

Sue's Workshops
Nonsuch Annual Weekend
Malvern, England

Fingerpicking for Beginners

Level—Beginner and Beyond (experience with basic D, G, and A chords recommended but not required)

Tuning—DAD

Discover a little bit of dulcimer heaven. Learn right hand technique and basic fingerpicking patterns through a step-by-step approach using simple exercises to get you started and some easy tunes to make your dulcimer sound oh-so-sweet.

Fingerpicking Patterns: Exercises for “Pickin’ Parlor”

Pickin’ Parlor

Drink to Me Only

Capo Capers

Level—Intermediate

Tuning—DAD

Want to change key without retuning? Use a capo. We’ll examine how a capo placed at the 1st, 3rd, and 4th frets changes both the key and the scale/mode of what you play. Four tunes will serve as illustration and explanation of Ionian, Mixolydian, Aeolian, and Dorian modes. Don’t worry, it won’t be all Greek or geek!

Ionian: Rose of Allandale (DAD-capo 3, key of G)

Mixolydian: June Apple (DAD-capo 4, key of A)

Aeolian: Rights of Man (DAD-capo 1, key of E)

Dorian: Swallow Tail Jig (DAD-capo1, key of E)

Duets Yule Love

Level: Intermediate

Tuning: DAD and DGD

Trade off melody and harmony parts, as you get ready for the holiday season by learning some lovely Yuletide carols. Explore ways to find harmonies and counter-melodies. Bring a capo.

Away in a Manger duet DGD

We Three Kings DAD (half of what’s in the book)

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem DAD