

Sue Carpenter's Workshops
Central Florida Dulcimer & Autoharp Festival 2016

Tuning for all workshops: DAD

Advanced Beginner/Novice

Fingerpicking Sweet and Simple

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.

Friend Your Fretboard

The dulcimer fretboard is designed to make playing scales and melodies as easy as do-re-mi. Learn why the frets are spaced the way they are and how to play a simple tune in 3 different octaves, using both a linear and an across-the-strings approach. Fretboard charts will illustrate how to find the D scale on all strings.

Intermediate/Advanced

Fingerpicking Skills

We'll start with some exercises to develop your fingerpicking techniques and enhance your musical dynamics. Then we'll apply those techniques in one or two tunes arranged for harp style with melody notes played across the strings and embedded in chord arpeggios.

Heavenly Harmonics

Harmonics are bell-like chimes played by lightly touching a string at the same time that you pick the string. Learn where natural harmonics are located on your dulcimer and discover ways to use them in your music. Discover the zen-like magic of playing "Westminster Chimes" and "Amazing Grace" using all harmonics.

Advanced

Fingerpicking: Alternating Bass and Syncopation

Put some bounce into your fingerpicking by using an alternating bass picking pattern and then really spice it up by picking the melody off-beat (syncopated). You'll learn a couple of tunes using both the on-beat and off-beat patterns. This workshop will be challenging, but will also be fun and maybe even a bit addictive.

Modes and Modulation

Working with "The Foggy Dew," learn how to play in the key of Bm and then modulate to the key of Em without a capo. Music is arranged for fingerpicking or flatpicking.