

2012 Spring Mountain Dulcimer Festival

SPECIAL

GUEST

LIST

Arts centers and universities throughout the United States have presented **Madeline MacNeil** in concert. Across the Atlantic, she has performed at the O'Carolan Festival in Keadue, County Roscommon, Ireland; the Glasgow Festival of the Arts in Scotland; and for the Non such Dulcimer Gathering in East Norton, Leicestershire, England. For several years she was a touring artist under the sponsorship of the Virginia Commission for the Arts. She is a best-selling author of mountain and hammered dulcimer books for Mel Bay Publications and has recorded numerous CDs through the years.



Ralph Lee Smith

Ralph Lee Smith plays traditional Appalachian music on the dulcimer, and is a leading authority on the dulcimer's history. He has made many field trips and owns many old and traditional dulcimers. His books include *Appalachian Dulcimer Traditions* and *Songs and Tunes of the Wilderness Road*. He has performed and/or exhibited old instruments at the White House, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, and colleges, universities and historic sites. He has a repertoire of beautiful songs and tunes field-collected in the old mountain world, which he shares with his audiences and students.

Anne Lough is a nationally known traditional musician with over thirty-five years experience in performance and teaching. A native of Springfield, Virginia, Anne began playing and singing folk music as a young teen. In addition to being a frequent instructor in at the John C. Campbell Folk School, 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. Active in schools as a visiting artist, she is also on the Touring Artist Roster for the North Carolina Arts Council.



Anne Lough

Rob Brereton is considered one of the pioneers in contemporary mountain dulcimer playing. His years of studying classical guitar have polished his playing style while his degree in music theory and composition has given him a fresh approach to arranging. Although he specializes in the standards and early jazz tunes of such musicians as Duke Ellington and George Gershwin, Rob is equally adept at playing more traditional styles and dulcimer repertoire. He has taught at most major dulcimer festivals across the country. In his everyday life, Rob teaches K-6 music in several schools and has many private students. He also directs several choirs near his home in Sherman, Connecticut.



Mountain Dulcimer Festival

May 18th – 20th

Shenandoah University is offering its first spring mountain dulcimer 3-day festival. We have designed a hands-on approach featuring workshops for all levels from beginner to advanced beginners, intermediate and more advanced players. Our special guest instructors are all nationally known performers.

Special! 3-day weekend tuition: \$89 includes Saturday evening concert!
COURSE: CONT 071 CLL1

Do you want to explore the dulcimer, yet you don't have an instrument? We have some loaner dulcimers available. Sign up early and reserve one!

Saturday Concert – OPEN to PUBLIC! 7 p.m. \$10 (per person)

On-campus housing and meals are available.

Please call for more information, 540-665-5442.

Check out what's happening!

Friday, May 18th

Check-in time and registration: May, 18th at 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Workshops from 2:30 to 5:15

Evening Open Stage for our participants who wish to share their music with all of us, followed by a jam session.

Saturday, May 19th

Morning and afternoon workshops

Do you want to:

- Continue your journey as a beginner?
- Learn wonderful new tunes and songs?
- Learn more about the dulcimer's stories and songs during its journey through the Shenandoah Valley and the Appalachian Mountains?
- Learn and develop skills such as fingerpicking, alternate tunings and left-hand development techniques?
- Play duets and trios while learning to back-up singers and other players?

We'll have many opportunities for you throughout the day—and a concert to enjoy in the evening.

7:00 • Goodson Chapel featuring, Rob Brereton • Anne Lough • Madeline MacNeil • Ralph Lee Smith

Sunday, May 20th

9:00-10:15 • Workshops

10:30-11:15 • Community jam session

11:30 • Lunch