

The Gateway Dulcimer Society
Gateway Dulcimer Music Festival
August 10 (pm), 11, 12, 13 (am) – 2017

Location will be at The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center, 451 De Mazonod Dr., Belleville, IL 62223.
Website is: www.snows.org

Registration can be done by postal mail (pre-registration) or on-site at the time of the festival. On-Site registrations WILL NOT receive the lunches. The pre-registration deadline is July 31, 2017. Registration forms postmarked after July 31, 2017 WILL NOT receive the lunches. NO refunds after July 31, 2017. Registration for the festival workshops is not limited in number, as the Shrine meeting rooms are quite spacious. The Registration table will be open Thursday from 4 – 9 pm., Friday and Saturday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Workshops are held Friday and Saturday, beginning at 9:00 AM on both days. The workshops will break for a one hour lunch. A listing of general workshop topics and times will be posted on our website about 4 weeks before the festival. The website is www.gatewaydulcimer.org All classes are held in the Shrine Conference Center. We will try to offer children's classes and children who would like to take other classes are welcome to do so with a parent. Children under 12 who take classes must register at the special children's rate. This fee includes their lunch.

A **hymn sing** will be held on Sunday morning in the Christ the King Chapel at 9:00 AM for all who are interested. The hymn sing is the final Festival event and lasts about an hour.

Lodging and camping options are as follows: (1) rooms at the Shrine Lodge, which is the Festival site, 618-397-1162 or 1-800-682-2879 (2) several motels within 5 miles - 15 miles. See Eat - Sleep - Shop Map page on web site, (3) camping within 10-15 miles.

Additional information can be obtained from the Tourism Bureau Southwestern Illinois – 1-800-442-1488 or www.thetourismbureau.org

Our website: www.gatewaydulcimer.org has a list of local motels and campgrounds with their phone numbers. Most are within a 10-15 minute drive from the Shrine. The campgrounds are “user friendly” and secure.

Meals – A soup and salad buffet lunch is included in the price of registration for both Participants and Non-Participants IF REGISTRATION IS POSTMARKED by July 31, 2017.

The Shrine has a dining room, which is available for breakfast, lunch, and dinner to the general public and to those festival attendees who are so inclined. This is not a fast-food establishment. You need to make reservations and will pay an 18% gratuity. There are other restaurants in the area for your meals if you choose to leave the Shrine facilities. The Shrine Motel serves a Continental breakfast for reserved guests.

Accompanying persons- For those who will be accompanied by non-playing family members or friends, there are plenty of other things to do in the area. More information about local attractions may be found by calling the Tourism Bureau Southwestern Illinois 1-800-442-1488 or www.thetourismbureau.org.

Concerts – The workshop instructors will perform in evening concerts, which will be held both Friday and Saturday at 7:00 PM. Concert tickets are included with both Participant and Non-Participant registrations. Additional tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10 each. The evening concerts will be held in the Church of Our Lady of the Snows (bring sweater). This is close to the Conference Center & Motel.

Open Stage – In the mini-theater area there will be an informal Open Stage/ Jam area Friday and Saturday during the day unless there are classes there. Participants and Non-Participants are welcome to perform or jam. Sound equipment is not needed.

Vendors - Music-related vendors will have booths at the Conference Center during the day on Friday and Saturday. We will have a “Vendors Shopping Frenzy” from 7-9 pm on Thursday.

Resale Table - This table will offer you the opportunity to sell your musical instruments or music related items. The Gateway Dulcimer Society will receive 5% of your sale price. This is a good way to recycle musical items.

Jamming space – Various levels of jamming will be available all 3 nights and during the day in the Alcove area.

Scholarship - see website for details and forms.

Registration and Festival questions: Call Sharon at 618-651-8271 or e-mail at: gdsmf98@gmail.com
The Festival website is: www.gatewaydulcimer.org