

The Cluck

Canyon Lake, Texas

March 1, 2025

Pluckin' at Preston

Meet Up Schedule

When: Saturday, March 1 from 10:00 - Noon

Where: Patio @ Tye Preston Memorial Library

Below are the remaining dates for March and April:

Mar 15 – Board Room

April 5 - Patio

April 19 – Board Room

Musical Notes

Playlist: It wouldn't be March without some beautiful Celtic tunes. This month we have a lively polka and a beautiful waltz.

The Ballydesmond Polka: This polka is generally the second in a set of three traditional fiddle tunes known as the Ballydesmond Polkas. It is also commonly referred to as the Gneeveguilla Polka. Ballydesmond refers to a town called Desmond. Here is a favorite version [Ballydesmond](#).

Sheebeg Sheemore (melody and harmony): Referencing two hills or two ranges of hills depending on the source, Si Bheag Si Mhor (the medieval Irish title) translates to Little Fairy Hill, Big Fairy Hill. This tune is attributed to the blind harpist Turlough O'Carolan who originally wrote it as an Irish air but the song has since been popularized as a waltz. Here's a beautiful rendition [Sheebeg Sheemore](#).

Repertoire Song of the Month: Of course, in keeping with our Celtic theme, our repertoire song for March is **Saint Anne's Reel**.



More Jam

Virtual and Statewide

Easy Fiddle Tunes for Mountain Dulcimer

Starting **March 5th**, DJ Hamouris is offering a 6-week class introducing easy fiddle tunes to add to your repertoire. The class will focus on getting familiar with strums and some flat-picking. And, a 6+ fret is *not* needed. For information and registration, go to [Fiddle Tunes](#) .

Mountain Dulcimer 3

DJ Hamouris is also offering a 6-week intermediate dulcimer class beginning **March 13th**. This class will cover fingerpicking, chord progressions, rhythm exercises, and capo use. Go to [Intermediate](#) for more information and registration.

Dulcimer U: Irish Tunes for St. Patrick's Day

Looking for something fun to do on St. Patrick's Day **March 17th**? Check out this virtual class on traditional Irish folk songs offered by Larry and Elaine Conger in association with Western Carolina University. More information and registration are available here [Irish Tunes](#) .

QuaranTUNE Irish Jam and Concert

If the Irish folk songs class wasn't enough to scratch your St. Paddy's Day itch, QuaranTUNE is offering an Irish jam on **March 17th** and an Irish concert on **March 18th**. More detailed information and registration will be available at [Irish Concert](#) .

Palestine Old Time Music and Dulcimer Festival

Just the antidote for Covid and flu season, Old Pal, an in-person festival, is back. **March 27th – 29th** are this year's dates for this workshop and concert filled weekend. Part of the fun of Old Pal is not knowing what classes are offered until you get there, but there is always something for everyone. For more information go to [Old Pal](#) .

Local

Jammin' at Mammen

Bonny Lyons' MD class at the Mammen Family Public Library will begin again on the **2nd and 4th Saturdays** of the month from **10 to 11:30 am** beginning on **March 22nd** and continuing for **8 weeks**. All levels and ages are welcome and loaner dulcimers are available. If you have any questions, contact Bonny at firetearose@yahoo.com.

Tidbits

Beginning Mountain Dulcimer Boot Camp: From Classical to Pop:

Yep...it's back. If you know anyone, teen to adult, who is interested in playing an instrument, tell them to come learn to play this versatile 3-string wonder

while traveling through a number of musical genres. This 6-week class begins, Saturday, **March 8th**. Registration will open **February 26th**. For more information and registration, go to [Boot Camp](#) .

Dulcimer Shopping: We all know Lockhart is a great place for barbecue, but you may want to stay and shop for McSpadden dulcimers or just about any other stringed instrument and accessories at Fiddler's Green Music Shop.

Luthier: If you are in the market for a Canyon Lake area, conscientious, and reasonably priced luthier who doesn't seem to be afraid of mountain dulcimers, contact:

Chris Brady

bradyguitars@gmail.com

210-629-3101

Helpful Hints

Google Drive Assist

In order to access the Preston Pluckers folder on Google Drive from your computer or tablet:

1. Create a Google account.
2. Login to the Google account.
3. You can get to Google Drive by either searching for Google Drive or by going to the Google homepage and clicking on the dotted grid (Google apps) next to your profile pic/pic location on the upper right hand corner of the screen and selecting Google Drive.
4. In Google Drive, use the menu on the left to select ***Shared with me***. You will see a list of files or folders that have been shared with you. If you do not see the Preston Pluckers folder, let me know.
5. To download music files in bulk, right click on the Month (2022 September) and you should see an option to download the whole folder. A second method is to highlight the folder by left clicking on it and then click on the three vertical dots to the right of the trashcan (top right of the screen) which will also provide you with a download option.

Contact Information

If you would like to ask a question, make a comment, or be removed from this email list, please send me (**Dee Baker**) an email at ***msdeebie@gmail.com***.