



PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

MAY 2026

Website: www.PrairieDulcimerClub.com
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 Prairie Dulcimer Club Private Members Group

NEXT Meeting: May 16th, 2026
(Always the 3rd Saturday of the Month)
 Westminster Hall, 417 West Lexington,
 Independence, MO 64050

MONTH	Hammer Activity 1st Session 9:00am - 10:15am	Hammer Activity 2nd Session 11:00am - 12:00pm	Mountain Activity 1st Session 9:00am - 10:15am	Mountain Activity 2nd Session 11:00am - 12:00pm	Social Activity
MAY 16th	Rita Young: Cadences; The Pentatonic Scale (with Amazing Grace, Southward, Danny Boy)	All Instrument Group Jam	TBD	All Instrument Group Jam	Potluck
JUN 20th	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Potluck

This Month's Workshop Sessions

Rita Young will be sharing what she learned at the recent HD workshops in Mountain View, AR. Using Amazing Grace, Southward, and Danny Boy, we will learn how to use cadences, and how to use the pentatonic scale in our arrangements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Renewal for 2026: \$25 for individual; \$40 for family. Not paid yet? Please bring your cash or check (made payable to Prairie Dulcimer Club) to the May club meeting. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS 🎉: Congratulations to Bonnie Pooker, who won Third Place at the Arkansas State Hammered Dulcimer Championship in Mountainview, AR on April 25th! Rita Young made it to the Hammered Dulcimer Finals 🎉. A number of our members were there to cheer them on.

WANTED: Club Day Photographers. We need volunteers to snap some candid photos of our various activities on club days. Please remember to pull out your phone, take some photos, and then send them to Ken Shoemaker (kshoemaker99@gmail.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

Parkview Nursing Home Thursday May 7th at 10:00 AM: 128 North Hardesty Avenue, KC, MO. May Playlist: Blackberry Blossom, Nail That Catfish, Wildwood Flower, All of Me - Sing Along, When the Saints, Home on the Range, Oh, Susanna, I'll Fly Away, Farther Along, You are My Sunshine. If at any time you would like to play a solo, please contact Rita at youngrita500@gmail.com.

QuaranTUNE Virtual Dulcimer Fest June 4th - 7th. For details, go to virtualdulcimerfest.com
Registration is now open and there are so many classes offered this June. For a nominal cost, these zoom workshops are very beneficial.

Kentucky Music Week June 21st - 26th. For details, go to www.kentuckymusicweek.com

Hammered Dulcimer Ozark Roots Dulcimer Workshop 2026 with Linda Thomas July 9th - 11th.
The cost of this 3 day workshop is \$159. Register at clubpossum.com. See flyer on page 7.

Mountain Dulcimer Ozark Roots Dulcimer Workshop 2026 with Duane Porterfield, Dave Kerwood and Sarah Miner July 9th - 11th. To register, call 870-269-4313 or email Cindi Porterfield cindi.dulcimershoppe@gmail.com or copy/paste this link www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScB2b9t_IXBVInSbZoAXc4jOLj9CnrthBlrp8PRSWeytPSfAw/viewform

Gateway Dulcimer Music Festival July 31st - Aug 2nd with Rick Thum, Ilace Mears, Debbie Porter, Joe Collins, Les Gustafson-Zook, Dave Haas and Susan Trump. For registration or information, email gdsmf98@gmail.com or go to gatewaydulcimer.org

Christmas for Hammered Dulcimer with Linda Thomas October 10th. Class size is limited so register early. No payment due until day of Workshop. *Details noted on flyer on page 8.*

AROUND TOWN JAMS TO JOIN

Kansas City - WEST MONTHLY JAM meets the second Wednesday of the month but has a new location: Lutheran Church of the Resurrection ELCA at 9100 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66206. Meet in the basement, use the elevator. Contact Ann Hauser at hausera58@gmail.com.

* WED May 13th - 1:30 - 3:30 PM

* WED June 10th - 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Playlist to be determined by Ann Hauser

Kansas City - SOUTH MONTHLY JAM meets at the Southland Conservatory of Music, 1284 W Foxwood Drive, Raymore, MO 64083 located in the Willowind Square. Contact Karron Smith at karronlee.missouri@gmail.com.

* WED May 27th - 12:30 - 2:45 PM

* WED June 24nd - 12:30 - 2:45 PM

Playlist to be determined by Karron Smith with group suggestions.

Kansas City - NORTH MONTHLY JAM - has a new format and will meet at the Second Baptist Church located at 300 East Kansas Street in Liberty, MO.

* MON May 4th - 1:00 PM - ?

* MON June 1st - 1:00 PM - ?

Playlist to be determined and led by Easel Roberts and the group.

Playlist for May is Grandfather's Clock, Black Mountain Rag, Lady Mary, What a Friend We have in Jesus, Simple Gifts, This Land is Your Land, Amazing Grace, Clinch Mountain Backstep, Angeline Baker, Cherokee Shuffle, Shenandoah, Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee, Farther Along, Old Joe Clark, Oh, Susanna.

Meadowbrook Park Outdoor Summer Jam

Stay tuned, this will resume in the Spring of 2026.

INSTRUMENTS WANTED / FOR SALE

Dulcimers Needed: Prairie Dulcimer Club is involved in several educational programs that require a number of dulcimer instruments. Accordingly, we are asking for donations of playable mountain dulcimers and hammered dulcimers. If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping us reach our educational goals, please have them contact Ken Shoemaker, kshoemaker99@gmail.com. Thank you!

Dusty Strings D570 Hammered Dulcimer for Sale: Will Sacrifice for \$2800

This offer includes a like-new, one owner, rarely played hammered dulcimer with padded case, gooseneck tuning wrench and practice hammers, if needed. Original price \$3420, they now sell for \$3815 without the case, etc. The D570 is a 3-3/4 octave chromatic hammered dulcimer with a deep, rich, and balanced tone and super bass bridges on the left and right, 3³/₄ octaves overall range, 3¹/₂ octaves chromatic range, solid sapele soundboard and back, traditional 5th-interval tuning, 16/15 configuration with an 8-course super bass bridge on both right and left, reinforced with carbon fiber for stability. Contact Karron Smith at karronlee.missouri@gmail.com Will deliver within the greater KC area, MO or KS. Will ship within 48 contiguous states, included in price.

MINUTES FROM OUR LAST BUSINESS MEETING April 18, 2026

President Ken Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 10:30 am on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

Ken recognized visitors, and people with March and April birthdays.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 21, 2026 meeting were read. A statement was added to say the "Dulcimer Day at the Capitol is sponsored by the Prairie Dulcimer Club." David Tate moved to approve the minutes as corrected; Ellen Marquardt seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Allen Macfarlane gave the treasurer's report with an ending balance of \$5,316.26. Income was from membership dues and shirt sales. Expenses were supplies, shirts, website and Duane Porterfield workshop.

Web site update: The new website is not quite finished but a beta version will be reviewed by the executive committee in the next few weeks. The website will include the ability to collect funds including donations and dues.

New Business:

The Executive Committee moves that "Expenditures over \$300 must receive approval from the membership unless such items are included in an approved budget." Ellen Marquardt seconded.

Dan McKay moved to amend the amount of the expenditure limit to \$500. Sandy McKay seconded. After discussion and a vote was taken, the amendment failed. A vote was taken on the original motion for a \$300 expenditure limit, and the motion passed.

Reports:

Possum Boards: David Courtney reported that he and his helpers made eleven possum boards for mountain dulcimer players in the club. He will distribute them today.

Workshop with Linda Thomas & Duane Porterfield: Attendees enjoyed the workshop and the concert was excellent. Karron suggested moving the date, if possible, next year so we could have a regular club meeting in March.

Dulcimer Day at the Capitol: A number of PDC members attended. All the performers were excellent. It was great to hear the Independence, MO elementary students perform. The jam was fun, well-attended and lively.

Upcoming:

Parkview Performance - Rita Young announced the next performance for Parkview Healthcare, 128 N. Hardesty Ave, KC MO will be held on May 7, 2026.

PDC-North plans to start rehearsals at 1:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at Second Baptist Church, downtown Liberty, MO.

Dulcimers in Schools: Ramona Crawford reported on her continued plans for demonstrating and teaching dulcimers in schools.

Middle School Dulcimer workshop: Allen Macfarlane will be teaching a week long dulcimer workshop for middle school students at the Museum at Prairiefire in Overland Park.

Easel Roberts moved to adjourn and David Tate seconded; motion carried.

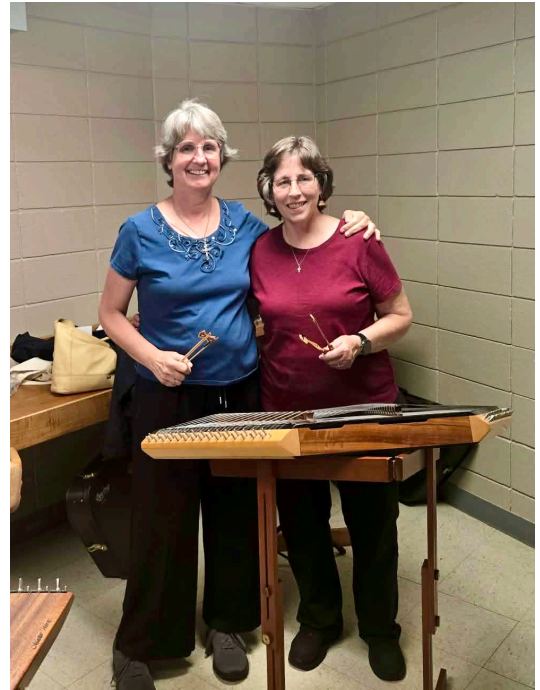
Submitted by Diane Crouch, Secretary

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*PDC Club Members in Mountain View AR at the Dulcimer Jamboree Workshops.
Photos by Sheryl Godsy and Pam Haskell.*





Hammered DULCIMER

— 2026 WORKSHOP —

July 9–11



with
Linda Thomas



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October 10, 2026

9:00am - 4:30pm

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