

*Keeping Tabs On*  
  
*North Harris County Dulcimer Society*

**November 2011**

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**Schedule for Saturday, November 19, 2011**

- 2 p.m.** – Hammer Dulcimer - Beginner – Peggy Johnson  
 Autoharp-Beginner – Gene Hatten  
 Autoharp – Intermediate – Craig Harrel  
**3 p.m.** – Mountain Dulcimer – Beginner – TBD  
 Mountain Dulcimer – Intermediate – Jam  
**4:30 p.m.** – Business Meeting  
**5 p.m.** – Jamming Time  
**7 p.m.** – Meeting Closes

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***From the President:***

I'd like to thank everyone who took part in the campout last month and helped make it a success! A cool front came through the day before, sweeping away the mosquitoes and muggy air, and bringing gorgeous weather for jamming outdoors. As always, there was plenty of food followed by our own talented performers and, of course, more jamming. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travel over the holiday.

Happy Strummin'

---Mike



### ***From the Music Director:***

I hope you all had a good time at the jams and lessons last month. I was doing my share of jamming at the Austin Old Time Music Festival.

There are some changes in the teacher line up for November.

There will be no Intermediate Hammer Dulcimer class. The last several times the class has not been well attended and the suggestion was made that maybe this should be more of a quarterly class. We will have a beginner class, and I know there is a beginner in our group, so the teacher hopes to see her.

Autoharps hopefully will have both teachers.

Mary Nelis wants to work on a song for a play she is leading, and someone else will take beginners if we have students. We will have our dulcimer jam at 3 p.m. and then the Old Time jam after the business meeting. I hope to see you in both jams. If you are an experienced player, the group can use your support. If you are learning an instrument, this is the place to practice it.

---*Marianne*

### ***From the Play Director:***

Have you been practicing Christmas music? From the look of the stores, it's already the season. There are several opportunities for us to play those good yuletide numbers. As quite a few of us are going to be playing in various plays in December, we should try to go over the music during our November meeting.

To participate in any of the following plays, you can sign up at the meetings or contact me via email at [bdamewoodpub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdamewoodpub@sbcglobal.net) or cell phone 832-541-1357.

---*William*

### ***Upcoming Plays***

**Adult Christmas Party - Sun, Dec 4, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship Bible Church of Katy, 1507 Katy Flewellen Rd, Katy**

Here is your first chance to show off your hard work on those Christmas tunes. This is the church where our new member, Beth Griffin, is wife of the pastor. That will get the season off to a good start! I think we will start playing around 5:30 and play for around an hour. Dress is not pioneer. Suggested dress would be dark on bottom and festive top. William Damewood is leading.

**Cy-Top Christmas Ornament Making Party - Thurs, Dec 8, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

**Cypress Top Historical Park, off Fry Rd and the old Hempstead Hwy**

We'll play our Christmas set while the kids make Christmas ornaments. Remember that "party" means lots of goodies will be there. They always invite us to partake (and we do). Dress is pioneer as before. Mary Nelis is leading and indicated we will play the same tunes we played last year.

**Lights in the Heights - Sat, Dec 10, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

**The Woodland Heights in Houston**

We haven't played this event since around 2007, but have been invited back. Can you handle another Christmas play? This one is different in that the area bounded by Studewood, White Oak, Pecore/11th and IH 45 is restricted to foot traffic only. Groups are assigned to a specific porch to perform as festival goers stroll by. It's always a festive atmosphere. We can use some more players for this one.

**Delta Kappa Gamma - Mon, Jan 9, 4:30 p.m.**

**Clear View High School, 400 S Walnut St, Webster**

Had enough Christmas music? Here's just a regular play again. This is for a teachers' group there in Webster. They provide support to current teachers and scholarships to upcoming teachers. Casual dress for this. We only have two players signed up so far. We need some more.

**San Jacinto Day - Sat, April 21, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

**San Jacinto Battleground near La Porte**

We have played this festival for several years now. Lately we have been joined by the BAD&SS group. It's on our meeting day, but there is time early in the day to go and play some. That's what I am planning to do. It's a ways off, but mark your calendar and see if you can play at this one. It's lots of fun! Pioneer dress for this festival.

A green rectangular box with a thin black border containing the text "Save the Date!!" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

**Advent's Gathering - Fri, July 20, 11:15 a.m. – noon**

**Advent Lutheran Church, 5820 Pinemont Dr.**

If only other organizations could plan this far in advance! This is the same church where we meet – we need to have a good showing here. The Gathering is a program for those with early dementia or Alzheimer's. We played for them this year and had quite the appreciative audience. Again, they will provide lunch. Casual dress will be fine. Mark your calendars now, or if you don't have your 2012 calendars yet, just use a post-it note.

***From the Treasurer:***

October 2011

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,972.23
Income:	
CD Sales	35.00
Honorarium (Fall Festival Play)	<u>125.00</u>
	\$ 4,230.53
Expenses:	
Door prizes	<u>- 10.39</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 4,121.84
	<i>---Peggy</i>

***From the Secretary:***

Mike opened the September meeting with 20 members present and 2 guests. In Marianne's absence, Mike thanked the teachers. Peggy announced that the club received an honorarium from Fellowship Bible Church. Door prizes were awarded.

Old Business: Fall Campout – Campers can arrive after 2 p.m. on Friday. Pumpkin carving will be judged on Saturday night. The burn ban is still in effect.

New Business: Christmas Party – This year's party will be at Advent.

*---Michel*

Please send me articles and information that you think other club members would like to know. Email: [my.zither@att.net](mailto:my.zither@att.net). Please mail by the second Saturday of the month or you may call me at 713-466-5063.

***Playback***

What could be more suitable to finish out a Halloween campout weekend than to go play in a grave yard! On that Sunday, October 30, we went to play at Founders Memorial Cemetery as part of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Houston. It was lead by William Damewood, joined by Sara and Mike Windmeyer, Joyce and Jim Doyle, Marianne Drabek, Peggy Johnson, and Charles Valka. Thank you all for joining me in the cemetery. After a chilly couple of days, the weather turned out to be delightful as we sat under majestic old live oaks and picked and grinned. As we played along, the granddaughter of one of the docents took an interest in playing the spoons. She probably played around an hour. Had good rhythm too! It's fun when you get that kind of audience participation. We played for a couple of hours to varying numbers of people and left the cemetery with that feeling of contentment when a play goes especially well.



*--- William*

Too early for turkey? Nope, we dined on thanksgiving fare when we went to play for the AARP Chapter 3264 on November 3. Players were Sara and Mike Windmeyer, Joyce and Jim Doyle, Elizabeth Jeter, and Carolyn Mounce – led by William Damewood. We only played 30 minutes due to it being election time for the AARP. Guess we must have sounded pretty good. We got a standing ovation and an encore. Afterwards, two people came up to get information for scheduling our plays. The audience was a good one. They clapped along on various tunes and sang along on some they knew. We all had a good time. Special thanks to the players for negotiating heavy evening Houston traffic and still being in a good enough mood to put on a fine performance.

*---William*

**Tab for the Season**

The tab for this month is a medley of two tunes, both called **Gesu Bambino**. The first one was written by Pietre Yon. This one is often heard as part of Christmas music. Doyle Horton agreed to make an arrangement of the tune for *Strings & Things*, but what he found was an entirely different traditional Italian tune by the same name. For the Christmas season, Doyle has combined the two tunes into a medley.

# Gesu Bambino

Mountain  
Dulcimer

		D	A7	D	A7
D		1 1 1		1 1	
A					
D	4	4 - 3 2 3 2 1		2 1 0 1 3	

3	D	Em7	D	A	D	A7	D	A7
D			4 4		1 1 1		1 1	
A		3 3 3						
D	2 - 2 1 2 3		4 4 - 4		4 - 3 2 3 2 1		2 1 0 1 - 3	

7	D	A7	D	D7	G	D	
D		1 1 1		6 -			
A					6 6 6 6 6 6		
D	2 1 2 3 2 1		0 - - 5		5 - 6 + 7 7 6 + 5	4 - 2 4 - 5	

11	G	D	A7	D	A7
D			3 3		1 1 1
A	6 6 6 6 6 6				
D	5 - 6 + 7 7 6 + 5		4 - - 4 - 4		4 - 3 2 3 2 1

14	D	A7	D	A7	D	D
D		1 1		1 1 1	2 -	2 -
A						
D	2 1 0 1 - 3		2 1 2 3 2 1	0 - - 4		0 - - 4

# Hit or Misc.

**Copperfield Area Jam: Tuesdays - Copperfield Church, Room C-2, 8350 Hwy 6 North** (just south of West Rd., behind U-Haul) The group meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Jenny Gonzales, [gonzalezmj73@att.net](mailto:gonzalezmj73@att.net), or Doris Coleman, [doris@texascoleman.com](mailto:doris@texascoleman.com).

**Bread and Jam** meets the 2nd Sunday evening 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Timothy's United Methodist Church, 8787 North Houston Rosslyn road in the fellowship hall. The Bread part - bring canned or staple food items for the food pantry. The Jam part - plays and sings gospel music. All instruments welcome. Beginners welcome. Singers/listeners also welcome. Contact Peggy Johnson at 713-466-8277 or [peggy5020@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peggy5020@sbcglobal.net) for information.

## Multimedia

**NHCDS WEBSITE** – Be sure to check the club website regularly for new information and other interesting pictures/articles. To submit pictures and/or information for the web site, email to: Carolyn Mounce at [Carolyn@noracom.com](mailto:Carolyn@noracom.com)

**Club Website:** [North Harris County Dulcimer Society – Houston, Texas](http://NorthHarrisCountyDulcimerSociety-Houston.Texas) To get into the “Members Only” area of the website the user name is ‘oldtimey’ and the password is ‘cabbage’.

**Internet radio show:** The North Harris County Dulcimer Society sponsors an Internet radio show that is all dulcimer all the time. I'm not sure that a lot of y'all knew that. It is a very nice station that can be brought up, minimized, and enjoyed. The web address for that is. [www.live365.com/stations/dulcimerradio](http://www.live365.com/stations/dulcimerradio)

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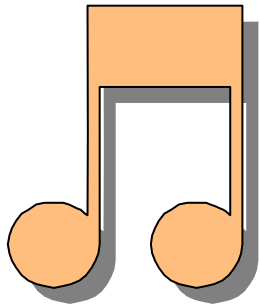
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- Recording studio

**Contact Bo Allison – ph. 281-782-7715, email [www.boallison@sbcglobal.net](mailto:www.boallison@sbcglobal.net)**

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## NORTH HARRIS COUNTY DULCIMER SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE -

NHCDS meets the third Saturday each month

### Advent Lutheran Church, 5820 Pinemont

- 2:00 – Classes
- 3:00 – Classes
- 4:00 – Business Meeting
- 4:45 – 5:00 Break
- 5:00 – 7:00 JAMMING TIME!

**ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP-** Dues are \$20.00 for a family membership, \$15.00 for single membership, and \$12.50 for an associate membership for someone who doesn't attend meetings or vote but does receive the newsletter. Also, donations are gladly accepted.

#### Building Protocols:

Enter by the doors for the office. That will be the doors to your right as you face the building.

#### Things to remember:

1. The doors lock automatically when they are closed, so someone inside has to open the door for you. Don't walk back out to your car if no one is there.
2. Don't leave the door propped open, that will compromise our security.

