



**Judy Sherman, Lynn McConnell
Beginning Balalaika**

Judy Sherman, the current BDAA President, has taught Beginning Balalaika for the BDAA numerous times. She received her BA in Music from UCLA in 1974 and her MA in Education from Temple University in Philadelphia in 1986. In the late 1970's, she studied prima balalaika with the late Emanuel Sheynkman, and, since then, has taken lessons and workshops with some of the best players in the world. She has played prima and alto balalaika professionally with the Odessa Balalaikas, Gypsy Balalaikas, Balalaika Russe and BigRock Balalaikas, the ensemble she founded in Morro Bay, CA in 2000.

These classes will focus on basic hand positions, rhythmic techniques, chords and melodies. No prior knowledge, including music reading, is required. Alto balalaika and other rhythm instrument players are encouraged to attend!