

# Dulcimer Society of Northern Illinois 2017/2018 Program Schedule

**September 17, 2017** *Let's Jam* – We kick off the year with Dan Grimm guiding the group through songs in the Let's Jam book by Dave Haas. (*This is the 3rd Sunday of the month.*)

**October 8, 2017** *New Beginner Workshop for Mountain Dulcimer* – Carole Ehrman brings in her cardboard dulcimers so that we can help lots of brand-new players get started! Bring your friends and help them learn. Carole has taught many new players, helping them gain confidence and learn basic techniques to get off on the right foot (or fingers!). We'll even try our hand at playing rock 'n roll!

**November 12, 2017** *Let's Jam* – More fun following Dan Grimm's lead through the Let's Jam book.

**No meeting in December - Happy Holidays!**

**January 14, 2018** *Performance Preparation Practice* – Janet Swartz, mountain dulcimer teacher and workshop instructor, prepares us for probable future performance of some pieces in our club repertoire. Whether you plan to perform out with us or not, come join us to improve your group playing skills!

**February 11, 2018** *Let's Jam and More!* – Dan Grimm introduces his own arrangements for dulcimer and keeps us learning tunes from the book, Let's Jam.

**March 11, 2018** *Special Guest Artist, Mike Anderson* – Mike will entertain us with jaw harp, stories, and his fast dulcimer fingers. Then get ready to play and sing train songs with this seasoned mountain dulcimer teacher.

**April 15, 2018** *Special Guest Artists, Cathy Barton and Dave Para* – Come to listen to a mini-concert by this talented duo, then we'll to learn songs from the Carp Camp at the Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, Kansas, and from their local Missouri.

**May 6, 2018** *Multi-Part Music* – Carole Ehrman teaches music she arranged for both kinds of dulcimers and acoustic instruments, using melodies, harmonies and counter-melodies.