

The Gateway Dulcimer Society
Gateway Dulcimer Music Festival
August 2, August 3, August 4 (am), 2024

Location will be at Four Points by Sheraton/Fountains Conference Center -- 319 Fountains Pkwy. -- Fairview Heights, IL 62208. Their website is: fourpoints.com/fairviewheights.

Registration can be done by postal mail (pre-registration), using PayPal (See Registration Form) or on-site at the time of the festival. On-Site registrations WILL NOT receive the lunches. The pre-registration deadline is July 15, 2024. Registration forms postmarked after July 15, 2024 WILL NOT receive the lunches. **NO refunds after July 15, 2024.** Registration for the festival workshops is not limited in number, as the Sheraton meeting rooms are spacious. The Registration table will be open **Thursday from 4 – 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Workshops are held Friday and Saturday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. 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 will be held in the Sheraton Conference Center. Be sure to have a music stand and capo. Children who would like to take 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 Conference Rooms 1-2-3 at 9:00 a.m. for all who are interested. The hymn sing is the final Festival event and lasts about an hour.

Lodging will be at the Four Points by Sheraton, the Festival site. See Room Reservation page for special instructions.

Meals -- A buffet lunch is included in the price of registration for both Participants and Non-Participants if Registration is **POSTMARKED** by July 15, 2024. There are many restaurants close by for your evening meal. The Sheraton serves a Continental breakfast. There is a special Festival charge ticket for the breakfast each day.

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 Illinois Southern Tourism 618-257-1488 or 1-800-442-1488 or www.ILLINOISSouth.org.

Concerts -- The workshop instructors will perform in evening concerts, which will be held both Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Concert tickets are included with both Participant and Non-Participant registrations. Additional tickets may be purchased at the door each night at \$10 per person. The evening concerts will be held in the Sheraton Conference Center – Salon D.

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 p.m. on Thursday. Some vendors may do mountain dulcimer & sometimes autoharp maintenance.

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

Jamming Space -- Different levels of jamming will be available all three nights after the concerts and impromptu jams during the day somewhere in the Conference Center area.

Scholarship -- See website (www.gatewaydulcimer.org) for Fran Durham Memorial Scholarship details and forms. Forms must be received by 7/1/2024.

Registration and Festival questions: Call Sharon at 618-651-8271 or e-mail at: gdsfm98@gmail.com
The Festival website is: www.gatewaydulcimer.org.

*** We only use cash or checks at the Festival. ***