Welcome to the Mountain Dulcimer

Take part in the Appalachian musical heritage and get ready for the Holiday Season as you learn to play the beautiful, soothing Appalachian dulcimer. No musical experience is necessary to be able to play and enjoy this unique traditional instrument. In the four two hour sessions, you will learn the basic melody and strumming techniques using the ear or a simple tablature system. As you learn some simple folk songs, hymns, lovely mountain tunes and a Christmas tune or two, you will also gain the skills to continue learning and playing independently. Loaner instruments will be available as well as new dulcimers for purchase.

Instructor Anne Lough is a nationally known traditional musician with over thirty-five years’ experience in performance and teaching. A native of Springfield, Virginia, Anne has been around music all her life and began playing and singing folk music as a young teen. She has continued to share her love of music through the years while raising four daughters and completing a Music Education Degree from Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky, and a Master of Music Education Degree from Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC. She now devotes all her time to festivals, workshops, performances and school residencies. In addition to being a frequent instructor in mountain and hammered dulcimer at the prestigious John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC., Anne has taught at the Swannanoa Gathering, Western Carolina Dulcimer Week, Augusta Heritage Dulcimer Week and at numerous other festivals and workshops throughout the country. Equally at home on guitar, autoharp, mountain and hammered dulcimer, Anne's mastery is impressive. Her artistic interpretation, sensitive playing style, versatility and skill as an instructor have earned her national acclaim. Anne is well known as an instructor and performer of traditional singing, storytelling, folklore, folk dance and the shaped-note tradition, but her repertoire ranges from classical music to old standards, show tunes and sacred music. Her programs have delighted and inspired all ages from day-care and pre-school children to Elderhostelers. Active in schools as a Visiting Artist, Anne is also on the Touring Artist Roster for the North Carolina Arts Council. Anne's music can be heard on a number of recordings, Smoky Mountain educational videos, public radio and a recent PBS Christmas Special. She has also published several collections of arrangements for the mountain and hammered dulcimer.

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Address: ___________________________________________________________
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Do you need a loaner dulcimer for the class? ________________________
Registration: $89  Method [ ] Check payable to WCU  [ ] Credit Card
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Pre-registration is required. Cancellation refunds, minus $10, are available only until 3 business days prior to the class and must be received in writing. Subject to minimum enrollments. Additional registration forms are available at http://learn.wcu.edu. For questions, please contact Continuing Education at 828-227-7397 or email: Hensley@wcu.edu

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