



Keeping Tabs on North Harris County Dulcimer Society July 2019

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From the President:

I'm hoping all of you have a chance to visit Mountain View, Arkansas sometime. It's a delightful, tiny town where old time music is played every day by towns people and visitors. It's also the home of the Ozark Folk Center State Park which highlights Ozark music and crafts:

<https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/ozark-folk-center-state-park>

Comfortable cabins similar to motel rooms are available and a restaurant nearby. Mountain dulcimer and autoharp classes are occasionally offered.

This is also the home of The Dulcimer Shoppe which builds very fine mountain dulcimers. If you visit, say Hi to the owner as they have been generous to our club.

<https://mcspaddendulcimers.com/>

Linda

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Plays for 2019

Bryan Museum in Galveston - 1315 21st Street, Galveston, TX 77550

Saturday, **August 24, 2019** at 1:00 PM.

The museum is located at the old Galveston Orphans Home at 1315 21st Street in Galveston, near Broadway and 25th Street. We are currently on the calendar for quarterly plays in February, May, August and November. See the museum announcement at <https://www.thebryanmuseum.org/events-museum-events>. Players will be given a pass to explore the museum, which currently features numerous Texas history artifacts covering the Spanish Colonial Period, The Texas Frontier, and Statehood and Beyond.

Digging Old Stuff - Kleb Woods Nature Center

20303 Draper Road, Tomball, Texas 77377

Most likely will be on the porch outside, so we will have shelter, but dress with an eye to the weather.

Dates, time and invitation not yet confirmed, but **last year it was on October 3rd**.

Pioneer Dress.

Old River/Winfree Founders Day

4818 North FM 585

Old River-Winfree, TX 77523

Saturday, **October 12, 2019** - 9 AM to 5 PM

The Sausage Festival in El Campo

1401 Avenue I, El Campo, TX 77437

Will likely be at 10:30 AM - 2 PM on **October 20th this year**.

Nice casual dress, German trad/pioneer dress clothing if you like, but neither is mandatory.

Not yet confirmed.

Martyn Farm Harvest Festival Armand Bayou Nature Center

8500 Bay Area Boulevard

Saturday, **November 9, 2019** - 10 AM - 4 PM; Sunday, November 13, 10 AM - 4 PM.

Will probably be warm or not too cold, but bring a coat or a wrap just in case. (Confirmed! I already received, filled out, and sent back in the registration for this play, so it's already in the works.)

Winter Pioneer Dress.

The Pioneer Days at Redbud Hill Homestead - Jesse Jones Park

20634 Kenswick Drive, Humble, TX 77338

Second Saturday in November (11/9/19)

Pioneer Dress, meaning 1820s-1860s, or as near as you can manage (not yet confirmed).

Upcoming Music Festivals in 2019

Winter Creek Reunion Dulcimer and Acoustic Music Festival -- Bennington, OK -- October 2019

Old Mill Music Festival -- Kennard, TX -- November 2019

Treasurer's Report:

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| June 2019 | |
| | |
| Beginning Balance | \$6,158.44 |
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| Income: | --0-- |
| | |
| Total Income | --0-- |
| | |
| Expenses: | --0-- |
| | |
| Total Expenses | --0-- |
| | |
| Ending Balance in checking account | \$6,158.44 |
| | |
| | |
| Door Prizes: | |
| Beginning Balance | 9.94 |
| Income | --0-- |
| Expenses | -2.97 |
| Ending Balance | \$6.97 |

Linda

Secretary's Report:

Minutes: 6-15-2019

Meeting called to order by Jan Hargraves in Linda Siemer's absence at 4:05 p.m.

In attendance:

Members 21

Visitors 0

Officer Reports were given. See newsletter for further details.

Music Director: Jam list songs are on the website. They will be the same for July and August, also.

Treasurer: Laura gave treasurer report in Linda Blumberg's absence. Marianne Drabek said that in the past the play leader would write a feedback. Since we do not have an elected Play Director, maybe those that volunteer to be the play leader for a given play could write a play feedback report. Things such as (1) who showed up to play, (2) the reaction of the audience, (3) information on the venue, etc., would be helpful topics.

Secretary: As reported in newsletter.

Play Director: With no elected Play Director, we are in need of play leaders for plays and events. Laura will take the play sign up sheets home, and those wishing to be play leaders can contact her for the list of play volunteers for a given play. Our next play is the Galveston Museum on August 24.

Old Business:

Acoustic Music Retreat - Steve & Nancy Heiser have contacted the HSU campus and have secured a date:

January 3rd - 5th, 2020.

October Campout - No reservations have been made. The Brazos State Park has flooded again this year. There does not seem to be enough interest among the group for camping. Perhaps a one-day event would be better, or maybe look for different venue.

New Business: Laura received an email from Teresa Moore who requested more play feedback news. Corey Morrison will be taking over the calendar portion of the website. Jim & Sue Junker are moving. Jim has retired and they moving back home.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Laura

Music Director's Report:

The 8th commandment of jamming: VIII - Thou shalt be ever mindful of the key that the dulcimer is tuned in, and shall play many tunes in that key, for the dulcimer is but a lowly instrument and must needfully be retuned every time there is a key change.

Song of the Month - This month's song "Saro Waltz" comes from the group TNT @TNTdulcimers.com. I heard them play this at the Lagniappe dulcimer fete. This song is used by permission. It has an unusual story.

Saro Waltz - The Story

This tune was written by Deby Libby and has quickly become one of our favorite tunes. It has a timeless quality to it and one never grows tired of playing it. The title has a story behind it. Deby takes mother-in-law to mass on Saturday evenings and since she often plays in church on Sunday mornings, will spend the time while mother-in-law is in church in the back of her car, practicing music on her dulcimer. It was during one of these times, that this tune was created. Deby scribbled the tab on the back of a piece of paper and then went on to take mother-in-law to dinner and the usual trip to Wal-mart. When she got home, Deby went to get the tab out to play the tune some more and it was gone! Searches through her music bag and car were fruitless. So, on Sunday morning she retraced her route from the night before and drove up to the church. There on the sidewalk was a piece of paper! She did not remember to put the car in park as she leapt out to see if it was "the" paper. Yes! Then, she had to carefully peel the paper off of the sidewalk as it had rained the night before, and in between the tread marks where it had been run over was the tab! So, of course, it had to be named Saro Waltz, which stands for the Soggy and Run Over Waltz.

Peggy

How To Download This Month's Songs

1. Go to our website at <http://www.houstondulcimer.com>
2. Select **Member Pages**.
3. Select **NHCDS Music**.
4. Enter our password: **dulcimersR4me**
5. Select **Songs of the Month** at the top of the web page.
6. You will see a short list by date... click **Continue Reading** to open complete list of **Tunes For This Month's Jam** AND the **Song of the Month** list.
7. Click song title to download a PDF file. For some operating systems you may need to "download PDF player" or go to a "download" folder to see the PDF file. OR (depending on your device and operating system), you may need to click the up arrow at the bottom of your phone or computer to choose what you want to do with this song such as move it to somewhere like Dropbox or print it.

Note: you can download all the songs by selecting **The Songs We Play** on the **NHCDS Music** page and clicking on each song. New dulcimer players: From the **NHCDS Music** page, select **Tunes for the New Player** for simplified versions of 40+ tunes. Or contact Jan Hargraves at the next meeting to request a copy of the complete library or simplified library on a thumb drive.

Jam List for June / July / August

DAD

- 1. America the Beautiful**
- 2. Camp Meeting on the 4th of July**
- 3. Dubuque. American Old Time Reel**
- 4. Gentle Annie MELODY**
- 5. Gentle Annie HARMONY**
- 6. Grasshopper Sitting on a Sweet Potato Vine**
- 7. Haste to the Wedding May**
- 8. In the Good Old Summertime**
- 9. My Country Tis of Thee (America)**
- 10. Old 1812**
- 11. Old Molly Hare**
- 12. Pretty Betty Martin**

DGD

- 1. Farewell to Whisky**
- 2. I'll Fly Away**
- 3. Nail that Catfish to a Tree**
- 4. Precious Memories**
- 5. Riding on a Load of Hay**
- 6. Ring Ring the Banjo**
- 7. Shoes and Stockings**
- 8. Shove that Pig's Foot a Little Further in the Fire**
- 9. Tombigbee Waltz MELODY**
- 10. Tombigbee Waltz HARMONY**
- 11. Stump Tail Dog**
- 12. Where the White Lilies Grow**
- 13. YZ Hamilton's Special Breakdown**

Saro Waltz - Melody

Written by Deby Libby 12/9/2007

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D F#m G

1 D 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 3 2. 4 2. 5 0 0 0 6 0 0 0

A 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2. 2. 2. 1 1 1 1 1 1

D 2 2 1 0 1 2 4. 2. 3 3 2 1 2 3

A D F#m G

7 T 1. 8 1 1 1 9 0 0 0 10 0 0 0 11 2. 12 2. 13 0 0 0

A 0. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2. 2. 2. 1 1 1

B 1. 1 2 1 2 2 1 0 1 2 4. 2. 3 3 3

A D G F#m

14 T 1 1 1 15 2. 16 2 2 2 17 3 3 3 18 3 3 3 19 2.

A 0 0 0 0. 0 0 0 3 3 3 3 3 3 2.

B 3 2 1 0. 0 3 4 5 5 4 3 4 5 4.

G A D

20 T 2. 21 3 3 3 22 3 3 3 23 4. 24 4 4 4 25 0 0 0

A 2. 3 3 3 3 3 3 4. 4 4 4 0 0 0

B 2. 5 5 4 3 4 5 6+- 6+- 5 4 2 2 1

F#m G A D

26 T 0 0 0 27 2. 28 2. 29 0 0 0 30 1 1 1 31 2. 32 2.

A 0 0 0 2 2 1 1 1 0 0 0 0. 0.

B 0 1 2 4. 2. 3 3 3 3 2 1 0.

Saro Waltz - Strummed Harmony

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Chord progression: D, F#m, G

Staff 1: Treble clef, key of D major (F#), 3/4 time. Notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5.

Staff 2: Bass clef. Fingering: D (1), A (3), D (4). Rhythmic values: 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 3, 3, 3, 6, 3, 3, 3.

Chord progression: A, D, F#m, G

Staff 3: Treble clef. Notes: A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5.

Staff 4: Bass clef. Fingering: T (4), A (4), B (4). Rhythmic values: 4, 4, 4, 4, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3.

Chord progression: A, D, G, F#m

Staff 5: Treble clef. Notes: A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5.

Staff 6: Bass clef. Fingering: T (4), A (4), B (5). Rhythmic values: 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5.

Chord progression: G, A, D

Staff 7: Treble clef. Notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5.

Staff 8: Bass clef. Fingering: T (4), A (5), B (4). Rhythmic values: 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 2, 2, 2.

Chord progression: F#m, G, A, D

Staff 9: Treble clef. Notes: F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5.

Staff 10: Bass clef. Fingering: T (2), A (3), B (2). Rhythmic values: 2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5.

This past month the NHCDS website (houstondulcimer.com) had an update which caused the website to be down for several days. Our consultants had to troubleshoot and then find the right solution to get the site back up. It now appears to be working correctly. HOWEVER, if you should find that the website is not responding properly, or if you find a broken link, please email hargraves3@sbcglobal.net with the details.

I found myself with several days this month with time to review some of the sheet music that has recently been passed out and I've modified several songs. Some of the changes include a better printed PDF file (larger fonts, etc); added harmony; corrected a few chord problems. These versions are all dated. I've also included a sound file for these tunes, shown on the Songs We Play list as MID. Here are the songs that were updated:

Camp Meeting on the 4th of July
Dubuque
Old 1812
Riding On A Load of Hay
Saro Waltz (new song of the month)
Shoes and Stockings
Stump Tail Dog
Where the White Lilies Grow
YZ Hamilton Special

NOTE: Do not feel obligated to update your files if you have an arrangement you are happy with. The magic of the dulcimer is that various versions just add to richness of the jam.

Jan

Club Classifieds:

Please check out our club website! Search for our [Event Calendar](#), [Upcoming Events](#), [Links](#) to other music sites, and [Member Pages](#) to find a list of officers and members, music, and even old newsletters. The music available includes [songs of the month](#), [tunes for the new dulcimer player](#), [group play](#), and [music for Christmas](#).

NHCDS website: www.houstondulcimer.com , member password: **dulcimersR4me**

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Jam Opportunities:

Copperfield Area Jam: Tuesdays - Copperfield Church, Room C-2, 8350 Hwy 6 North (just south of West Rd., behind U-Haul). The group meets 6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact Jenny Gonzales, gonzalezmj73@att.net, or Doris Coleman, doris@texascoleman.com.



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Enter by the doors on the north side of the building. That will be the doors to your left as you face the building. There is also parking behind the building, and the entry doors will be to your right as you face the building.

Things to remember:

1. The doors lock automatically when they are closed, to someone inside has to open the door for you. Don't walk back out to your car if no one is there.
2. Don't leave the door propped open, that will compromise our security.

**NORTH HARRIS COUNTY
DULCIMER SOCIETY**

NHCDS meets the third Saturday of each month.

Advent Lutheran Church
5820 Pinemont Drive
Houston, TX 77092

2:00 – Classes

3:00 – Jam

4:00 – Business Meeting

4:45 – 5:00 Break

5:00 – 6:30 Regular jam