

15th Annual Sandbridge Hammered Dulcimer Week

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Spring Week: April 7-13, 2019 (Intermediate/advanced)

September 22-28, 2019 (Intermediate week)

September 29- October 5, 2019 (Intermediate/advanced week)

October 6-12 2019 (Advanced week)

For the last thirteen years, I have conducted a private weeklong workshop for advanced players in Sandbridge, VA, added a second week for intermediate/advanced players in 2009 and, with growing demand, a third week in 2011. And in 2016, I added a spring week - 20 hammered dulcimer players attended. In 2018, 82 players plus 25 spouses/guests attended from 25 states. Last year, we moved ocean front to "Ocean Front Villa," a super 12-bedroom house (with a hot tub) overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in the quiet town of Sandbridge, VA. Our second house is the "Great Escape" and is located next door to Ocean Front Villa. Our third house is "Beachy Keen" right next to the Great Escape!

These are intensive workshops in a wonderfully relaxed and supportive environment. Workshop topics and daily schedule will be determined through discussions of participants prior to the workshop. Expect a minimum of approximately 5-6 hours of daily group instruction along with informal instruction plus jamming, and an informal "coffeehouse" on Wednesday evening. The jamming is sometimes "structured" and sometimes informal. Likely topics include arranging, accompaniment, technique, application of chord theory, improvisation and much more. I provide written music for all "unarranged" and "arranged" versions for all pieces that I present. Additionally, I break down all that is presented in a summary video (DVD) which is provided for an additional cost, prepared by Laurie McCarriar. For five nights, dinners are prepared by our chef from Asheville, NC. For the fall weeks, it is warm enough to swim in the ocean which is just a stumble outside our front door. Dolphins typically swim by regularly (weather permitting)! Pelicans, snow crabs and other creatures provide further entertainment!

The first week will accommodate mostly an intermediate level while week #2 is geared more toward a mix of strong intermediate and advanced level players while the last week is designed primarily for advanced players. The spring week is a mixed level week. However, there is usually a mix of levels at each week. The level of player tends to be relatively high at this workshop compared to workshops that I have taught around the U.S. We strive to move along as fast as possible, without stressing out the participants. Enrollment is limited to 18-21 participants per

week (but is sometimes less, depending on the week). Spouses/guests are welcome for an additional fee.

Topics: Workshop topics will be determined through discussions of participants with Ken prior to the workshop.

Schedule (this is a rough guide as class times are variable depending on weather and energy level):

Sunday check-in anytime (or arrive Saturday - Sat arrival available for all weeks); Sunday night welcome dinner followed by a brief informational meeting

Monday through Thursday: 9:30-12 class; 12-2 break; 2-4:00 class; 5:30-6:30 cocktail hour!; 6:30-8:00 dinner; 8:00 till ? may include an additional class, review, jam

Wed night - student "sharing" coffeehouse - it is 100% optional whether you would like to perform for the group. This has been much fun and a great time to share a piece or two with the whole group!

Friday: 9:30-12 class; Ken finishes recording in the afternoon;
3-5:30 - "The Beautiful Tunes Jam" - no fast fiddle tunes allowed!

Friday evening dinner with the whole group, usually at Margie and Ray's (seafood house)

Saturday: checkout by 10:00 unless you are staying late (late stay not available for week #3 or the Spring week).

Travel: for those who are flying in, please use Norfolk Airport and I will do my best to arrange airport pickup. Consult with Ken prior to arranging travel.

Instruments provided for those who are flying in (available instruments include Dusty Strings extended range - D670 & D600, MasterWorks ultralight chromatic, Rick Thum Professional, Dusty Strings D45, Rizzetta Compact, Song Bird 17/16). Includes stands and music stands.

Food: Working with our chef, we will make reasonable accommodations to special dietary needs and preferences (e.g. low salt, gluten free, vegetarian). The workshop covers all food costs except the Friday night dinner. We are on our own for breakfast and lunch. Our chef for the various weeks has many years of experience as a chef. Grocery shopping is done by our chef.

Which week? Contact me FIRST to confirm your intent to enroll in the week. Because of the high demand for the workshop, it may not be possible to put everyone in their preferred week but I will do my best to do so. Preference for acceptance into the week is given to those who

have attended the workshop previously. Feel free to email me directly (or call at 410-746-8387) to determine which week makes the most sense for you.

Our houses:

Our houses are the 12 bedroom ocean front house called [The Ocean Front Villa](#) at 3556 Sandfiddler Rd Sandbridge, VA 23456 See

<http://www.sandbridge.com/rental/house.html?ID=224>

And right next door is the 7 bedroom [Great Escape](#) at 3560 Sandfiddler Rd Sandbridge VA 23456 See <http://www.sandbridge.com/rental/house.html?ID=161>

And our third house is the 6 bedroom [Beachy Keen](#) at 3552 Sandfiddler Rd Sandbridge VA 23456 See <http://www.siebert-realty.com/Rentals/13552>

Fees:

Sunday - Check in anytime, dinner at 6:30. For a small additional cost (\$60), you may check in a day early (\$80 for couples). Week #1 and #2 participants may also elect to stay an extra day.

Total cost of \$1125 includes private room lodging (Sun.-Fri. nights), meals (Sun. dinner-Friday lunch) and workshops. Non-playing spouse/partner may share your room for \$400, which includes meals. Discount of \$150 per person for room sharing for participants (\$950). NOTE: This discount is only for 2 or more workshop participants. **Non-refundable** deposit of \$350 is required with registration (+ \$100 for spouse).

Deposit & application for the fall weeks is due **May 1**. Balance (+ \$300 for spouse) must be postmarked by **June 15**. Early-bird discount!! \$50 off the fee for payment by June 1.

Deposit & application for the spring week is due **November 1**. Balance (+\$300 for spouse) must be postmarked by **Jan 15**. Early-bird discount!! \$50 off the fee for payment by Dec 15.

Cancellation Policy: Deposits are non-refundable. Sorry, no exceptions. Balance of workshop fee refundable only if spot can be filled. PLEASE OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE TO PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT.

Ken evaluates all applicants for acceptance into the workshop.
Workshop schedule and meal questionnaire will follow after registration.

PLEASE NOTE:

For all weeks, a Saturday arrival is available. No meals provided. (Be warned: you might be put to work! \$60 (\$80 for couples) fee for early arrival or late stay.)

REGISTRATION FORM

Pay by check or by credit card (\$35 service fee for credit card). Paypal payment is preferred IF you use the "pay a friend" option. Go to my merchandise page. Or fill out the form below and mail with your check

Name: _____
Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail: _____

Emergency contact (please include day, evening and cell phone numbers for these persons):

Name _____
Cell Phone(s): _____
Name _____
Cell Phone(s): _____

Please check your desired week:

_____ Fall Week #1 (intermediate)
_____ Fall Week #2 (intermediate/advanced)
_____ Fall Week #3 (advanced)
_____ Spring Week (intermediate/advanced)

Please check your SECOND choice of weeks in case your preferred week is full:

_____ Week #1 (intermediate)
_____ Week #2 (intermediate/advanced)
_____ Week #3 (advanced)
_____ Spring Week (intermediate/advanced)

Registration fee: \$1125 (\$350 deposit required); \$950 for shared room: \$ _____
Spouse/guest attending \$400 (\$100 deposit required): \$ _____
Early arrival/late stay (\$60; \$80 for couple): \$ _____
Total enclosed: \$ _____

Don't forget the early-bird discount of \$50 - only for private rooms!!! (See above)

Do you prefer a shared room for \$950? Y _____ N _____

Saturday arrival? Y _____ N _____

For fall week#1 & week #2, late stay through Saturday or beyond? Y _____ N _____

Make checks payable to:

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