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NEW WEB PAGE: We have a new web page at http://sdulcimer.wordpress.com

Facebook page: Southern Appalachian - check out our Facebook page for pictures from our festival & gatherings, as well as meeting notices and links to events. If you can’t find our Facebook page, please send an e-mail to Dawn Wilson and she will try to friend you.

SADA's You-Tube page: http://www.youtube.com/user/SouthernAppDulcimer

Address for Bethlehem Methodist Church is: 1491 Allison Bonnett Memorial Dr
Hueytown, AL

Directions to Bethlehem Methodist Church are:
From I-59 at Exit 115, turn on to ramp towards Allison-Bonnett Memorial Dr.
Bethlehem Methodist Church is on the right just across the RR tracks

To enter go to the left side of the church (off Tin Mill Rd), pass the handicap ramp, and enter the basement door before the concrete steps.

Area SADA Practice groups besides the monthly meeting:

Shelby Strummers: Meet at Camp Branch Methodist Church on 123 Camp Branch Rd. in Alabaster, every other Tuesday of each month. Jams begin at noon and lasts until 2 pm. Call Sallie and Bob Sutton on 205-668-0659 for directions and current practice times, since occasionally the group plays at nursing homes or is canceled due to church activities or other scheduling conflicts. There are lessons on the other Tuesdays for beginners. A few loaner dulcimers are available. Other acoustic instruments are welcome!

Trussville Joyful Jammers: Meet at 1st Baptist church at 128 N Chalkville Rd, Trussville, AL 35173 on Thursdays. Call if you need directions. Enter at the parking lot between Willow and Walnut streets, come in the corner door and take the elevator (to the left) to the 2nd floor. Jams begin at 6 p.m. New attendees please call Bobbie Payne at 205 655-2386 if you plan to come since occasionally the group plays at nursing homes or is canceled due to church activities or other scheduling conflicts. Other acoustic instruments are welcome!

Dulcet Tones is not meeting at this time.
In order to reserve the Forge Pavilion for the picnic, the October 2016 picnic will be moved to the last Saturday in September, which is Saturday September 24th. Hopefully this will be a little bit warmer than the weather we have had the last two years in October, as well as allow members to attend both the picnic and the Fiddlers Convention which is always the first weekend in October.

We will have a jam at Woodlands Assisted Living on Tuesday May 3rd at 10:00 am. Woodlands is approximately 1 mile from Tannehill State park and the address is: 8071 Kimbrell Cut-Off Road, McCalla, AL 35111

Shirts will be available for the festival this year, see the preordering information at the end of the newsletter.

**DUES INFORMATION**

Dues are **$10.00** per family per year (from May 1st - April 30th), please make checks payable to SADA and complete the form below:

For SADA membership - complete below and mail check for $10.00 payable to SADA to:
SADA c/o Polly Vaughan
353 17th Street
Calera, AL 35040

Name: ___________________________________________________________________
Spouse Name: _____________________________________________________________
Children’s Names: ___________________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: _______ Zip: ________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________
Cell Phone for spouse: ___________________________
Email: __________________________________________ Name: _______
Email: __________________________________________ Name: _______

Only list 2\textsuperscript{nd} e-mail if both family members would like to receive an e-mail. Please list the name for each person’s e-mail

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Southern Appalachian Dulcimer Association

UPCOMING SADA EVENTS

April 2, 2016, Jam at Bethlehem Methodist Church beginning at 11:00 a.m.
May 1-8, 2016 Festival at Tannehill State Park (see website for more information)
June 4, 2016, Jam at Bethlehem Methodist Church beginning at 11:00 a.m.
July 2, 2016, Jam at Bethlehem Methodist Church beginning at 11:00 a.m.
August 6, 2016, Jam at Bethlehem Methodist Church beginning at 11:00 a.m.
September 3, 2016, Jam at Bethlehem Methodist Church beginning at 11:00 a.m.
September 24, 2016, Picnic at Tannehill State Park Forge Pavilion at 10:00 a.m. (This is our fall picnic)
November 12, 2016, Jam at Bethlehem Methodist Church beginning at 11:00 a.m.
December 3, 2016, Christmas party at Bethlehem Methodist Church beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Note: Items highlighted in yellow are a change from normally scheduled time, location or date. The highlighted portion is the change from our regular meeting.

UPCOMING Festivals and Classes in the South

April 15-16, 2016 Hollis Long Dulcimer Festival - Ala-Sippi Dulcimer Association
"Waterway Distributor Inc." at 704 Access Road, Fulton, MS, In a building for Music.
Camping is available at Whitten Park at Fulton MS - a nice Corps of Engineers facility on the Tombigbee waterway
Floyd Cook at 850-638-0550 or 850-326-0043 or fcook@panhandle.rr.com

April 21- 24, 2016 Lee County Gathering
Lee County Historical Society, Loachapoka, Alabama
http://www.leecountyhistoricalsociety.org/leecountygathering/main.html
THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN DULCIMER was developed in the southeast mountains of America and was the country’s first native instrument outside of those made by the Native Americans. Until recent years, the Appalachian dulcimer was found and played only in remote mountain areas. Hand made of native woods, this long, thin primitive instrument normally has one melody string and two drone strings. The word “dulcimer” (or dulcymore) means “sweet sound” and the Appalachian dulcimer is known for its distinctive, sweet, haunting sound, ideal for accompanying traditional ballads and other folk tunes.

Schedule of Activities

May 1 – May 8, 2016

Members please remember to bring your folding chairs to all events!

- **May 1 – May 5**  Informal jams at campsites and at SADA host site and later in the week, schoolhouse jams. Registration & dues at Host site. Jam at Woodlands Assisted Living at 10:00 am on Tuesday May 3rd

- **May 5, Thursday 5 PM**  All club members are invited to a hot dog cookout. Hosted by the Southern Appalachian Dulcimer Club. Jamming afterwards!!

- **May 6, Friday 9:30 AM**  Informal playing and singing by members and guests at the Gazebo next to the Country Store. Vendors open for sales all day.

- **May 6, Friday 5:30PM**  Kiwanis Pavilion Pot Luck Supper. Bring a dish to share & the Host Club will provide the rest. Jamming afterwards!

- **May 7, Saturday 9AM-4 PM**  Hospitality tent open – Information and signup for Open stage. Vendors open for sales near Gazebo or Kiwanis Pavilion.

- **May 7, Saturday 9AM-Noon**  Lessons in DAA, DAD, and hammered dulcimer. No charge for the lessons. See Gazebo and Lesson Schedule.

- **May 7, Saturday 1 PM**  Open Stage at the Kiwanis Pavilion, drawing for Dulcimer donated by Charles Gammell and Homer Osborne at closing of open stage

- **May 8, Sunday 9 AM**  Church service held in Cane Creek School House

More information on the SADA website:  [http://sdulcimer.wordpress.com](http://sdulcimer.wordpress.com) or contact Dawn Wilson at halfpintwil@gmail.com

Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park is located in McCalla, AL; for more information visit the website [http://www.tannehill.org](http://www.tannehill.org)

**Dulcimer and music Vendors are welcome on Friday and Saturday!**

Vendors scheduled at time of flyer printing: Sweet Fern Music & Crafts; Charles Gammell dulcimers; Richard Atchison T-shirts, stands, hats & mugs; Tony Vines Dulcimers; Jon Harris Dulcimers; Denise Guillery Pottery; Gene Brown Dulcimers

Please note that no amps are allowed other than those provided by SADA at the jams and performances.
Gazebo Schedule and Lessons May 6-7, 2016

**Friday Gazebo Performances May 6, 2016**

9:30 - 9:58  Southern Appalachian Dulcimer Association
10:00 - 10:23 Celtic Blend
10:25 - 10:48 Athens Dulcimer Jam Group
10:50 - 11:13 Betty Gammell & Friends
11:15 - 11:38 Central Alabama Strummers
11:40 - 12:03 Southern Strings

12:03 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 1:23 Magnolia Strings Dulcimers (Hattiesburg)
1:25 - 1:48 North Mississippi Dulcimer Association
1:50 - 2:13 Montgomery Dulcimer Club
2:15 – 2:38 SADA Shelby Strummers
2:40 - 3:03 Bayou Dulcimer Club
3:05 - 3:28 Rob Angus and Denise Guillory

**Saturday Gazebo Performances May 7th, 2016**

9:00 – 9:25 Bob & Rose
9:30 – 9:55 Tony Vines
10:00 – 10:25 T-Town Strummers

**Lessons and Slow Jam on Saturday May 7th, 2016**

9:00 a.m. – 10:25 Beginning DAD – Rob Angus & Nancy McIntosh - Kiwanis Pavilion
9:00 a.m. - 10:25 Introduction to DAA – Cane Creek School Left – Paul Sykes
9:00 a.m. – 10:25 Beginner HD * playing by tab- Don Hill—Cane Creek Schoolhouse Right
10:35 a.m. – 12:00 Int. HD Rob Angus – Cane Creek School right
10:35 a.m. – 12:00 Slow Jam at the Gazebo – Robert & Bobbie Payne
10:35 a.m. – 12:00 Intermediate DAD (Popular Senior Center Requests) – Denise Guillory - Kiwanis

10:35 a.m. – 12:00

*HD should be tuned before class. If you’re not sure how to tune, please see Dawn Wilson sometime before Friday afternoon to help tune. Dawn plans to camp all week prior to the festival and is willing to help with tuning and beginning lessons during that time.
UPCOMING Festivals and Classes in the South (continued)

June 5-10, 2016 - Blue Ridge Old Time-Music Week, Mars Hill College near Asheville, NC
Dulcimer classes with Margaret Wright
http://www.mhu.edu/oldtimemusic

June 26-July 1, 2016– Kentucky Music Week, Bardstown, Kentucky
5 classes per day (you may choose from one to five) cost varies according to how many classes you choose
Kids camp for those bringing children (must register prior to festival and pay fee)
http://www.kentuckymusicweek.com/

July 1-2, 2016 – Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree and Craft Festival, Smithville, TN
Festival with Old time Appalachian and Hammered Dulcimer Competition
http://smithvillejamboree.com/

July 8-9, 2016 – Uncle Dave Macon Days, Cannonsburgh Pioneer Village, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Dulcimer Competition on Saturday.  An old time pioneer and music festival http://www.uncledavemacondays.com

July 24-29, 2016 – Dulcimer University, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
A weeklong event featuring classes for every skill level hosted by Larry & Elaine Conger and sponsored by Western Carolina University.  Website: http://dulcimeru.wcu.edu

If you know of upcoming festivals in the Southeast in 2016, please provide Debra Duke with the brief information to go into future newsletters. Many of these festivals are word of mouth and it’s difficult to find dates and locations.  Debra’s e-mail is: johndebkel@msn.com

Sharing our Dulcimer Music:

Shelby Strummers performed at St. Martins in the Pines in January, Chandler Nursing home, the Columbiana Senior Center and the Hoover Senior Center in February and March.
SADA performed at St. Martins in the Pines in February.  Everyone loves it when we share our Dulcimer music!

SADA Shelby Strummers scheduled performances-
May 31, 2016 Alabaster Senior Center

SADA club members-
April 19, 2016 Miles College

In MEMORIAM

Mrs. Sue Coleman, wife of Jimmy Coleman passed away 2-16-2016. This information was provided to us by Ms. Betty Janney via SADA Facebook page.
Shirts for 2016 SADA Festival

Short Sleeve T-Shirts (screen printed)
Cost (tax included): Small - X-Large: $16  2X & 3X: $19

- 5.6-ounce, 50/50 cotton/DryBlend poly
- Double-needle sleeves and hem
- Taped neck and shoulders

Long Sleeve T-Shirts (screen printed)
Cost (tax included): Small - X-Large: $20  2X & 3X: $23

- 6.1-ounce, 100% cotton (preshrunk)
- Double-needle collar and hem
- Neck and shoulder tape

Polo Shirts (full color machine embroidery)
Cost (tax included): Small - X-Large: $35  2X,3X,4X: $38

- 5.3-ounce, 100% polyester
- Gently contoured silhouette
- Double-needle stitching throughout
- Flat knit collar and cuffs
- Elongated 4-button placket with dyed-to-match buttons
- Side seam panels/Side vents
- Exceptional moisture-wicking and odor-fighting properties
- Breathable, low-pill style also resists snags
- Ultimate easy care; soil-release finish

There is no need to prepay. I just need name, phone number, email, along with the size, color, and type of shirt(s) that each person wants. (Specify men’s or women’s for the polo shirts.) Individuals can pay by check or credit card upon pick-up.
Please send order information to: sweetmelodiesandaccessories@gmail.com. A simple order form is available on the SADA website.

For delivery at the SADA Festival at Tannehill in May, please submit orders by April 10th.

Anyone who needs more information may contact:
Brenda Parker 205-515-5089

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REMINDER SECTION

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Join our facebook page: Southern Appalachian
View our You-Tube page: http://www.youtube.com/user/SouthernAppDulcimer
Enjoy your Dulcimer!
Mark your calendars for the 43rd annual SADA festival May 1 – May 8, 2016
Don’t forget to SMILE and give someone a hug today! ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺