

29th Annual NGFDA Fall Festival

Registration Begins on September 1st.

By Festival Director, Pam Deemer

Please join the North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association November 16-19, 2017 for a 3-1/2-day festival of learning, playing, performing, kinship and listening entertainment focused on the mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, and autoharp and a couple of other instruments. It's all happening in an energetic and supportive atmosphere at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge in Helen, Georgia.

MEMBERSHIP

The Fall Festival is an NGFDA function and therefore offered first to the membership. Please help interested folks understand that NGFDA membership is necessary in order to receive the monthly Foothills Footnotes newsletter, for advance information of events and the earliest notification of the Unicoi lodging reservation information,

The \$20 single membership and \$30 family membership is well worth the assurance that members receive timely information about the Fall Festival and other fun and important NGFDA events. NGFDA is requesting that all members pay the 2018 membership dues with the fall festival registration process. This process will eliminate any unnecessary reminders having to be sent to members at a later date.

People joining the club NOW or through the festival registration process will have an active membership through December 31, 2018.

In January 2018 all remaining outstanding membership dues are due no matter what month you may have joined and paid your dues in prior years. This is to eliminate the lengthy manual process of sending reminders to members on a monthly basis of when they joined the club.

Unpaid 2018 members will receive a notice of membership dues in February 2018 and will be given 30 days to pay. If the member has not paid within this timeframe, the member will be notified and given 15 additional days to respond or be purged from the membership files.

If members have been purged they will need to join again using the process outlined on the website in order to be reinstated in the club. People interested in joining NGFDA can print the membership application form from the clubs website at www.ngfda.org or complete the membership form on the back of the newsletter and mail it in with your dues check. Alternatively you will be able to signup online at www.ngfda.org under "Join Now" tab. It will be effective immediately or you can complete the form and submit the membership form along with a check to our treasurer.

REGISTRATION All of the information for the Fall Festival will be posted onto the NGFDA website (www.ngfda.org) (workshops, leaders, schedules) by September 1st and no sooner. Registration will begin on Friday, September 1st (Members will be able to print this information if they wish in a PDF format. Once you have selected workshops, merchandise, etc., you will be able to go into www.ngfda.org or www.ngfda.com and **enter your log-in name and password under the "Members Login" tab.**

Once logged in you will be directed to a members' page as follows to begin the registration process: You will then click on your Fall Festival Registration Button to enter your "Online Store" to select your registration type, merchandise, 2018 Membership Dues, and workshops. Once you have made your selections you will then go into the "Shopping Cart" and "Check-Out" as you would in any online purchase. That is where you will enter all of your data/ personal information.

You will want to make sure that you have made your selections correctly, once the purchase is made you will not be able to revise. You would have to request a refund and then start over with the process of registering.

You can also print a form and pay by check if you wish, however your space at the festival is not secured until a check is received and posted. At that point you will be notified by email that you are confirmed. Changes cannot be made once it is entered into our system. **Non-members may register this year, starting October 1.** All registration fees must be received by NGFDA by October 15.

If total fees are not received by October 15, your registration will be cancelled and the slot will be opened up to anyone else who might be on a waitlist to come to the Fall Festival. The festival cancellation policy as follows:

- Full registration fees will be refunded if cancellation is received by Nov. 1
- One-half of fees refunded if cancellation is received by Nov. 7
- No refund if cancellation is received after Nov. 7
- Membership Dues are not refundable so they will not be refunded if you cancel your festival registration.

COST FOR REGISTRATION

Member registration by October 15	\$105
1-Day only registration by October 15	\$55
Children's Registration (Ages 8-12)	\$50
Non-members registration by October 15.....	\$140

For those that do not have a computer or internet access, please contact Pam Deemer at (404)-550-0699 for her to send all festival information and materials to you via US Mail. Spaces fill up fast and remember, just because you have a hotel room reserved it does not guarantee a space at the festival. Hope to see all of you in November!!