



Great Plains Dulcimer Alliance
Newsletter

GPDA meets at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wichita, KS, on the second Saturday of each month, 9:30 - Noon

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A Note from the Prez

It's hard to believe but spring has arrived, and as a result I'm running a little late getting my presidential duties done. Its April 2nd as I'm writing this months edition of "A Note from the Prez". My tardiness can be blamed on the endless list of chores that come with the arrival of spring, anyway that's my excuse and I'm sticking to it.

At the April general meeting we will continue the Victor Wooten Groove Workshop DVD. This month we will cover "Emotion". The DVD presentation will take 24 minutes. After the DVD, Bruce Johnson will give a Dobro workshop. As always, if anyone has a suggestion for a workshop let Michele know.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work in making this year's Spring Fund-raiser a success; from culinary delights, to enthusiastic performances, to monetary success (about \$350). But as Joe the MC said earlier, I think the kids and family acts stole the show. The Bloyers (as cute and attractive as ever) and the Yoders (including one large for his age adopted son, Bruce) are living proof that the nation's future is not always as dismal as it is portrayed by the endless barrage on cable television. I also want to thank Michele's band for providing the sound system. Lastly, I want to particularly thank Bruce Bonnes. Bruce set up the tables before anyone else arrived, worked throughout the evening cleaning the kitchen area and helped (rather we helped him) with cleanup after the evening was over.

Even though the Spring Fund-raiser is still a recent memory, it's not too early to start thinking and planning for the Warm Up Picnic. If you have any ideas or suggestions about changes or improvements to the Warm Up Picnic, it's time to bring them up. We will also need volunteers for; registration, lunch preparation, pot luck supper coordinator, and other duties that currently elude me.

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Last Chance!!!!

If you want your name listed in the 2010 yearbook, your dues must be paid by the April meeting. Also, please check your listing to make sure the information is correct. Please contact me As Soon As Possible with any corrections. Thank you — Joe

From the Prez continued...

We have reserved a room at Immanuel Baptist Church for the Linda Thomas Holiday Music Hammered Dulcimer Workshop. However, we must be out of the room by 3:30, which means the workshop must start at 8:00 in order to cover all of the material. I have asked for suggestions for alternative locations, so far I've heard from Valerie Parker and Teresa Bachman. Valerie said her church would be available; it's located at 61st and Oliver in Kechi. Teresa asked if attendees would be interested in a location in El Dorado. This subject will be discussed at the April general meeting.

Richard

A Note from the Vice Prez

Just to let everyone know that Bruce Johnson will be teaching a beginning dobro workshop at the April meeting. I have one extra dobro if someone wants to give it a try. If anyone else has one, please bring it.

Thanks,

Michele

For your calendar!

Linda Thomas' Hammered Dulcimer Workshop.

Date - October 30, 2010

Cost - \$75.00

Location - To be determined

Time - 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Recently Richard received an e-mail for Jennifer Parsons. (I don't know Jennifer or how she got my e-mail address, but I'm glad she did.) Her e-mail follows:

SUBJECT: Napawalla Acoustic Jam - Memorial Day Weekend

Hello Music Lovers!

Bands and musicians of all genres of acoustic music are welcome: bluegrass, newgrass, blues, folk, country, celtic, jazz, classical, & rock, to the jam & campout hosted by Napawalla Acoustic Alliance at Napawalla Park in Oxford, KS May 28-31. The event is free, and camping is just \$4 per day, or \$8 per day with hookups. Bands can share their music on the sign-up stage each evening starting at 6:00, or just enjoy picking at your campsite all day long. If you don't play, but simply love music, this is the place to be Memorial Day Weekend.

Local organizations will be on site cooking up meals available for purchase, or you can take a stroll downtown for breakfast, lunch or dinner at one of our fine food purveyors. Bring your family, friends, campers, tents and lawn chairs for a weekend filled with fun and great music. If you have a band that would like to perform, please contact us so we can get your name on the list. Hope to see you there!

Please visit our website for more information.

<http://www.wix.com/Napawalla/NapawallaAcousticAlliance/>

See you at the general meeting on April 10th, and remember; member articles for the newsletter are always welcomed and encouraged.

Jam Opportunities

Monday nights

- ♪ Old Chicago 7-9pm
- ♪ Ark City Country Bluegrass Jam
7-9pm,
Cherokee strip museum
620-447-2107

Tuesday Nights

- ♪ United Methodist Church 7-9pm
431 S. Woodlawn, Derby, KS.

Thursday Nights

- ♪ Garden City Jam 3rd Thursday 7-9pm

Kadee's Coffee Break

- ♪ 210 E Spruce
Garden City Folk and Bluegrass

Friday Nights

- ♪ Emma Chase Café Every Friday 7:30
Cottonwood Falls, KS

Saturday

- ♪ Kansas Bluegrass Association
1st Sat. each month 10-1pm
Immanuel Baptist Church

A Member's Story

About 5-6 years ago when I was secretary for GPDA and scurrying around getting people to agree to play for this event or that event I met this bass player.....his name is Steve Madorin a GPDA member. I was trying to line up folks to play at the Farmers Market on the street in Winfield during WVF. Steve was funny, talented and willing to help out and.....good grief.....he was single and a Christian. We were just friends for a couple of years and Steve even tried to show me a few tips on how to play guitar at WVF. Someone took our picture of that guitar session and a couple of years later Steve showed me the picture that he had kept. I got invited to play in a group called Acoustic Treasures with Troy & Joy, Steve and me. Steve and I started dating and we have been married for 3+ years now, bought a place out in the country. We had a barn built that we love to share with our music family and church family.

Barbara Barr-Madorin

If you would like to submit an article or have any information you would like in the News letter, please contact me at:

ccarr@glmv.com

Please include GPDA in the subject line.

Thank you, Chuck Carr

Gospel Sing-A-Long

Prairie Villa Retirement Apartments

Thursday, April 15.

5640 E. 21st St. North, Wichita, KS

Playlist 2

Go North on Woodlawn to 21st street. Turn West (left) on 21st ST. Go 3 blocks to Prairie Villa.

There will be a covered-dish dinner at 5:00 P.M. We have been invited to eat with them. If you plan to eat, please bring a dish to share. We will play after the dinner, probably around 6:00 P.M. If you need an arm-less chair, bring one just in case they don't have any.