

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Hello friends,

Pete & I welcome your suggestions and feedback regarding the 2017 HD Rendezvous.

I've put together an evaluation form. It is copied below this message, and available as a Microsoft Word document on the website.

Feel free to address as many or as few questions as you like, but know that we read 'em all, and they make a difference in how we plan for next year.

Speaking of next year, scribble "Rendezvous! May 3-6, 2018 in your calendars – We've reserved Hull Park for another Rendezvous!

Thanks for letting us know your thoughts,
Mick Doherty & Pete Ballerstedt

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**Hammer Dulcimer Rendezvous 2017
Suggestions & Feedback
What went well? What could be improved?**

****Please know that we're the only two who'll read your comments, no one else.*

1- Facilities --

2- Workshops / Instructors –

For each of the workshops you attended, would you take another workshop lead by this instructor? *Any constructive feedback that we could provide them? -- Anonymously, of course, except in the case of Mick, who has a short attention span and can take a few hits --*

- **Marina Albero**

- **Karen Ashbrook**

- **Carolyn Cruso**

- **Rick Fogel**

- **Paul Oorts**

- **Steve Schneider**

- **Hossein Salehi**

- **Carl Thor**

3- Panel Discussions – Let us know which you attended, and if you found them useful, etc...

- **Hammers/Mesrab: Stick techniques & strategies across the Northern Hemisphere -- Hossein Salehi & Steve Schneider**

• **Music for Healing and Transition**
Karen Ashbrook & Rick Fogel

• **Playing for others: Discussion on how to – well -- get out!**
Carolyn Cruso & Mick Doherty

What Panel Discussion topics, if any, would you like to see revisited?

What Panel Discussion topics would you like to see introduced?

4- Jams (*If we keep the 3-full-days format next year, we'll schedule "organized jams" – with an instructor as a "leader" – on Friday night, and the Open Mic on Saturday night. Other than this, are there any other ideas you'd like to see/hear us try?) --*

5- Dance on Saturday night!
(Aka "Drywall Bucket with Trombone and the grooving Big Band including at least FIVE HD's!")
Did you attend?

6- Meals –

General meal comments –

Specialty diet thoughts/comments – (*We're hoping that Chef Chris Botcheos has another year left in the tank. What a guy!*)

7- Likes/changes/additions –

What was the one thing you liked the most?

What one thing would you change or add?

What would you tell someone who was thinking about coming to HDR '17?

8 - Future instructors --

Which instructor(s) would you like to see at future Rendezvous?

Repeat appearances are fine, though we like to give 'em a few years! We hope to make decisions soon as to whom to invite to HDR '18 – git yer votes in! We'll be sending out a list of all past instructors in a missive to the whole HDR Update List for your reference.

And that's all I've got!
Thanks again,

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