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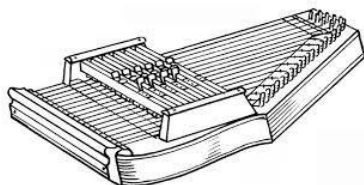
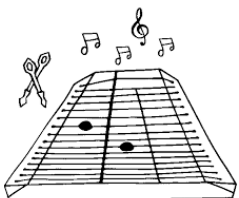
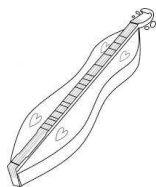
## THERE'S STILL TIME! *Registration closes October 31<sup>st</sup>*

The 2023 NGFDA *Virtual* Fall Festival will be from November 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>. In addition to concerts each night, the 35 world-class instructors will be offering approximately 270 classes that cover instruction on Mountain Dulcimer (Standard, Baritone, Bass, Chromatic and 4 Equidistant), Hammered Dulcimer, Penny Whistle, Ukelele, Native American Flute, Autoharp, Bowed Psaltry, Guitar, Dulcibro, Harmonica, Harp, Bodhran and even Clogging!

Here's a list of the instructors:

Aubrey	Atwater	Guy	George	Patty	McCollom
Geoff	Black	Sharrie	George	Karen	Mueller
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Sue	Carpenter	Tull	Glazner	Lil Rev	
Joe	Collins	Dana	Gruber	Butch	Ross
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Carol	Crocker	Thomasina	Levy	Susan	Trump
Sam	Edelston	Anne	Lough	Carol	Walker
Steve	Eulberg	Erin	Mae	Charles	Whitmer
Bing	Futch	Jody	Marshall	Nina	Zanetti

Don't miss this opportunity to find out what a dulcibro or bodhran is. Try something new! Back up your group with the harmonica or guitar. Have you ever wanted to learn to play the autoharp or bowed psaltry? Check out the "FOR SALE" items on pages 8 and 9 and pick one up before the festival.



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## About the Tablature...

This month's tab is one of our Legacy Interviewee's favorite songs, the well-known hymn, "*It Is Well with My Soul.*" The hymn was penned by hymnist Horatio G. Spafford and composed by Philip Bliss. It was first published in 1876 and is often taken as a choral model, appearing in hymnals of a wide variety of Christian fellowships.

Spafford was a Presbyterian layman from Chicago. He had established a very successful legal practice as a young businessman and was also a devout Christian. Among his close friends were several evangelists including the famous Dwight L. Moody, also from Chicago.

Spafford's fortune evaporated in the wake of the great Chicago Fire of 1871. Having invested heavily in real estate along Lake Michigan's shoreline, he lost everything overnight. In a saga reminiscent of Job, his son died a short time before his financial disaster. But the worst was yet to come.

Just a few years later in 1873, Horatio decided to treat his wife and four daughters to a much-needed escape from the turmoil. He sent them on a boat trip to Europe, with plans to join them shortly after wrapping up some business in Chicago. On November 22 the ship was struck by an English vessel and sank in twelve minutes. Several days later the survivors landed at Cardiff, Wales, and Mrs. Spafford cabled her husband, "Saved alone" – all four of his daughters had perished in the wreck.

Hymn composer, Philip Bliss was so moved by Horatio's prose, that he composed a peaceful tune to accompany the words.

The words of the hymn reflect Spafford's belief that even during great trials and sorrows, God is still with us, and everything will be alright in the end. The song has been a source of comfort for many people over the years, and it continues to be sung by both Christians and non-Christians alike.



2023 is the 150th anniversary of *It Is Well with My Soul*. Commemoration services are being planned to remember the actual day of the tragedy, Wednesday November 22, and a new edition of the book "*It Is Well with My Soul: From Tragedy to Trust*" has also been published in the anniversary year.

A big "Thank you!" to Ann Wilder (LaGrange Troupers) for her lovely arrangement of this hymn.

## Dalton Dulcimers

The group enjoyed the Dog Days of Summer Mini Festival. It was great to be with other players and enjoy superb teaching by Jeff Furman and Stephen Seifert. Members learned much that will be incorporated into their playing.

The group is now in the midst of their September "tour" featuring a musical journey with music from all over the world and ending with a "journey" to heaven with tunes such as "Life's Railway to Heaven," "Come Ye Sinners," "The Promised Land," "I'll Fly Away," and "Angel Band." A recent highlight was playing for folks with memory loss. What a joy to see some of them tapping their feet and singing. Music is such a powerful gift and lingers in memory.

## Dixieland Dulcimers

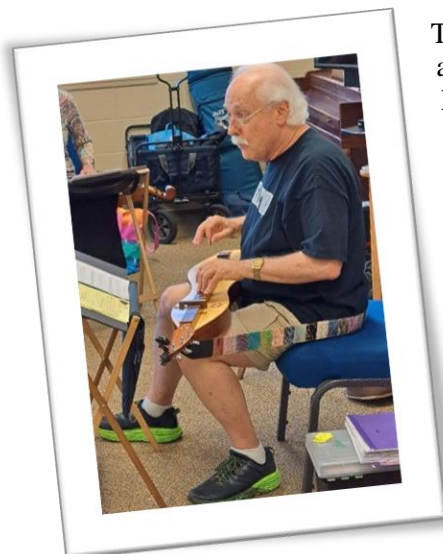
The Dixieland Dulcimers have taken the summer off but stay tuned – you know they'll be back soon with some great news!



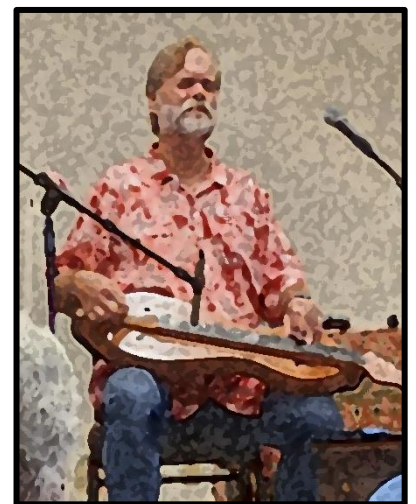


## We're Back! NGFDA held its first live festival since 2019 - the Dog Days of Summer Mini Fest

Did you attend the NGFDA **Dog Days of Summer Mini Fest**? If not, you missed a wonderful event! This was the first in-person festival that's been sponsored by NGFDA since its annual fall festival held at Unicoi State Park in Helen, GA in 2019. Prior to the Covid pandemic restricting large in-person events, NGFDA had located a new, affordable venue where the NGFDA Fall Festival could be held. Plans had been finalized to hold the organization's next festival at the Baptist Conference Center in Toccoa. That planned festival was cancelled for 2020 because of the pandemic. The Baptist Conference Center has since been sold and is no longer available for special events. Although NGFDA's virtual festivals have been successful, members have longed to attend in-person events once again. The Dalton Dulcimers stepped forward to offer a venue in their town, the First Baptist Church. NGFDA members voted to support that venue and the **Dog Days of Summer Mini Fest** evolved. If you did not attend, you missed a great mountain dulcimer festival!



The First Baptist Church of Dalton is a beautiful and spacious venue! The 28 attendees at the **Dog Days of Summer Mini Fest** had the large church fellowship building to themselves. Talented guest instructors, Jeff Furman and Stephen Seifert, wowed the audience with their musical skills. They both performed a welcome concert on Friday night of the festival and their workshops took place the following day. Dulcimer students of all skill levels took classes with both instructors exploring new techniques and taking home new music. Learning from these two instructors was a special treat. Steve Seifert announced that he is scaling back on some of his training classes. And Jeff Furman much prefers a hands-on teaching experience and refrains from teaching on-line.







NGFDA President Mike VanDemark, along with church leaders and representatives from Dalton Dulcimers, coordinated and provided oversight for the festival. Morning and afternoon snacks were provided, as well as a delicious, catered lunch. Participants' comments were complimentary; students departed smiling and happy to be playing once again at a live venue. Many inquiries were heard about where future festivals will be held. Some attendees mentioned that they were uncomfortable with virtual events and that they much prefer live workshops. One person said that her workplace held so many on-line meetings and training and that she'd grown weary of them. As a beginner player, she was thrilled to attend the **Dog Days of Summer Mini Fest** and was hoping that there would be more live events in the future.

- Do you think that your club would be interested in hosting a live festival in your area?
- Do you have a perfect, conveniently located venue that would be affordable and suitable for such an event?
- Does your venue have breakout rooms for multiple workshop instructors?
- Could your club use some assistance in preparing for a dulcimer workshop?
- Do you live in an area that has lodging and food amenities for class participants traveling long distances?
- Are you interested in hosting a small festival, but your small club doesn't have the funds to do so?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, NGFDA may be able to help! Please call NGFDA President Mike VanDemark at 404.822.3666 to discuss your ideas. The NGFDA virtual festivals have been successful, and our organization is ready to offer more live events around the state. Please call Mike if you have an interest in hosting a similar in-person festival in your area.



What's the definition of improvisation?

According to one of the instructors, it's like professional wrestling – you know the outcome just not how you're getting from point A to B.



## Hilltop Strummers



On May 13th, the Hilltop Strummers from Canton, Georgia performed at the Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt University in conjunction with a two-day Bluegrass festival hosted annually by the college. Selections included Americana and folk songs. The group, led by Patsy Jordan, meets on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. at Canton United Methodist Church. We are a fun group who will play for food or tips or both!



### *Looking for...*

Any dulcimer players in or near Cumming, GA that would like to start a group. Do you know someone who wants to learn the dulcimer? Contact Pat Hobson at [pohobson@gmail.com](mailto:pohobson@gmail.com)

## Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

The Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club continues to venture beyond “pandemic mode” in their efforts to enjoy their favorite pastime which is to play music in person with others. They have performed at special events and some have traveled lengthy distances in order to play music together in a member’s home. The group also continues to meet in person for their monthly club meeting in Macon.

Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club members provided music at the Fourth of July celebration at the Jarrell Plantation State Historic Site in Juliette, GA. The outside temperature hovered around 100 degrees that day but the club was blessed to perform in the park’s air conditioned auditorium. Overheated park visitors came inside to cool off and were treated with some mostly patriotic tunes in honor of the holiday festivities. The bluegrass band performing from Young America Music Schools (Macon, GA), the home base for the dulcimer club, also performed that day but they were limited to performing outside in the morning during the cooler part of the day.



Barbara Stevens (NGFDA treasurer/membership chairman), who now resides in North Fort Myers, FL, made a trip to Georgia to visit Laurie Wilson (NGFDA vice-president and fall festival director) in Americus to assist with preparation for the NGFDA online fall festival in November. Sarah Robinson from nearby Ellaville joined Barbara and Laurie one day at Laurie’s home for lunch and playing music. One of Laurie’s neighbors stopped by to listen to the dulcimer playing and, of course, Laurie’s dog, Samantha, enjoyed relaxing to the soothing melodies. Vicki Allen, secretary of NGFDA, who resides in Dublin, has also visited Americus to play dulcimer at Laurie’s house.

Longtime Middle Georgia club members Ron and Ginny Rowland (lower, right), who now reside in Hanahan, SC, joined the group in person for their September meeting. Since they moved out of state they have continued to play music with other Middle Georgia club members via Zoom virtual meet-ups. They have searched for a mountain dulcimer club in the Charleston, SC area but, so far, have been unable to locate one. The Rowlands left a void in their Georgia club when they moved to South Carolina. Their Georgia music friends have missed laughing at Ron’s good-humored jokes. The Rowlands kept the club spirited with additional musical instruments such as a banjammer, a jug, spoons, and a kazoo. Ron can also liven an audience when he plucks the cord on his homemade, upright bass made from a 5-gallon plastic bucket! Playing music virtually with the Rowlands via Zoom is great but jamming with them in person was awesome!

Four of the club’s members, Laurie Wilson, Barbara Stevens, Sarah Robinson, and Sharon Dolliver attended NGFDA’s *Dog Days of Summer Festival* in Dalton, GA. Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club members are anxious to venture out again to attend in-person festivals. In the meantime, along with their monthly in-person meetings, club members continue to participate in online festivals and workshops, as well as enjoy their biweekly jams via Zoom.



## FOR SALE



Figure 1 - McSpadden teardrop dulcimer built by Richard Stoltz in 1989 with custom (removable) possum pads added, original hard case, \$325 plus \$90 shipping.



Figure 2 - Oscar Schmidt 21-chord autoharp with padded case, c. 1970s, \$250 plus \$45 shipping

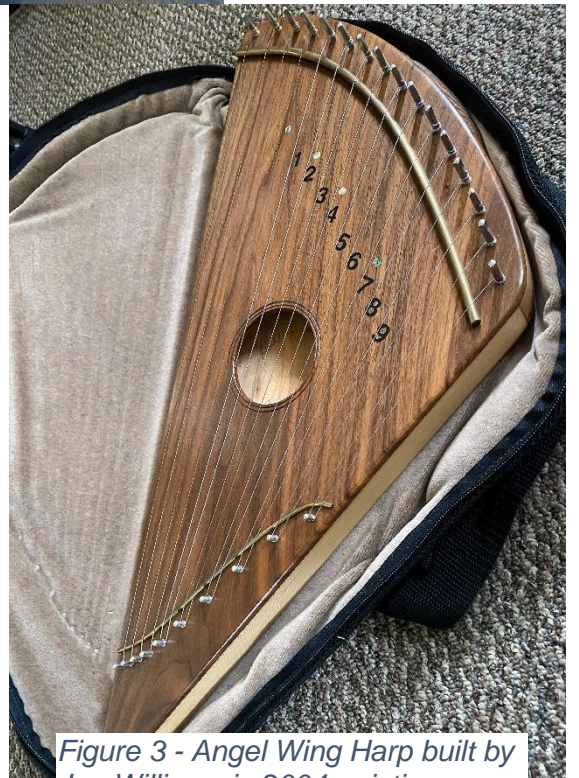


Figure 3 - Angel Wing Harp built by Jon Williams in 2004, pristine condition, custom padded case, \$295 plus \$45 shipping.

Shipping costs are estimates. All are in excellent condition. For additional information and/or pictures, contact Kathryn Sproull, Calhoun, GA, at [mkss0928@gmail.com](mailto:mkss0928@gmail.com).



## MORE FOR SALE

These instruments need to go to good home. My sister passed away and I do not play them.



3 String Dulcimer #8 built by John Young, Atlanta, GA Sept 1968. Great condition but needs new strings, no case. Asking \$100.



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## Legacy Interview – Frank & Jeanne Gibbs

### How did you get started playing the dulcimer?

**Frank:** I went to Hiwassee to the Mountain Music Festival in 1995 and there were two ladies playing mountain dulcimers. I told Jeanne that I was going to learn how to play that instrument. It was beautiful. I bought a toy dulcimer at the festival made from pine shelving board and fishing string for \$15. The vendor gave me two songs: *Mary Had a Little Lamb* and *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*. I returned home and drove Jeanne crazy playing them. Jeanne told me that if I was going to keep playing that I needed to get a dulcimer and be serious about it. In 1996, I built my first dulcimer over about a 6-month period. I started playing it, joined the Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club and became an active member.

**Jeanne:** I started playing mountain dulcimer around 2004. I have played many instruments before and thought I would like the dulcimer. I tried it and fell in love with it. I started going to festivals with Frank and joined the Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club.

### Is your family musical?

**Frank:** My mother was a piano teacher and taught piano for 75 years. My brother played the guitar.

**Jeanne:** I had an aunt that played the autoharp and lap harp. Both of my parents sang in church choirs. My mother played the piano.

### Do you play any other instruments?

**Frank:** I play the autoharp in addition to the mountain dulcimer.

**Jeanne:** I have played the piano, mountain dulcimer, guitar, psaltry, autoharp, and floor harp. My favorite by far is the large floor harp.

### Do you read music or play by ear?

**Frank:** I play by ear. I don't know "squat" about reading music. I play mountain dulcimer by tablature.

**Jeanne:** I read music very, very well and am excellent at proper timing. Sometimes I add harmony and chords.

### What is your favorite song?

**Frank:** *The Lighthouse, Can I Have This Dance.*

**Jeanne:** *To God Be the Glory, It Is Well With My Soul.*

### Who would you like to play a duet with?

**Frank:** My wife, Jeanne.

**Jeanne:** With anyone who is willing to play. I love to play duets.

### Have you taught the dulcimer to others?

**Frank:** Not in a teaching capacity but have helped many beginning players and dulcimer friends with reading tab, timing, and picking out songs.

**Jeanne:** I was the director of the Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club for many years. I was blessed with the ability to read music and correct timing. Many players have benefitted from my talents in being able to teach them.

### What advice would you give to a beginning dulcimer player?

**Frank:** Get a good instrument, get some beginner books, find a mentor or a club, and start playing with them. Practice, practice, practice.

**Jeanne:** Practice some every day and play what you enjoy.

### What else do you do when you're not playing the dulcimer?

**Frank:** Grandchildren, training service dogs for disabled veterans, woodworking, mechanics, old tractors.

**Jeanne:** Grandchildren, playing harp, Bible study, Zoom meetings with Christian friends.



*The NGFDA wants to celebrate individuals who have impacted the dulcimer community and share their stories. Do you have someone in your group that you would like to interview? We're looking for someone for the Winter newsletter – please email suggestions to the newsletter editor: [ngfdafootnotes@gmail.com](mailto:ngfdafootnotes@gmail.com).*

## In Memory Of



### DENNIS WALDROP

We are sorry to report that dulcimer enthusiast, Dennis Waldrop, passed away suddenly on April 22, 2023. He and his wife, Ellen, have a long history of bringing dulcimer players together. In the last year they took over the leadership of the Central Florida Dulcimer Festival which took place live for the first time since the COVID pandemic. They worked long and hard to make the festival a success. Losing Dennis suddenly has been a great shock and loss for his family, friends, and the dulcimer community. We may not always know them, but we seem to have a closeness since we all enjoy the same hobby.

### GARY & TONI SAGER



Gary L. Sager, 72, of Waverly, Ohio, passed away peacefully with his family by his side at 11:25 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at O.S.U. Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio after an extended illness.

Gary was born April 22, 1950, in Columbus, Ohio to the late Ivan Noel Sager and Margaret Maxine (Whalen) Sager. He was united in marriage to Toni Lavonne (Ferrell) Sager on May 1, 1971.

Gary was a retired electrician for RCA/Thomson Consumer Electronics and the former owner of Prussia Valley Dulcimers Music Shop. He was a member of several Dulcimer clubs and began building dulcimers in 1992. Having built nearly 500 dulcimers, he has also built one for a band member of pop artist Kenny Loggins. However, the two he was most proud of were two box shaped mini dulcimers he built for his grandchildren, Taelyn and Cohen, to share his love of music. He was also a member of Waverly Grace United Methodist Church.

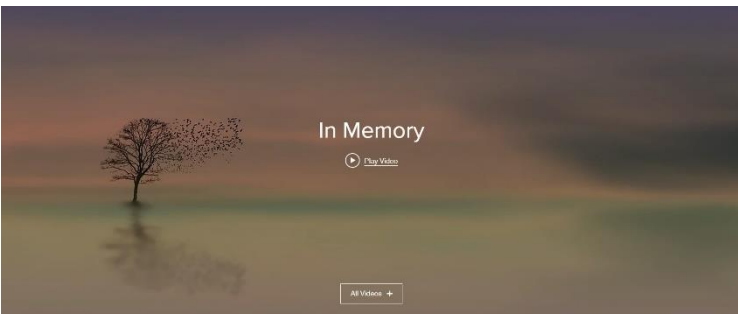


Toni L. Sager, 74, of Waverly, Ohio, passed peacefully at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 6, 2023, at Southern Ohio Medical Center Hospice Facility, Portsmouth, Ohio, surrounded by her children.

Toni was born September 14, 1948, in Clendenin, West Virginia, to the late Leslie M. and Radie E. (Rucker) Ferrell but was raised by her beloved Uncle James R. and Aunt Blanche M. Hill. On May 1, 1971, she was united in marriage to Gary L. Sager who preceded her in death on March 15, 2023.

Toni was the co-owner with her husband Gary of the Prussia Valley Dulcimer Music Shop. She loved traveling to music festivals and playing music with him. She played the autoharp and would accompany him when he played the dulcimer. Her smiling face would light up when she played music, and she loved being amongst her music community as well.

She was full of life, laughter, and so much love. She had a special way of lifting others up. She was always willing to help others in whatever way she could. She truly had a heart of gold. She had a strong faith and relationship with Jesus. It is our belief she, along with her husband of 51 years, are playing beautiful, heavenly hymns glorifying Jesus.



Please check out the wonderful video tribute to Dennis, Gary and others dulcimer players on the “Send in the Music” website: <https://www.sendinthemusic.com/>



# It Is Well with My Soul - Melody

Words: Horatio Stafford Music: Phillip Bliss TablEdited by Ann Wilder

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SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Not meeting at this time			
Bent Tree Strings	Jasper, GA	Weekly Thursdays	2:00-4:00	Club Tamarack Dining Room in Bent Tree. Bent Tree is 6 miles east of Jasper off Cove Road.	Marlin Ferrell 706.301.9395 <a href="mailto:Mferrell777@earthlink.net">Mferrell777@earthlink.net</a>
Dalton Dulcimers	Dalton, GA	Weekly Wednesdays	2:30	First United Methodist Church 500 S. Thornton Ave.	Sherry Patterson 706-278-7256 Sspatts6@gmail.com
Dixieland Dulcimers	Griffin, GA	Weekly Mondays	10:00	Crestview Baptist Church Fellowship hall, Griffin, GA	Nancy Good 224.715.8619 Dave Graves 770-227-4890 drg636@gmail.com
Dusty Dulcimers	Danielsville, GA	Monthly – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays	1:00	Danielsville Public Library 1315 Hwy 98 Danielsville, GA 30633	Mark Stricklett email: <a href="mailto:mstricklett@windstream.net">mstricklett@windstream.net</a>
Garden City Strummers	Evans, GA	Monthly – 2nd Monday	7:00-9:00 7:00-9:00	4537 Glenda Lane Evans, GA 30809	Pat & Bill Colbert 706-860-3437 pogobill@aol.com
Gold Country Players	Gainesville, GA	Weekly – Thurs.	11:00-1:00	First Baptist Church Room 235, 751 Green Street, NW, Gainesville GA 30501	Sandy Lesli goldcountryplayers@gmail.com
HAMMERED DULCIMER CONTACT					Julia McDermott 706-207-5685 HammerPlaying@aol.com
Hilltop Strummers	Woodstock-Canton, GA	Weekly – Tues.	1:30-3:30	Canton First UMC 930 Lower Scott Mill Road, Canton, GA Exit 16 at I-575	Martha Raby 770-893-3453 Mraby@tds.net
In Town Down Home	Atlanta, GA	Monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.	1:00	St. Luke's Lutheran Church 3264 Northside Parkway Atlanta, GA 30327	Rudine Davis H 404-250-0605; C 404-790-7179 davises@bellsouth.net
LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers	LaGrange, GA	Weekly, Thurs. mornings	10:45-12:15	First United Methodist Church for jamming/practice	Ann and Perry Wilder 706-882-5027 perrywilder@bellsouth.net
Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players	Brevard & vicinity, NC	Weekly Wednesdays	10:00-11:30	St Philip's Episcopal Church (in the basement) 256 East Main St Brevard, NC	Leader: Linda Schieve 828-885-2328
Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club	Macon, GA	Monthly, 2nd Sat.	1:00-2:00 Lesson 2:00-3:30 Jam	Young America School of Music 6361 Zebulon Road	Laurie Wilson 229-389-9611 <a href="mailto:Laurell.Wilson@hotmail.com">Laurell.Wilson@hotmail.com</a> Vicki Allen 478.463.3369 <a href="mailto:vallendublin@hotmail.com">vallendublin@hotmail.com</a>
Mountain Sounds	Murphy, NC	Bimonthly 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays	1:00-3:00	Foster Flea Market 100 Blairsville Hwy (Hwy 129) Murphy, NC	Pam Johnson <a href="mailto:Mountain.Sounds@aol.com">Mountain.Sounds@aol.com</a> Facebook page: Mountain Sounds Dulcimer Club
Peach Pickers	Sharpsburg, GA	Weekly Wednesdays	11:00-12:30	Fayetteville Senior Center 4 Center Drive, Fayetteville, GA	Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 pohobson@gmail.com Wanda Dawkins 678-899-0453 hrwmdawk@yahoo.com
Peach Pickers INSTRUCTION		Tuesdays	11:00-12:30	Bridge Community Center 225 Willowbend Rd Peachtree City, GA	
Roman Sunshine	Rome, GA	Weekly, Monday	10:00	Charles Parker Senior Center Kingston Rd	Dee Russell 706-346-6318
Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMGIAFAD)	Centerville, GA	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3rd Thursdays	5:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church 600 N. Houston Lake Rd.	Elizabeth Garrett, 478-225-8071 <a href="mailto:elizabeth@comsouth.net">elizabeth@comsouth.net</a> Jean Noble, 478-971-1782 <a href="mailto:jeannoble@cox.net">jeannoble@cox.net</a>
Tugalo Valley Strummers	Toccoa, GA	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday evenings Beginners Novice Intermediate	5:00-5:45 5:45-6:30 6:30-8:00	Ebenezer Baptist Church Family Life Center 49 Rose Lane Toccoa, GA 30577	Margo Taylor 706-297-9509 Margotaylor808@gmail.com
Two or More Dulcimer Club	Dexter, GA	Weekly Wednesday	10a-12p	New Beginnings Church 402 North Line Street Dexter, GA 31019	Vicki Allen 478.463.3369 <a href="mailto:vallendublin@hotmail.com">vallendublin@hotmail.com</a>
Whistle Stop Pickers	East Alabama/ West Georgia (Auburn-Opelika area)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays	1:00-3:00	Lee County Historical Society Museum 6500 Stage Road (Hwy 14) Loachapoka, AL	Allen & Deborah McCord 334-821-1301 334-703-3646 (cell) mccord0304@gmail.com
Yonah Pickers	Clarksville, GA	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays.	2:00-4:00p	Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarksville	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 yonahpickers@yahoo.com Brenda Sue Whitmire Bswitmire@windstream.net

NGFDA sanctions these groups as satellites, but each one sets its own agenda, meeting place and procedures.

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