



# 51<sup>st</sup> Southern Appalachian Dulcimer Festival Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park

**April 28 — May 5, 2024**

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THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN DULCIMER was developed in the southeast mountains of America and was the country's first native instrument outside of those made by the Native Americans. Until recent years, the Appalachian dulcimer was found and played only in remote mountain areas. Hand made of native woods, this long, thin primitive instrument normally has one melody string and two drone strings. The word "dulcimer" (or dulcymore) means "sweet sound" and the Appalachian dulcimer is known for its distinctive, sweet, haunting sound, ideal for accompanying traditional ballads and other folk tunes.

## Schedule of Activities      April 28 – May 5, 2024

### Members please remember to bring your folding chairs to all events!

**April 28– May 2** Informal jams at sites and at SADA host site and later in the week, schoolhouse jams at night.

**May 2, Thursday 1 pm :** Joe Collins Cruel War—Ballads of the Civil War , **3pm** Old Time Gospel Tunes ; \$15 each  
1 1/2 hour class (see additional flyer)

**May 2, Thursday 5:00 PM Shrimp boil** at the Kiwanis Pavilion. SADA will provide everything for shrimp boil.  
May bring a dessert or side . Donations appreciated. After dinner, Gospel jam at Event Center, General Jam at schoolhouse

**May 3, Friday 9:15—4:00** Playing and singing by members and guests at the Gazebo next to the Country Store.  
Vendors may open for sales all day. Note, in case of rain, will be moved to Kiwanis Pavilion or Event Center

**May 3, Friday 11:00—1:00** Food Truck: Ellie B's

**May 3, Friday 5:00—6:00 PM** Pot Luck dinner at the Event Center. Jamming afterward

**May 4, Saturday 9AM-4 PM** Hospitality tent open – Information and signup for Open stage. Vendors may open for sales near Gazebo or Kiwanis Pavilion.

**May 4, Saturday 9AM-Noon** Lessons and Gazebo performances, See Gazebo and lesson schedule

**May 4, Saturday 11:00—1:00** Food Truck: Ellie B's

**May 4, Saturday 1 PM** Open Stage at the Kiwanis Pavilion (Event Center in case of rain). We will have the drawing for the Dulcimer at the end of the Open Stage

**May 5, Sunday 9 AM** Music service held in School house

More information on the SADA website: <http://sdulcimer.wordpress.com> or contact Dawn Wilson at [halfpintwil@gmail.com](mailto:halfpintwil@gmail.com)

Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park is located in McCalla, AL; for more information visit their website <https://www.tannehillstatepark.org>

or e-mail requests to [contact.tannehill@gmail.com](mailto:contact.tannehill@gmail.com)

### Dulcimer and music Vendors are welcome on Friday and Saturday!

*Please note that no amps are allowed other than those provided by SADA at the jams and performances.*

# Gazebo Schedule and lessons May 3– May 4, 2024

## Friday Gazebo Performances May 3, 2024

9:20—9:45	SADA
9:50—10:10	Lonnie Brown
10:15 - 10:35	Central Alabama Strummers
10:40 - 11:00	Athens Dulcimer Jam Group
11:05 - 11:25	Joyful Jammers
11:30 - 11:50	Southern Strings
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch <b>Food truck</b>
1:00 - 1:20	Montgomery Dulcimer Club
1:25 - 1:45	Leaf River Folk Band
1:50 - 2:10	Shirley Collier
2:15 - 2:35	Shelby Strummers
2:40 - 3:00	Joe Collins
3:05 - 3:25	Rob Angus
3:30 - 3:50	Jan Hammond



## Saturday Gazebo Performances May 4, 2024

9:30 - 9:55	Bob N Nita
10:00 - 10 :25	Gayle Harless
10:30 - 11:00	Blount County Dulcimers
11:05 - 11:30	Comedy Chix
11:35 - 12:00	

## Lessons and Slow Jam on Saturday May 4, 2024

<b>9:00 am – 10:25</b>	Beg. Hammer—Level Up (bring your playing to the next level)— Don Hill : Schoolhouse
<b>9:00 am – 10:25</b>	Beg. Psaltery— Bill Yike : Schoolhouse
<b>9:00 am—10:25</b>	Dulcimer:Repertoire: <i>Something for everyone and a part for all</i> - Jan Hammond : Event Center
<b>10:35 am – 12:00</b>	HD for open stage—Don Hill: Schoolhouse
<b>10:35 am – 12:00</b>	Intermediate Psaltery— Bill Yike : Schoolhouse
<b>10:35 am – 12:00</b>	Dulcimer: Finger-Pickin' Good basics — Joe Collins : Event Center

**11:00—1:00 Saturday: Food truck in park**

**1:00 p.m—Open Stage at Kiwanis Pavilion (signup begins at 9am)**

***End of open stage we will have drawing for the Dulcimer***



## JOE COLLINS

Joe Collins has been a folk musician and mountain dulcimer player since the late 70s. He is a songwriter, vocalist, and an occasional guitarist whose performances are something like a fusion of Burl Ives and Gordon Lightfoot with a mountain dulcimer twist. As the 2007 National Mountain Dulcimer Champion, he is able to combine mountain dulcimer wizardry with good, solid vocals. His performances are sprinkled with a lot of humor - sure to bring a smile to audiences of all ages.

Joe has produced seven CDs and published fifteen books of dulcimer music. He has served as a clinician/performer in festivals and music camps across the country from Florida to Vermont, from Pennsylvania to California, and a lot of places in between.

Thursday afternoon workshops (\$15 per person for each workshop paid to Joe directly)

You can choose to get workshop materials for either DAA or DAd tunings in both workshops

**Cruel War** – (Nov & above) A repertoire workshop featuring ballads and songs inspired by America’s Worst War, the Civil War, including “The Cruel War,” “Shiloh Hill,” and others. (1.5 hrs)

**Old-time Gospel Tunes** – (Nov & above) Well-known hymns for the mountain dulcimer. This particular volume focuses on upbeat gospel tunes like “Are You Washed in the Blood?,” “The Sweet By and By,” “The Gospel Plow,” and another or two. Great tunes to play in church with the traditional sound of the dulcimer. (1.5 hrs)

Free Saturday Workshop

**Finger-Pickin’ Good** (Novice and up) – a workshop covering the basics of finger-picking on the mountain dulcimer. Materials available for both DAD and DAA players. (1.5 hrs)