



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

June has arrived. This month is the start of the intense camping and festival season. I hope you have made your reservation or made plans to attend our campout weekend, June 10 - 12 at Meyers Lake, near Byron. Dawn Hayes and committee have a fun line up of workshops, food and jamming. I have the old griddle ready to go for the pancake breakfast that Sandi and I love cooking for you on Saturday morning. Of coarse, volunteer help is appreciated to flip flapjacks, cook sausage, make coffee, etc. It will be a great weekend to relax, visit with friends, and play some good music. We do have a **10x12 tent with queen sized air mattress available**, (sheets and a porta-potti are also available) if anyone is interested in tenting. Sorry... no air conditioning comes with it, but who needs that in June?

Two weeks later, Uncle Carl's has their group campout at Waffle Farms camp ground, near Coldwater (June 24-26). It is on a nice lake with swimming, boating, and a large pavilion for jamming. There will be our pancake breakfast Saturday morning, jamming in the grass all afternoon, and in the pavilion Friday and Saturday night. **Everyone is welcome, and our tent is available !!!**

Three weeks later is the mother of all festivals – Evart ODPC Funfest (July 14-17). **Again, our tent is available !!!** The entire funfest is powered by volunteers. There are many Strings members conducting workshops. There are many opportunities to help, especially two hour shifts at the gates. There is training available to help as sound stage hands at all of the weekend stage shows. Each day there is a one-on-one seminar, where you can mentor pre-beginners and beginners, answering their dulcimer questions. Larry Roper and I have been asked to MC the Friday night stage show. Helping at the festival is a great way to promote the hammered dulcimer and promote the fun group called Silver Strings. There are open stage shows each afternoon, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If you have a desire to perform, you can sign up each day before noon. Carol Ann Matthews and Mary Colgen each have made a beautiful quilt to hang in the new recreation building at the fair grounds. See the Photo later in the newsletter.

I sent out an email after the ODPC meeting in Holland in April. The Fair board has adopted some new rules for camping this year (mostly better). You can now reserve a campsite if you pay for a minimum 10 days in advance. Send a check for \$17 per day with your 1st-2nd- and 3rd choice of lot number to **Osceola County . 4H FAA Fair, 101 Recreation Ave, Evart, Mi. 49631, with Attn: Sally Eaton. For more info Phone 231-734-5481.**

The other significant rule set by the fire marshal, is that if your camper is too long for the lot, and sticks out into the road; you will be required to move it. So make sure you fit on the lot. There are 6 new sites with electric on the old ball field across from the east fair gate, near the water fountain.

One of our long time members (and past president) Roger Davis was diagnosed with a severe medical issue. He had a successful quadruple heart by-pass surgery on May 24th at Henry Ford Hospital, and should be released by June 1st. Please keep Roger and Barbara in your prayers. This is very difficult for both of them.

Reminder: We will have a musical garage sale at our June 2nd meeting. Bring any music items you would like to sell, marked with your name and a price. To reserve the tent for camping, see me or call 734-663-7974.

Happy hammering, plucking, strumming. Bob Hlavacek



PLAYDATE MATTERS

VP Business

Our May playdates began with a Mother's Day celebration at the Baldwin House in Birmingham. The residents there are a fun loving group and we always have a good time when we play there. I have fun with one group of ladies who always sit at the table closest to us. I tease them and tell them that they are the rowdy bunch and they love the attention. I received many compliments after our performance, and many residents told me how they always look forward to having us perform there. Next we played for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event in Wyandotte at BASF Park. We played for an hour and a half on a covered semi trailer stage which helped keep us sheltered from a few raindrops. We played for an appreciative crowd who popped up umbrellas and put on rain suits to brave the raindrops and take in the performance. My favorite part was when we played the "Hey polka". There was a walkway in front of the stage, that circled the park and folks could enjoy our music as they walked by. As we played HEY! They practically jumped out of their skin. Then a young man came running out of a nearby building and just as he reached the stage area the crowd yelled HEY again and the the young man, obviously shaken, slammed on the brakes and walked slowly by the stage. He thought he was getting yelled at for running. It was an honor for us to play for such a worthy cause and we had fun as well. Once again we received many compliments and the organizers were very appreciative and pleased with the performance. On May 20th we played for a senior's group in Royal Oak. Ron Gillham, who is the Mayor of Huntington Woods booked the playdate after seeing us perform in South Lyon last fall and talking with Bert who also lives in Huntington Woods. They treated us to a very nice dinner before our performance and were a large, very lively group and fun to play for. We received a standing ovation for our performance. Larry Roper

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V.P.PROGRAM NOTES

Dawn Hayes

Thank You to Pennye Scheiber for a terrific job of teaching the "Front Porch Waltz" at our workshop on May 19th. What a beautiful tune! Thanks again. Also, thanks to those who brought goodies to share at our break on Thursday.

Campout information for June 10, 11, and 12th—Please make your reservations directly with the campground and remember to tell them that you are with Silver Strings so that you will be camping with the group. The reservations are both payable to and sent directly to:

Myers Lake Campground, 10575 Silver Lake Road, Byron, Michigan 48418 Or phone: 1-800-994-5050

We will be holding a potluck dinner on Friday evening (June 10) at 6:00PM. The club will furnish the meat (sloppy joes). We ask that everyone bring a dish to share with the group.

Saturday will begin with a pancake breakfast provided by the club from 8:30-9:30. We will be asking for volunteers to help set-up, cook, serve and clean-up. This will be followed by workshops throughout the day. There will be a meal catered by Elegant Dining on Saturday evening consisting of three different meat entrees (beef, ham and chicken) with an assortment of side dishes from which to select. Again, we are asking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. There will be a jam session in the barn at 7 PM.

Reservations for the dinner must be paid in full by or at our next meeting. We need to give the caterer an accurate account on the number of people attending.

The campout comes to an end on Sunday with a lakeside worship service at 10:00 followed by a brunch for SSDS members. Silver Strings will be providing the music for the worship service and those participating will be provided with a music packet.

June Variety Night (June 30)—Thank you to Dave and Theresa Smith who have volunteered to host that evening. Please consider signing up yourself or your group to perform for variety night.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR	
JUNE	
2.....	Board meeting.@6:00. Jam @ 7:00
7.....	Afternoon Entertainment. . . BC 1:30-2:30 Waltonwood Indep. Living.Novi
7.....	Afternoon Entertainment. . . BC 3:00-4:00 Waltonwood Assisted Living.Novi
9.....	Evening Entertainment.BC.7:00-8:00 Grand Court of Farmington. . . . Farmington Hills
16...	Slow Jam.@6:00. Jam @ 7:00
30....	Variety Night.7:00
JULY	
18....	Evening Entertainment.BC6:30-7:30 Pine Ridge of Hayes Assisted Living. . .Sterling Heights
BC=Business Casual	

ODPC FUNFEST IN EVART	
Coming soon...	
It's time to start preparing for the "BIG BAND"	
July 14-17, 2011	
2011 Pre-Show Tunes	
Red Apple Rag (G)	
Whiskey Before Breakfast (D)	
Sophrina (G) - Les Raber	
Red Wing (G)	
Maple Sugar (D)	
Trillium Twirl (C) - Judi Morningstar (2008)	
Headin' To Evart (D) - Bill Robinson	
Hey Polka (G)	
Liberty (D) - if time permits	
Star Spangled Banner - for the opening	

SECRETARY'S NOTES ___ Carol Ann Matthews

There was no Board Meeting or jam the first Thursday, because the church was preparing for their rummage sale. Next Board Meeting will be on June 2nd.

If you need a SSDS name tag, please put your name & request in the suggestion box on the Business Table.



Perhaps you wondered what happened to the Spring Pasty Sale, Good Hope has held traditionally in March and October. This year, they held it in February, and forgot to tell us of the change. They have already said the fall sale will probably be in September. Watch for confirmation.

IT'S JUNE... LET'S CELEBRATE !

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9.....Mary Colgan
11....Dale Rasor
18.....Tom Koppin
27.....Walt Jablonski
29....Linda Losse
30....Steve Hadley
30....Roger Davis



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

20....Sherry & Morgan Humecky....41

TRILLIUM TWIRL

Kathy Cook has arranged a simplified, more dulcimer friendly version of Trillium Twirl, with Judi Morningstar's permission. This is posted as a teaching video on youtube. You can print off below, and watch the actual teach of the song, which is very slow and easy to pick up. This tune is on the ODPC playlist for the big preshow on the field at the Evert Funfest.

Here is the link to the video.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8RF3EWudkU>

Sheet music is available at the jams or at

<http://www.unclecarls.org/sections/tunes/tunes.asp>

Tidbit from the Webmaster

I received an email from the Strings website about one of our YouTube videos. It was in German:

"Die amis können ja richtig gute musik machen" which translates to "the Americans may indeed make really good music" Kinda neat, huh? . . . Karen Turner

To print the **JUNE Play list**, please click on our website or this link : <http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/pdf/2011/jun11.pdf>

JUNE PLAY LIST 2011

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
G	Red Wing	3*
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
D	Smash the windows	3
Em	Tamlin	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
G	Southwind	3*
D	Irish Washerwoman	3
C	Five Foot Two	3
D	Liberty	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3*
D	Over The Waterfall	3
D/D	Chinese Breakdown/Nelly Bly	2/2
G	Down Yonder	3
Am	January Waltz	3*
D	Dusty Bob's Jig	3
G	Farewell To Whiskey	2
D	John Ryan's Polka	Karen Decides
D	Hey Polka	Bob Decides
D	Simple Gifts	4**
D/D	Endless Medley/Ragtime Annie/	2/2/2/2
D/G	Soldier's Joy/Golden Slippers	
	Extra Tunes	
G	Young Jane	3*
D	Mississippi Sawyer	3
G	Old Joe Clark	3
G	Larry's Waltz	3*
	*2 nd time: feature fiddles and Harmonicas. HDs/backup (soft)	
	**1 st time 1 HD, 1 guitar, 1 fiddle 2 nd time add harmonicas 3 rd time everyone plays 4 th time 1HD, 1 guitar, 1 fiddle	

This HD workshop is one of the best around, and just before Evert. Everyone who has attended has RAVED about their many "Light Bulb Moments".

"I have openings for the "A to Zs of the Hammered Dulcimer" at Evert, MI. If you are interested, send me an email with your name, address, and phone number right away. Those of you who are signed up should have received a letter from me. The cost is \$165 per person. We are in the United Methodist Church in Evert. Hope to see you there. This year there will be no pig roast dinner on Wednesday night, but there will be an Open Jam starting at 7:30 pm. The jamming is free and fun!!!!!"

<http://www.rthum.com>

Shop # (314) 406-0690 (636) 677-7477

Big Lake Dulcimer Jam & Potluck

(formerly called "Hicks Lake Jam")

ALL ARE WELCOME !!!

At Big Lake – Crittenden County Park

3641 South 50th Street, Sears, Mi.
(about 6 miles East of Evart)

Sunday before Evart Funfest

July 10th, 2011

5:pm social hour

6:pm dinner

7:pm Jamming on the lake front

(led by Rick Thum)

This is the same **GRAND KICK-OFF to the Funfest** we have enjoyed for many years. Picnic tables are plentiful, but bring your instruments and your own chairs for playing... also any special beverages and your best dish to pass. Paper products, 'silverware', and iced tea are provided. Park entry fees are waived for us, as we have rented the entire park & pavilion for the day. You may come early to enjoy the lake, and bring guests.

Soundboard Note :

Perhaps the newer members don't know there is an optional mailing list for the Soundboard. If you have high speed internet available, you might prefer to print your own (in color) by the first of the month.

But if you have no internet access or you have the slower dial-up service, you might like to have it sent to you each month. If that is your wish, contact Lee Ann Lack to get on the mailing list.



EVART QUILTS



Pictures don't do justice to the beautiful quilts our Silver Strings Members Carol Ann Matthews (top) and Mary Colgen (lower) made for the new Evart building.

Carol Ann's depicts the SSDS logo, and Mary's includes photos from years gone by.

After June, they will still accept quilts to be added to the collection next year.



The seniors at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak invited Silver Strings to perform for an end of the year celebration dinner. Our players happily donned our "old time" attire to add to the occasion. The audience was enthusiastic, "show & tell" at the end was well received, and 2 of their ladies want to learn to play the dulcimers they have had for many years. We expect to be mentoring them in the fall.

Getting to Know You.....Larry Allen



I am Lawrence W. Allen, born in Ecorse, Michigan on October 23, 1930, into a Scottish family. I had five brothers and two sisters. I was married and have four children... two girls and two boys.

My first experience with music was, as a lot of us, with the piano. The requisite lessons and recitals of childhood served the purpose of preparing me to learn other instruments in adulthood with comparative ease.

I first heard Silver Strings at Greenfield Village, and then again at Ford Field. Sue Tanner was president at that time, and she gave me all the information needed to locate and join the club. Of course, it took a bit of time and a couple of trips to Elderly Instruments in Lansing, where I purchased a hammered dulcimer and a mountain dulcimer, and finally walked in the door of Good Hope, and a long lasting relationship with a lovely bunch of people with a compatible view of music.

Through the years, I've contributed to the club in a variety of ways: everything from arranging music, to kitchen duty, to the presidency. These days I am happy to sit in the back and strum.

I play guitar, both dulcimers, and flute, but especially enjoy the bagpipes... especially the Uiliann Pipes. I think they sound like a lady sadly singing in A minor. I must have passed that love on to the grandkids, because a grandson was recently married in a lovely bagpipe wedding.

I have played my pipes with the Moslem Highlanders Pipe band, and the Gaelic League Ceili band. I have a large collection of instruments, from harps to fiddles and everything exotic in between, but Celtic music and the instruments that play it, are my favorites.

As a young man, I served three years in the Marines. They were the best three years of my life. I was fortunate enough to serve as an interpreter in Korea, learning the language at an all girls' school called Ewa. I was later seagoing on the ship USS Layette, an aircraft carrier. I was also fortunate enough to be part of the presidential guard in Key West at the "Little White House" in 1950.

All of this gave me a great love of travel and I have been, as a civilian, in China, Tibet, and Mongolia. I believe it was the Marines that saved me from being a bookworm, and gave me a little balance to my life.

I worked as a teacher through all of my adult life, teaching in this area for Wayne County, in Detroit and Monroe. I also was a Professor of Linguistics at U of M and Eastern Michigan, where I taught English, and writing. Through the years, a number of my Asian students have lived in my home, and on my last trip to China, I was fortunate enough to stay in theirs. I studied Chinese before I left on that trip, and speaking the language was a definite plus. My granddaughter accompanied me on that trip, and she landed a job teaching English at the University there.

I have a nice home in Livonia, with a fair sized yard, so I have chickens and ducks, and the dogs that I love so much. At one time I had a huge cockatoo that ate my mantel piece and some of my dining room chairs. After about \$4,000. worth of damage, I didn't like him too much anymore, and gave him away. I used to enjoy wood carving, oil painting and cooking, but have, within the last year or so, had to give a lot of things up.

I have terminal cancer, (mesothelioma) and while I can still do some of the things I love, (like going to a Silver Strings meeting), I have to pick and choose my activities. I want to thank the club members who have been so supportive with their cards and phone calls since I have been ill. You are my second family.



Gather your camping supplies, and dream about the festival and campout season to come. This is only the beginning !



Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club is a group meeting once monthly, near Jackson. Many of our SSDS members are also associated with this group. Their campout is two weeks after ours. We join each other's weekend, and as with our own, you do not need to be a member, and are invited for the entire weekend or to drive in for Saturday. (Motels are available for non-campers.)

REGISTRATION FORM

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club Campout
Waffle Farm Campground, Coldwater, Mi.
June 24-25-26, 2011

Rates: \$27 per night
Reservations due MAY 15th

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone & E-mail _____

Type & size of camper _____

Number of people camping with you _____

Circle overnights you will be there June 24 June 25

Will you want A/C ? yes.. ..no

Send registration and deposit of \$25 payable to:
Kathy Culy, 625 N. Union City Rd.
Coldwater, Mi.49036

If you have questions, call Kathy at 517-278-4853 or Pennye Scheiber at 517-547-7448.

\$25 deposit will be returned to you on Sunday. If you would like to come earlier or stay later, you may make reservations with Waffle Farm directly at 517-278-4315 or www.wafflefarm.com.

Payment in full is due on arrival. There is a \$2 fee for a 1-day entry into the campground. There will be a pancake breakfast Saturday morning 9-10:00 and a potluck dinner Saturday evening.

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Campout
Send registration forms & payment to :

Meyers Lake United Methodist Campground
10575 Silver Lake Road, Byron, Mi. 48418
Designate Silver Strings !

Check-in Fri. June 10th, Check-out June 12th

In order to get all sites grouped close together,
reservations are due by **MAY 15th, 2007**

Cabin reserve by MAY 1st (or call for availability)

Rates \$28 per night \$32 per night with A/C
(2 adults are included, each added is \$2 per night)
Cabin rental (sleeps 4-6) \$70 per night_____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone & e-mail _____

Type & size of camper _____

Slide-outs? yesno

Air conditioner? . . . yesno

adults (18+) _____ #children _____ # pets _____

Type of vehicle (1 per site) _____

Driver's License # _____

Late arrival or extended departure ? _____

Minimum deposit \$25,
Full payment gets curbside check-in and no long line.

Payment.....CHECK . . .VISA . . . MC . . . DISCOVER
Account # _____ exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Make checks payable to:
Meyers Lake UMC Campground
You may phone reservations at 1-800-994-5050

With questions or dinner reservations,
call Dawn Hayes 248-344-0906
or Janelle Pacic 248-437-5403

Potluck dinner Friday
Pancake breakfast Saturday morning
FABULOUS catered dinner Saturday night (\$10 per)

Non-member guests are WELCOME !!!