



# Southeast Texas Dulcimer Friends



Meeting the second Saturday of each month  
Rosedale Baptist Church, 7110 Concord Road, Beaumont, Texas  
1:30 – until

December 2009

## From The Prez:

I hope you were able to spend the holidays with family and friends you love. Music is a very important part of the holidays for me. My family and I count it a great blessing to enjoy the music and friends in our club.

Don't miss our next meeting. We need everybody to turn out, pay your dues, and vote.

Thank you for your support of me this year as president. I certainly could not do it without you all.

Let's jam!

*Steve Clark*

## Darrell's Dulci-News:

This has been an interesting month! There were so many plays and lots of players to play with. We played for a historical society, church groups, museums, nursing homes and private functions and had a good time doing them. We played for a nursing home, that I didn't know existed in Beaumont, Lucas House. They wanted us to come back before Christmas, but the activity director was sick the day I called to line up a play time. It has been a very busy year with all the programs that we had fun performing.

*Darrell Hall*



## Hazel's Notes:

Happy New Year!!

Do you sometimes try to learn a song in one day and then, the next day when you try to recall the tune you learned, you can't remember how it goes? The easiest way to learn a tune is to learn it in parts. Learn the first 2 or 4 measures. Practice until you know them well. Then learn the next few measures. Practice them until you know them well. Next, play them all together until you feel comfortable that you

know that part of the tune. Follow this pattern until you have learned the entire tune and are comfortable playing it.

Don't rush to learn the tune! Trying to learn the whole song at one time is hard because by the time you get to the end of the song, you probably will have forgotten how to play the first part! At this point you might become frustrated because you felt you really knew the song. Then, you will have to start all over again to relearn the first part again. Learning to play a few measures at a time might take longer, but in the long run it is faster to learn a song this way.

REMEMBER, don't rush! Learn a few measures at a time until you know them really well without looking at the music.

Happy strumming!

*Hazel Hell*



*Happy Birthday*

**Norma Hawkins 04**

**Linda Van Horn 08**

**Vi Richard 08**

## **Upcoming Plays:**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> John J French Museum**

**11am – 11:30am**

**April 31<sup>st</sup> John J French Museum**

**11am – 11:30am**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

Club Playbook, a collection of tunes\*  
Club T-Shirts\* See Suellen Weaver  
for details.



## **Southeast Texas Dulcimer Friends**

12/12/09 Meeting

The meeting was opened by Steve Clark. Steve called for additions/corrections to the minutes from November. There were none. The minutes were approved as presented. Will McLean presented the financial report. It was approved as read. Darrell Hall reported that there were no plays scheduled. Hazel Hall had nothing to report on music other than she thought the club sounded very good on recent plays. Keith Faske had nothing to report on the web page. Sue Ellen Weaver reported that the nominating committee had not contacted the nominees but that the list would be ready for the January meeting. Under old business, Houston mentioned that the business cards had been printed and were available for members. Steve read a thank you card from the Beaumont Historical society for the John J. French play. Darrell suggested that the love offering for Rosedale Baptist Church be increased to \$350 this year. The motion was approved. Sue Ellen reminded everyone that January is dues payment time and that dues need to be current for eligibility to vote. There will be no snack and jam in December, but will resume in January. The New Year's Conference in Madisonville was discussed. It replaces the conference that was held in Huntsville and info was made available at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

**Will McLean**

**Secretary/Treasurer**