

Red River Dulcimer and Old Tyme Music Festival

Workshop Descriptions

August 5-7th, 2022

Friday, August 6th

1:00-2:00

MD-Annette Lindsey –*MD 101* Interested in learning a little something about the mountain dulcimer or maybe it's been awhile since you've played and you want some tutorials? Let Annette show you how to get started and come out playing a few songs!

MD – Margaret Wright – *Flop Eared Mule & Susanna Gal* are two great old time tunes that you will love to learn and put into your repertoire no matter what level you play.

HD – David Lindsey and Dana Hamilton- *Intro to the HD* Let David and Dana introduce you into the world of the hammered dulcimer. They are great beginner teachers that love to get people into playing the hd and some tunes. David might even have a dulcimer to lend for this class. Check with him before the class starts.

Pennywhistle-Joel Vanderveer-*Beginning Pennywhistle* Those just beginning to learn to play the pennywhistle will find this workshop beneficial. Go from “what is it?” to “Hey! I can do this!” Learn about the pennywhistle, playing techniques, and several tunes by workshop end. See how easy it is to play this beautiful and simple instrument.

2:15-3:15

Shape Note Singing- Margaret Wright-Even if you don't sing in a choir or know how to read music, this is the class not to miss! Margaret will tutor the class on how to take 4 shapes and learn to read music. In 10 minutes you will hear the most gorgeous harmony and wonderful singing ever!

MD-Irma Reeder-*Hymns Mama Sang* Take a walk back in time and remember Mama humming her church songs throughout her day. You'll review hand efficiency and chords while playing original arrangements of several hymns sure to spark the memories of a bygone era. **Tune to CGC**

HD-Luke Vanderveer-*Hit the Nail on the Head* Improving your accuracy is an important part in becoming a better musician. In this workshop we will be working on being more accurate with our hammers. Improving this technique will boost your confidence and make your music sound much cleaner.

Bowed Psaltery-Scott Reeder-*Absolute Beginner* Come learn this easy and haunting instrument that can elevate you and your listeners to otherworldly heights. (Bonus: can make your pets run and small children cry!) Some loaners will be available at the workshop at no charge.

4:00-5:00

MD-Annette Lindsey-Learn "*Leaving Lismore and Moreton Bay*" 2 tunes that are easy to play and easy on the ear to listen to. Lovely haunting waltzes from lands far off that you will not only love to play but your listeners will love to hear!

MD-David Ellison-*Get Those Fingers Dancing* Capo is needed. David has some loaners available Intermediate level

MD & HD-Linda and Barry Evans-*Baurentanz* German for "Barn Dance" this is a lovely tune that both hd and md will play together. MD tune to DGD.

Guitar- Nicholas Vanderveer-*Fundamental Chords & Basic Music Theory* In order to know what you are playing, you need to know why you are playing it. This workshop will begin with an overview of chords and chord/key families, then delve into the exploration of what chords are and where they come from.

Saturday, August 7th

9:30-10:30

MD-Irma Reeder-*Celebrating Summertime* Let's enjoy songs that recall warm memories of bright summer days and warm summer nights. We'll explore the background of the compositions, then work through the music. **Tune to CGC**

MD-Margaret Wright-*Patterns for Fingers: Old Molly Hare & Shortnin Bread* Let Margaret teach you these fun old time tunes. Don't hesitate to come even if you are a beginner.

HD-Scott Reeder-*Star of the County Down-Arranging Skills*-Learn the beautiful Irish melody "Star of the County Down" using a strong-arm lead, then discover how to choose additional notes to add rolled chords and harmony to build a pretty accompaniment.

11:25-12:25

MD-Annette Lindsey-*"Down the Brae"* Learn the Scottish Tune "Down the Brae" and how easy it is to play in a minor key just by adding a capo!

MD-Irma Reeder-Playing in Parts Enjoy playing songs in parts! Discover how this reminds us to focus on timing as we hear how parts are woven together in each arrangement. Explore each part then we'll put them together! **Tune to DAD**

HD-Vanderveer Brothers-Putting it All Together! Creating Performance Tunes in a Group Setting (All Instruments) In this workshop we will go over ideas and techniques for arranging tunes in a group setting. After discussing and demonstrating several concepts that add interest to an arrangement, we will have everybody participate in the arrangement of a tune, based on the players and instruments that attend. So, bring your instruments (all welcome) and get ready to have some fun!

Ukulele-Scott Reeder-Let's Play the Uke Start playing the ukulele-basic chords and strumming. It's fun ... and contagious! Hawaiian shirts are optional!

1:15-2:15

Fun Toys! Dana and David- Fun Rhythm Instruments Don't have a rhythm instrument with you, that's okay! We have lots! Come have fun using a variety of rhythm toys to play with as Dana and David play toe tapping music! Fun for the whole family!! All instruments welcome

Bohdran-Irma Reeder-Learn the Bohdran and Play Rhythm with the Band! Let Irma show you the hand technique for playing the Bohdran drum (Irish). Don't have a bohdran? Irma will have substitutes for all. Then join David and Dana!

HD-Luke Vanderveer- Getting Out of the Rut! From Boring to Exciting Are you stuck in a melodic rut, or you play JUST the melody all the time and it feels like it's boring? You want to play more than just a simple melody, but you don't know what to play? In this workshop I'll give you a handful of ideas that you can implement to make your hammered dulcimer music more enjoyable.

MD-David Ellison Cowboy Songs Adv. Beg-We will play some great old songs while learning a few chords and tricks along the way.

3:15-4:15

Let's Sing! –Margaret & Annette Come sing some old time favorites with us. All instruments are welcome. We love harmony also!

MD- Irma Reeder-Christmas All Year 'Round Love holiday music? Come and enjoy fresh, original arrangements sure to make you want to deck the hall no matter what time of year it is! You'll be looking at hand efficiency and reviewing chords along the way. **Tune DAD**

HD-David & Dana- *Learn some fun old time tunes* Let David and Dana teach you some tunes you can have fun with in a jam. Even fairly new players can pick up the melodies. Dana and David will show you how to embellish them to fill in the melody.

Guitar-Scott Reeder-*Reusable Guitar Chords* Did you know some of the guitar chords you already know come from some basic forms? Once you understand these forms, you can add dozens of chords to your guitar skill kit, and easily transpose songs to put them in better singing keys...or just make the songs you play more interesting.