and would like to share your instruments with the younger generation and pass the music on please respond to the number below. "My name is Karen Stika and I am a second grade teacher at Lakeland Christian Academy in Lewisville, Tx. 397 S. Stemmons, Lewisville. In our reading curriculum, we read a story about Dulcimers, "Granny Nell's Dulcimer." In addition, we will be studying the hammered dulcimer, the mountain dulcimer, and the courting dulcimer. Yes, this is second grade but the reading program tries to build comprehension, and composition. I am interested for someone to visit our school and present a 45 minute information performance. We will be studying the dulcimer the first week of January. Jan. 4th or January 5th would work if someone would be available to teach us about their passion for the dulcimer, why they chose that instrument, and of course, play something for us. We will continue to study music until January 25th with concluding a trip to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Please notify me if anyone would be interested during January. We can always work around dates. Thank you in advance for considering this idea. Best regards, Karen Stika, 972-693-8532. (*I'm assuming one could email her at: [jimandkarenstika@verizon.net](mailto:jimandkarenstika@verizon.net)*)