



New Mexico Dulcimer Association (NMDA)

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March 9, 2024 (Saturday) – Dulcimer Workshops and Concert

	Mountain Dulcimer Workshops	Hammered Dulcimer Workshops
10:00am-11:15am	<p>Let’s Learn Some Fun Old-Time Tunes! (Advanced beginning and up)</p> <p>Annette has been playing old-time tunes since 1978 and has a drawer-cabinet full of them! We will have a blast learning some of her favorite tunes. While we’re learning the tunes, let’s work on several things to make the songs come alive! We will work on strumming and rhythm and other techniques that make a song go from humdrum to stage worthy.</p>	<p>Cheap Tricks and Licks (All skill levels will be able to benefit)</p> <p>Over the years David has learned quite a few little tricks that help fill in holes in songs and makes tunes more musical. David will teach a song or two and incorporate these into the songs to show you what you can do to liven up your repertoire.</p>
11:30am-12:45pm	<p>In the Mood for Modes (Advanced beginning and up)</p> <p>Did you know that by changing 1 string to a different note you can up not only your repertoire, but your playing skill level increases as well as your performing and enjoyment of playing jump sky high! We will start in DAD key of D and will work on learning a song in Aeolian and Dorian. Bring a capo if you have one.</p>	<p>“How Gracious Are Thy Mercies Lord” (All skill levels will be able to benefit)</p> <p>Learn the beautiful hymn “How Gracious Are Thy Mercies Lord”. The English version of “Star of the County Down” which is in 3/4 time was changed by churches to 4/4 time and some beautiful poetry was added. David will teach this song and then show you how to add some embellishments to fill it out. This is not a hard song and will be a beautiful addition to your repertoire.</p>
12:45pm	Lunch – Bring your own sack lunch; drinks and dessert provided	
1:30pm-2:45pm	<p>Let’s Play Together! (All skill levels welcome)</p> <p>Do you enjoy playing with one or more other mountain dulcimer players? Let Annette teach you a couple of songs and add beautiful harmonies and chords to them so that you will end up with a very pleasing-to-the-ear sound!</p>	<p>What David Does with Left-Hand Lead (All skill levels will benefit from this workshop.)</p> <p>Why is left-hand lead even important? Let David show you why he uses left-hand lead in some of his embellishments. Not that he uses it all the time, but by knowing how to use your left hand to lead out on some embellishments, David has found it makes this work better and you’re able to add more bounce & rhythm to the tune. David will be teaching a song or two along with this workshop and show you how to add a left-hand lead into the song.</p>
3:00pm	Informal 1-hour public concert	