



# RESSLER GUITARS

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## BUILDING A MOUNTAIN DULCIMER WITH JOHN RESSLER August 11-12, 2012

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

A mountain dulcimer is a tremendous traditional folk instrument that is fun to build and easy to play. For this class we will be building an hour-glass shaped instrument with walnut backs and sides and a spruce top. Since this is only a 2 day class, a few parts will be pre-made due to time constraints, but we will review how all parts are made. We will do a short group lesson on playing if time permits.

### CLASS STRUCTURE

All steps of the process will be demonstrated. Additionally there will be templates and drawings for you to refer to as well.

### INTENDED ITINERARY

#### Day 1

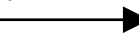
- Cut out backs
- Brace backs
- Glue end blocks and headstock
- Cut out sound hole designs
- Glue on backs
- Fret the fingerboard & glue to top

#### Day 2

- Glue top to sides
- Trim sides
- Install nut & saddle
- Install strings
- Tune them up! (Group lesson if time permits)

### TOOL LIST

- Japanese type pull saw or small finishing saw
- X-acto knife
- 1/2" or 3/4" chisel
- 6" or 12" combination square
- Side cutting pliers
- Awl
- 6" or 12" ruler
- 12" Center Point Rule (available at Woodcraft, Lee Valley, etc.)
- Approx. 50 - Stationary / binder spring clips (3/4" wide)
- Cordless drill
- Old bath towel
- Any other favorite hand tools



For technical questions, please feel free to contact me direct:

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## ALL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY CLASSES START AT 9:00 AM EASTERN TIME

For all classes it is a good idea to bring is a pencil, notebook, a dust mask, ear plugs and without a doubt, safety glasses and a camera, if you would like to take pictures. ● **Classes marked with dot (●) do not have a specific tool list.**  
If your class requires hand tools, the tool list will be with this page. Lunch is included and will be served around noon.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
April 21-22, 2012	Introduction to Translucent Mineral Inlay	Stephen Hatcher
April 21-22, 2012	Fine Finishing with Hardware Store Materials	Tim Puro
April 28-29, 2012	Build A New-Lebanon Stool with a Splint Seat	Kerry Pierce
April 27-29, 2012 (Fri eve- Sun)	Making A Venerated Keepsake Jewelry Box	Paul Schurch
May 5, 2012	●Getting the Most from you Bandsaw	Michael Fortune
May 5-6, 2012	Build an Arts & Craft or a Modern Indoor/Outdoor Bench	Tim Celeski
May 5-6, 2012	Cold Bronze Casting & Mold Making	Scott Grove
May 5-6, 2012	Handplanes & Their Uses	Lie-Nielsen & Schwarz
May 19-20, 2012	●Machines: Safety, Set-ups & Uses	Steve Latta
May 19-20, 2012	Decorative Finishes with Flair	Mitch Kohanek
May 19-20, 2012	Teapots: Vessels with Carved Feet & Handles	Michael Hosaluk
June 9, 2012	●25 Ways to Machine Mortise & Tenon Joints	Jerry Forshee
June 9, 2012	●Chain Saw Safety by Stihl	Craig Walker
June 9-10, 2012	Dancing Glass: Stained Glass with a Twist	Cathy Claycomb
June 9-10, 2012	Making a Skateboard or Longboard, Parent/Child	Chris Gochnour
June 16, 2012	●Laser Marquetry: An Introduction to the Future of Veneering	Marc Adams
June 16, 2012	Making the Roubo Bookstand	Roy Underhill
June 16-17, 2012	Making a Router Table	Doug Dale
June 23-24, 2012	The Basics of Wood Finishing	Mitch Kohanek
June 23-24, 2012	Introduction to Intarsia	David Roth
June 23-24, 2012	Decorative Chip Carving	Craig Stevens
July 14, 2012	Fretboard Inlay: Secrets of Dealing with a Radius & Frets	Grit Laskin
July 14, 2012	What You Need To Know Before Starting Your Own Business	Carl Booth
July 14-15, 2012	Pattern Inlay & Decorative Borders	Steve Latta
July 14-15, 2012	Son of Skew	Alan Lacer
July 21-22, 2012	Husband & Wife Woodturning	Alan & Mary Lacer
July 21-22, 2012	Parent/Child Magic Class	Jeff Scanlan
July 28-29, 2012	Basic Veneering	Marc Adams
July 28-29, 2012	Principles of Wwkg Through the "Eyes" of a Simple Table	Keith Neer
July 28-29, 2012	Web Page for Woodworkers	Mark Sterner
July 28-29, 2012	Your Turn: Starting Out Right on the Lathe	Michael Mocho
August 4-5, 2012	Make a Beautiful European Style Cherry Cabinet	Zane Powell
August 4-5, 2012	Pyrography: An Introduction to Wood-Burning	Julie Bender
August 11-12, 2012	Making a Mountain Dulcimer	John Ressler
August 11-12, 2012	Gilding & Leafing: A Priceless Art	Peter Gedrys
August 11-12, 2012	Various Jigs & Fixtures of a Modern Boxmaker	Doug Stowe
August 18, 2012	Tricks to Installing All Kinds of Hardware	Doug Stowe
August 18-19, 2012	Hammer Veneering	David Orth
August 25, 2012	●Photographing Your Work	Michael Fortune
August 25-26, 2012	Carving Soap Stone	Mohammed Taheri
August 25-26, 2012	Really Cool Band Saw Puzzle Boxes	Jeff Vollmer
September 15, 2012	Getting Started in Spray Finishing	Mitch Kohanek
September 15-16, 2012	Back to Basics: Exploring Form	J Paul Fennell
September 15-16, 2012	Making Your Own Jigs for Accurate Mortise & Tenon Joinery	Jeff Miller
September 16, 2012	Lacquer Systems	Mitch Kohanek
September 22, 2012	Making Tambours & Angled Corner Cabinets	Zane Powell
September 22-23, 2012	●Sawing, Sorting & Stacking: How to Harvest of Log	Alf Sharp
September 22-23, 2012	Scroll Saw Potential	Marc Berner
September 22-23, 2012	Raise Your Woodworking Profile: Using Molding Planes	Williams & Mc Connell
October 6-7, 2012	Epoxy Surface Treatments for Woodworkers	Mark & Carol Hedin
October 6-7, 2012	●Machine Maintenance, Jigs & Fixtures	Powell & Dale
October 13-14, 2012	Making a Federal Executive Document Box	Headley & Hamilton
October 13-14, 2012	Taking Control of Color: The Next Step in Finishing	Mitch Kohanek
October 13-14, 2012	A Touch of Texture	Jennifer Shirley
October 20-21, 2012	The Making of Woodturning Tools, Jigs & Accessories	Alan Lacer
October 20-21, 2012	Basics of Upholstery	Mike Mascelli
October 20-21, 2012	Jigs & Fixtures for the #1 Chair	Michael Fortune