

Margaret Wright - Mountain Dulcimer & Sacred Harp

"Planning to Sound Great, Avoiding Bad Habits" - Beginning Mountain Dulcimer
Smooth out your playing by anchoring, find your main direction and stick with it, and use of the "plain and fancy" strum. Tunes: Old Molly Hare, Johnson Boys. (Tunes may change.)

"Gaining Confidence and Enjoyment on Your Dulcimer" - Beginning/Novice Mountain Dulcimer
Learning patterns in the songs that translate to finger patterns and develop muscle memory will reduce your fear. Also learning new patterns in a new key as well. Tunes: Sail Away Ladies and Green Corn. (Tunes may change.)

"Chords, Capos and Keys" - Intermediate Mountain Dulcimer
How to use three chords in three different keys, simply by latching onto Chord shapes and Muscle memory. Tunes will be simple but will be translated into new keys. Tunes: Old Joe Clark, Black Mountain Rag, Sail Away Ladies. (Tunes may change.)

"Fancy Fingerwork, Fun Tunes" - Intermediate/Advanced Mountain Dulcimer
The name speaks for itself...learning how repetitive patterns in a song can be so much fun to play. Get these patterns into muscle memory and you're all set. Tunes: Sal's Got Mud Between Her Toes, Stump Tailed Dog,

"Great Patterns in Great Tunes" - Intermediate/Advanced Mountain Dulcimer
Tunes that begin on the fourth fret and move above into the higher end of your fretboard are fun and exciting. Develop a familiarity with the higher range of your dulcimer. Tunes: Little Dutch Girl, Texas (Tunes may change)

"The Sacred Harp" - Bring your voice
There will be 1 Sacred Harp Class on Saturday. No experience required. Participants will be taught how to read and sing songs from the "a cappella" Sacred Harp "fa-sol-la" folk hymn tradition. These songs were the styles of singing in early New England, later in the deep south and later on the western frontier as American settlers moved westward. Singers will be taught how to sing the shapes of some of these shape note folk hymns.

Thursday Workshop

"Top 10 Jam Tunes" MD in Barn of Museum

Increase your skill, increase your familiarity with your instrument, increase your finger dexterity, increase your memory, increase your musical ear, all while increasing your repertoire! Come enjoy this total "hands on " dulcimer experience and come away with the tools to help you continue to improve your playing.