## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA DULCIMER COLLECTIVE



### <u>2010 – 3rd Quarter Newsletter</u>

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 *WNCDC* – Mail checks to Carl Cochrane, 12 Pheasant Dr, Asheville, NC 28803.

#### **DULCIMER CLUB NEWS**

<u>Monthly Tunes</u>: Three "Little" tunes this quarter. I didn't plan it that way, but only noticed it after tabbing them all out! For <u>July</u>: Little Sir Hugh. This is Child Ballad #155. I found a few variations, but then read, "This is one of eighteen versions Child collected." I'm going to be "PC" and not include the lyrics. From the same notes, in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, "(c)harges of ritual murder were common against Jews. They were first leveled in twelfth-century England, and occurred throughout Europe as late as the 1880s... These fabrications, known as the Blood Libel, made a cult of the supposed victims and were an excuse for persecution which took a toll of thousands of Jewish lives over many centuries." Sorry – I like the tune, but won't print the lyrics here. For <u>August</u>: The Old Woman and the Little Pig. Collected by Cecil Sharp and Maud Karpeles from Mrs. Sophia Rice at Big Laurel, NC. For <u>September</u>: What's Little Babies Made Of? Collected by Cecil Sharp and Maud Karpeles from Mrs. Mollie Brothgon at Barbouville, KY.

<u>"Learning CD's"</u>: The first nine Audio CD's are still available, with the Tab CD out of stock until I record the tenth Audio CD and update the Tab CDwith tab for all tunes from 1990-2009 as well as "mp3" and "midi" files of each tune. (Still working on it!) The CD's are now \$5.50 each, shipped. For paid club members, shipped they're still \$4.50 for the first CD and \$4.00 for each CD after that in the same batch.

<u>"MIDI" FILES:</u> See <a href="http://www.everythingdulcimer.com/wncdc/Newsletter.htm">http://www.everythingdulcimer.com/wncdc/Newsletter.htm</a> and click on the "Click here to listen to 'midi' files" link to listen to simple "midi" files of newsletter tunes not yet on CD's. And <a href="http://www.everythingdulcimer.com/wncdc/Meetings.htm">http://www.everythingdulcimer.com/wncdc/Meetings.htm</a> always has simple "midi" files of the current quarter's review tunes plus links to print them out.

	Song Review S	SCHEDULE
July:	Los Cuatro Generales Magpie's Nest Many Thousand Go	(1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2005) (1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2001) (3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 1996)
August:	Mary Hamilton Miss Welch Mississippi Sawyer	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2004) (1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2000) (2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 1995)
September:	Mowing The Barley My Love Is A Rider New River Train	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 1995) (3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2004) (2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 1995)

### Little Sir Hugh

It rains, it rains
 in merry Lincoln,
 It rains both great and small,
 When all the boys
 come out to play,
 To play to toss their ball.

I am only including the first verse...

This ballad is Child Ballad #155 (Sir Hugh, or the Jew's Daughter). This is one of eighteen versions Child collected.

The ballad appears in Jamieson's Popular Ballads (circa 1783). Anglo-French ballads of the tale date back to 1259.

The events are supposed to have taken place in the 13th century. However, Bishop Percy concluded that the events were "groundless and malicious." Charges of ritual murder were common against Jews. They were first leveled in twelfth-century England, and occurred throughout Europe as late as the 1880s. These fabrications, known as the Blood Libel, made a cult of the supposed victims and was an excuse for persecution which took a toll of thousands of Jewish lives over many centuries

### The Old Woman and The Little Pig

- There was an old woman who had a little pig.
   Um um um,
   There was an old woman who had a little pig.
   It didn't cost much for it wasn't very big.
   Um um um.
- And this little pig it died in bed, Um um um,
   And this little pig it died in bed.
   It died because it couldn't get its bread.
   Um um um.
- 3. The old man died on account of grief,Um um um,The old man died on account of grief.O wasn't that a sad relief.Um um um.
- And the old woman grieved and she sobbed and she cried, Um um um,
   And the old woman grieved and she sobbed and she cried.
   And then she lay right down and died.
   Um um um.
- 5. And there they lay upon the shelf,Um um um,And there they lay upon the shelf.If you want any more you must sing it yourself.Um um um.

# What's Little Babies Made Of?

- What's old women made of, made of?
   What's old women made of?
   Reels and jeels and old spinning wheels
   And that's what old women are made of.
- 2. What's old men made of, made of?What's old men made of?Whiskey and brandy and sugar and candyAnd that's what old men are made of.
- What's young women made of, made of?
   What's young women made of?
   Rings and jings and all fine things
   And that's what young women are made of.
- 4. What's little boys made of, made of?What's little boys made of?Piggins and pails and puppy dog tailsAnd that's what little boys are made of.
- 5. What's little babies made of, made of?What's little babies made of?Sugar and crumbs and all sweet thingsAnd that's what little babies are made of.

## Little Sir Hugh

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

Arrangement: Steve Smith Child Ballad #155

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## ⇒ AUGUST '10 The Old Woman and the Little Pig

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

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## ⇒ SEPTEMBER '10 ← What's Little Babies Made Of?

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## MEETING DATES

July 11, 2010 August 8, 2010 September 12, 2010

## MEETING LOCATION/TIME

Second Sunday of each month from 2:30-5:00 at The Folk Art Center Upstairs Gallery, 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 upstairs gallery, across from 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 next to where we set up.

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