



# Joe Collins

## Mtn Dulcimer Workshops

St Andrew by the Sea Community Church  
17263 Fort Morgan RD  
Gulf Shores, AL 36542

**Tuesday, February 4**

Sponsored by Off the Wall Dulcimer Club

### Schedule

**9:30 – 10:45 am – Wrkshp 1 – Basics I Wish I Knew When I Started** (Beginner & up)

*Avoid lot of bad habits that are hard to “unlearn” later! This workshop is about basic principles and techniques on the mountain dulcimer that will get folks started right, informing their playing for years to come! While geared towards new players, the workshop offers a nice review for more experienced players just in case they missed some of the basics. Included will be some focus on good finger placement in chording.*

**11:00 am – 12:15 pm – Wrkshp 2 – Playing Well with Others** (All levels)

*This workshop will help participants play mountain dulcimers effectively in an ensemble, whether it be an ensemble of several different instruments or an ensemble of mountain dulcimers. We’ll share knowledge and work on skills that will help players fit in and make unique contributions to a musical group regardless of current skill level.*

**12:15 – 1:15 Lunch**

**1:15 – 2:30 – Wrkshp 3 – Multi-Part Hymn Arrangements – Vol 3b** (All levels)

*This workshop uses one of the simplest, most well-known hymns in Christendom (Jesus Loves Me), expands it into 4 parts, and combines it with another hymn to create a beautiful medley. No matter what your skill level, you will contribute to a beautiful and meaningful arrangement with fellow players.*

**2:45 – 4:00 – Wrkshp 4 – Combining Your Picking & Strumming** (Intermediate)

*This workshop will focus on picking out the melody in between and in combination with the strums that give body to arrangements. We’ll use exercises to develop effective strum/flatpicking technique and two tunes to incorporate the technique, an original waltz and a challenging O’Carolan piece entitled “Lord Inchiquin.”*

**4:10 – 4:40 Short Concert by Joe**

**Cost for Workshops:** \$15 for one; \$25 for two; \$30 for three or four! The fourth one is FREE!

Payment @ the door with cash or check made out to Joe Collins

**Please register by contacting Michelle Fife**

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