WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA DULCIMER COLLECTIVE



1996 -- 2nd Quarter Newsletter

The Western North Carolina Dulcimer Collective is a member-supported group of players of mountain and hammered dulcimers, and those who enjoy listening to dulcimers and/or playing other traditional instruments with them. The group meets once per month to share tunes and information. Dues are \$5.00 per year payable to Carl Cochrane, 12 Pheasant Dr, Asheville, NC 28803.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL DULCIMER SHOP

Do you know how many people around the country envy the position we're in? We've got dulcimer shops all around the area - Song of the Wood in Black Mountain, Celestial Mountain Music in Brevard, Wood, Strings and Dulcimers in Greenville, Jack Lyle with his shop on 276 near Waynesville, (all of the above being WNCDC members!) and The Early Music Shop in Asheville. Go a little farther and find Jean's Dulcimer Shop in Cosby and others. Also, don't forget the many builders in the area and you've got quite a selection for instruments, accessories and music. One item of note: Wood, Strings and Dulcimers now has enough room for all of their merchandise they've moved to a bigger site! They're now at the Woodruff Gallery Shopping Center on Woodruff Road in Greenville between I-85 and I-385 at Miller Road. Their new number's 864/288-1440. They're open Monday through Saturday - stop by and check out the new digs!

SONG REVIEW SCHEDULE

APRIL 14:	Wildwood Flower Un Canadien Errant	(3rd Quarter, 1991) (3rd Quarter, 1992)
	Coleman's March	(4th Quarter, 1993)
MAY 12:	Common Bill East Virginia	(4th Quarter, 1995) (2nd Quarter, 1993)
	English Country Garden	(1st Quarter, 1992)
JUNE 9:	Finlandia/Be Still My Soul Great Grandad	(4th Quarter, 1993) (1st Quarter, 1990)
	Piri-miri-dictum Domini	(4th Quarter, 1995)

SONGS FOR THIS QUARTER

Just a mix of songs, this time. As usual, I made a trip to the library, found a few books that looked interesting, and searched for tunes which would work in D-A-dd and D-A-AA, as well as on the hammered dulcimer, and which would also fit on one page. I hope you enjoy them!

No, Sir

Tell me one thing, tell me truly, Tell me why you scorn me so? Tell me why when asked a question You will always answer, "No"?

Refrain

No, sir, no, sir, no, sir, no; No, sir, no, sir, no, sir, no.

My father was a Spanish merchant And before he went to sea, He told me to be sure and answer To all you said to me.

Refrain

If when walking in the garden, Plucking flowers all wet with dew, Will you be offended if I Have a walk and talk with you?

Refrain

If when walking in the garden, I should ask you to be mine, And should tell you that I love you, Would you then my heart decline?

Refrain

("This rather piquant song of love play, sometimes titled "My Father Was a Spanish Merchant," goes back to the 17th century and therefore originated in the time of Anglo-Spanish rivalry in the New World... The song itself has been fairly popular in America, especially in Appalachia and in the Midwest... The present text was recorded in 1958." - Leonard Roberts, *In The Pine*, Pikeville, KY: Pikeville College Press, 1978, p. 217)

Omega

Come, thou almighty King, Help us thy name to sing, Help us to praise; Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and regin over us, Ancient of days. Come and reign over us, Ancient of days.

(Lee Vinson, *The Early American Songbook*, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1974, p. 158)

In Forest and Meadow

In forest and meadow wherever I wander Only you are on my mind, the sunshine of my life; The trees bending low, filled with fruit heavy laden, Fill with joy the heart of all, but mine is full of strife. Birds are singing joyfully, sporting gaily all around, What pains you so, my heart, and why in sorrow bound? Oh, when will the time come

On, when will the time come when all this is altered,
Once again to hold you close, and rest my heart on thine!
When will my despair and my yearning be ended,
All my longing be at rest, the sun at last to shine!
Were you but near to me as I not far from you,
We would be joined in love, my dreams would all come true.

("A lover's plaint - pleading with his beloved to restore calm to his agitated mind and heal the wound of his broken heart." -Charles Haywood, *Folk Songs of the World*, New York: John Day, 1966, p. 166)

DULCIMER EVENTS

It's that time of year, again. It's a great time when we have so many events to choose from - I hope we can all find a way to get to at least a few of them!

Spring Dulcimer Week at Augusta, WV, April 21-26. John Lilly, Augusta Heritage Center, Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV, 26241. (304) 636-1903.

Loch Norman Highland Games, Charlotte, April 21-23. Scottish games and music. (704) 527-3800.

Merle Fest '96, April 25-28. Box 120, Wilkesboro, NC 28697, e-mail merlfest@wilkes.cc.nc.us or website http://www.wilkes.cc.nc.us (800) 666-1820.

The Ozark Folk Center Dulcimer Jamboree, April 26-28. Dulcimer Jamboree, Ozark Folk Center, Mountain View, AR, 72560. (501) 269-3851.

Pickens County (SC) Heritage Day, May 4, 1-10:00pm at Table Rock State Park. Upstate Dulcimer Players invite you to concerts, workshops, contests, dances, storytelling and jamming. "Emphasizing the folk music heritage of the turn-of-thecentury South as played on instruments popular in 1902." Dean Watson, PO Box 9, Easley, SC, 29641. (800) 768-9876. (Or contact Wood, Strings & Dulcimers in Greenville at (864) 288-1440 for dulcimer-related information.)

Ole Time Fiddler's & Bluegrass Festival, Union Grove, May 24-26. Harper Van Hoy, P.O. Box 11, Union Grove, NC 28689. (704) 539-4417.

The Cosby Dulcimer and Harp Convention, June 14-15. Jean & Lee Schilling, PO Box 8, Cosby, TN, 37722. (615) 487-5543.

Appalachian State University Dulcimer Playing Workshop is coming up in Boone, June 23-28. (Mountain dulcimer, only.) Write (soon!) to Lois Hornbostel, Piney Grove Apt. F, Big Cove Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719.

The Swannanoa Gathering at Warren Wilson College has lots coming up. July 14-20 is Dulcimer Week (and also Dance Week), and will include both the mountain and hammered dulcimers with Lois Hornbostel, Bonnie Carol, Jean Ritchie, Jean Simmons Jennings, Don Pedi, Ken Kolodner, Linda Lowe Thompson, Katie Laraye Waldren, Bill Taylor and more. (Wow!) July 7-13 is Celtic Week, July 21-27 is Old-Time Music & Dance Week, and July 28-Aug 3 is Contemporary Folk Week and Guitar Week - all of them will be super, with great concerts and dances, too! The Swannanoa Gathering, Warren Wilson College, Box 9000, Asheville, NC, 28815, e-mail gathering@warren-wilson.edu or website http://www.hidwater.com/gathering or call (704) 298-3325 x426.

The John C. Campbell Folk School has Dulcimer workshops all year long. Classes levels vary - call for a catalog. John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC, 28902. (800) FOLK-SCH.

And for music without travelling, try **Public Radio!** WNCW, WCQS, WEPR and others around the country play traditional music. Help them out, too!

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WNCW - 88.7 Spindale (Mt Mitchell) (97.3 Greenville / 100.7 Charlotte / 96.7 Knoxville / 92.9 Boone)	WCQS - 88.1 Asheville (89.7 Clyde / 91.3 Franklin / 91.5 Brevard / 95.3 Waynesville)
"Goin' Across The Mountain," w/Russ Jordan. "The best in Bluegrass." Sat, 1-4pm.	 "A Natural Bridge," w/Jim Magill. "New and traditional folk music." Sat, 10am-1pm.
"Country Music Classics," w/Joe Brussard. Sat, 4-5pm.	"Thistle and Shamrock," w/Fiona Ritchie, from Edinburgh, Scotland. Celtic music. Sat, 1-2pm.
"Mountain Stage," from West Virginia. Sat, 6-8pm. "Rider's Radio Theatre." "Doin' it the cowboy way, with Riders in the Sky "Sun 10:30-11am.	"FolkMasters." "Traditional folk music of the Americas, recorded at the barns of Wolftrap." Sat, 2-3pm.
"FolkMasters." "Traditional folk music of the Americas, recorded at the barns of Wolftrap." Sun, 11am-Noon.	"A Prairie Home Companion" Sat, 6-8pm. "Country Roots." w/Wayne Erbsen. Sun, 6-8pm.
"Thistle and Shamrock," w/Fiona Ritchie, from Edinburgh, Scotland. Celtic music. Sun, Noon-1p.m.	WFAE - 90.7 Charlotte
"Celtic Winds," w/Richard Beard and Ben Seymour. "Celtic music in all of its traditions and derivations." Sun, 1-3pm.	"Thistle and Shamrock." w/Fiona Ritchie, from Edinburgh, Scotland. Celtic music. Sat, 6-7pm, & Sun, 4-5pm.
"This Old Porch," w/Ron Cole and Trina Royer. Old-time and traditional dance music. Sun, 3-5pm.	WEPR - 90.1 Greenville, SC (89.9 Rock Hill / Others in South Carolina)
"E-Town," from Colorado. "Good-time music meets the environmentally-minded." Sun, 6-7pm.	"Thistle and Shamrock," w/Fiona Ritchie, from Edinburgh, Scotland. Celtic music. Sat, 8-9pm.
"Crossroads." A mix of ALL types of music - "Jazz, swing, blues, singer/songwriters and acoustic music from around the world." Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Also 9pm-1:30am, but rowdier.	Check here, as well, for other shows. Also, check any station you find between 88.1 and 91.9 and you'll find a non-commercial station which
"World Cafe." "Acoustic, singer/songwriter, rhythm and blues, world music and blues," from APR. Mon-Fri, 7-9pm.	provably plays some traditional music. Listen for a while, send a nue money to them at fund-raiser time, and you'll get program guides and schedules like the ones I used for all of this information!

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Mountain Dulcimer: D-A-dd and D-A-AA

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MEETING DATES/HOSTS/HOSTESSES

The following people have volunteered to host the upcoming meetings. We always need volunteers - you will need to show up about 1/2 hour early to make sure everything is set up. You will also need to arrange for refreshments, but not necessarily bring them.

April 14, 1996 - Steve and Jean Smith May 12, 1996 - Peggy Genova and Shari Bolejack June 9, 1996 - Joyce Hooley

MEETING LOCATION/TIME

Second Sunday of each month from 2:30-5:00 at The Folk Art Center Library, Blue Ridge Parkway, Asheville

The Folk Art Center is located on the Blue Ridge Parkway at Milepost 382, about 1/2 mile North of US 70, just East of Asheville. Take I-40 Exit 55 to Highway 70, then left to the Parkway, or take I-240 Exit 7 and go East on Highway 70 to the Parkway. The Club meets in the Library, at the top of the ramp as you enter the Folk Art Center.

Handicapped Access is available: From Highway 70, go West from the Parkway just past the VA Medical Center to Riceville Road. Go to the Folk Art Center Service Entrance. A ramp leads to a second floor entrance.

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