

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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PRESIDENTS RAMBLINGS _____ Bob Niemczewski
Hi Folks,

Well, by the time you get this newsletter we will be packing up our gear and getting ready to head up to Evert. If you are newer to the club and have never been to Evert, please try and attend if only for a day or two. We started out just stopping by at first then for a day or so, now we spend the whole week and complain that the time flew by.

Keep practicing our songs for the Evert stage show; "Pig Ankle Rag", "Larry's Waltz", "Washington Square" and "Young Roddy McCorley". I have been bragging that we have the greatest dulcimer club this side of the Mississippi so let's show 'em...

Remember, there will be NO club meetings on the following dates: July 4th, July 18th, Aug 1st. We will make up the Aug 1st meeting on Aug 8th. On a different note we will be having a Variety Night in August so start thinking about getting your acts together. Let me make a suggestion for Variety Night. Lately, we have been having many of our members sign up for variety night and that is a wonderful thing. Keeping that in mind we should limit our acts to 2 to 3 songs and no more than 10 minutes. I have been to many open mikes in the metro area and most everyone has a 10 minute policy. Now this doesn't mean you have to be up there for 10 minutes, you can do less but let's try and keep it to 10. Larger groups should be organized, and get on and off as quickly as they can. Please tune your instruments before your performance not during, and if you feel the need for long talks about your next song the clock is ticking... I think these are some good guidelines and if anybody has other suggestions please bring them up at our club meetings.

On a sad note our deepest condolences go out to Larry Roper on the passing of his step-mother, Lillian. Please keep him, his family, friends and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

Peace Through Music Bob

NOTEifications _____ V.P. Business
Hi Everyone,

By the time you read this our fun-filled summer has begun. Our Silver Strings campout was a lot of fun for all...good food, friends, music and the weather was great! If you missed this one please put it on the calendar for next year.

I have sign-up sheets for July, Aug & Sept. After you look over the dates and think you may be interested in playing, please give me a call or email me as we will not be meeting again until August 8th.

Hope to see many of you at Evert. Linda Osgood

VP PROGRAMS _____ George Gonyo

Just a reminder, there will be no SSDS meeting's in July. Have a happy 4th of July. Hope to see everyone up at the Evert Fun Festival scheduled for the 18th thru 21st of July. Drive carefully. Coming up in August is the Midland Dulcimer Festival. We will also have another 5th Thursday Variety Night on the 29th.

Manfred and Judy Schmidt invited the SSDS to their cottage on Walnut Lake on Sept 1, to play some music, eat, and listen to some stories. More information will be available at the club meeting's in August.

I have some flyers available for the Alcona Arts Retreat, scheduled for September 5th-8th at Lincoln and Harrisville in Northeast Michigan. Judi Morningstar will teach the music traditionally played on the hammered dulcimer, such as jigs, reels, and waltzes. Judi has taught hammered dulcimer for more than 30 years. For more information about the retreat, see www.InspirationAlcona.org. I will have the flyers with me at the next meeting, and up at Evert if you are thinking about going to this retreat.

MUSIC COORDINATOR _____ Sharon

Practice the Evert Funfest list: Larry's Waltz, Pig Ankle Rag, Washington Square and Young Roddy McCorley.



NOTABLE NOTES _____ Secretary
There was no board meeting in June

PURSE STRINGS _____ Treasurer

Hello Everyone,

We are still in the black after the June camp out. The check book is balanced as of our May statement.

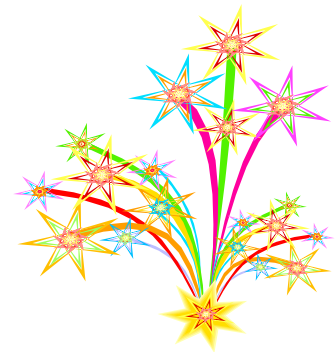
I'm looking forward to the ODPF festival in Evert and seeing many of you there. Don't forget that we will be setting up the EZ ups by our camper, so that we will have a place to jam Sally

Welcome to New Member:
Don Phelps of Livonia

IT'S JULY...LET'S CELEBRATE !

BIRTHDAYS

- 4...Regis Proulx
- 5...Karen Turner
- 9...Janelle Pacic
- 10...Frank Surhigh
- 14...Sally Niemczewski
- 14...Richard Rowe
- 17...John McAuliffe
- 18...Charlie Feigel
- 20...Ramona Hadley
- 26...Pat Jablonski



ANNIVERSARIES

- 11...Roger & Barb Davis.....54th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY

- 18-21...**Evert Dulcimer Funfest**
Osceola County FairgroundsEvert
- 24...**Playdate** **BC**1:30 -2:30
Heartland Health CareDearborn Heights
- 27...**Playdate** **BC** 1:00-2:00
Pinckney Palooza Pinckney

AUGUST

- 6...**Playdate** **BC** 3:00-4:00
Heartland Health CareCanton
- 13...**Playdate** **BC** 12:00-1:00
Birmingham Senior CenterBirmingham

SEPTEMBER

- 18...**Playdate** **BC** 1:30-2:30
Heartland Health CareDearborn Hgts.
- 29...**Playdate** **V**1:00-1:45
Clinton Fall FestivalClinton

BC=Business Casual, C=Casual, V=Victorian

SAVE THE DATE !!
Our 30th Anniversary Banquet
Oct. 10, 2013

EVART 2013 PRE-SHOW TUNES

- Golden Slippers (2xD/2xG)
- Red Wing (G)
- Scotland the Brave (D)
- Prairie Flower (G)
- Peters Kick (G) - Dee Dee Tibbits
- Old Joe Clark (D)
- Sophrina (G) - Les Raber
- Spider on the Bedpost (D) - Rick Thum
- Maple Sugar (D/A)
- Hey Polka (D)
- Star Spangled Banner

CONCERNING GREENFIELD VILLAGE

The following letter was read at our last meeting by myself on June 20th. Since it is for the entire membership I thought it best to publish it for those who were not in attendance.Linda Osgood

Fellow Members,

I am reading this to inform our membership that the SSDS will not be performing at Greenfield Village this September. I wanted to get this out to the membership in a timely manner for those faithful players who would keep that date available on their calendar.

It was brought to my attention recently by Bill Smith and Karen Turner that last year there were some incidences such as members who asked for more admission tickets and some who voiced their opinion regarding transportation (or lack of) to our playing area.

The person in charge of allowing us to play at the Village brought it to Bill Smiths attention. He was livid and told Bill in no uncertain terms that this cannot happen again. I was recently approached by Karen and Bill to apprise me of the situation.

Last year we tried to make sure that participants in the event were aware of what was expected of them and how they had to get to the performing area. Karen and I were very explicit that if they were not able to walk the distance or had problems with the rules that they should not sign up for this particular performance.

Now, with that said, I took it to the board and they UNANIMOUSLY agreed it was time to pass it on.

Originally, Friendly Strings played that venue for a few years and later turned it over to SSDS. Now it is time to pass it on to another group. Karen Turner and Linda Losse's group Village Strings will pick it up.

Respectfully,
Linda Osgood, VP Business

To print the July play list,

please click on our website or this link :

<http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/pdf/2013/jul13.pdf>

July, August & September Play List

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	3
D	Coleman's March	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
D	Festival Rag	3
Em	Dancing Bear	3
G	Maggie	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	2
D	Flight Of The Haggis	3
Em	Road To Lisdoonvarna/ Riding On A Load Of Hay	3/ 2
D	Hey Polka	3
G	Red Wing	3
C	Black Velvet Waltz	3
D	Soldier's Joy/Golden Slippers	2/2
G	Tick Tock Polka	3
D	Possum Up A Gum Stump	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
G	Hundred Pipers	3
D	Chinese Breakdown/Nelly Bly	2/3
G	Rosin The Beau	3
G	Down Yonder	4
	* Check with Linda or on sign-up sheets for dress code & if chairs are needed.	

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Music:

We have been given permission, by several composers, to play their music in our club. We also pay for a license that allows us to play some of our favorite tunes. We want to protect our Silver Strings members and respect the composers who have generously shared their music with us. In consideration of the composers and SSDS, do not sell, copy, give away or share any of our Silver Strings music.

O.D.P.C. ALL DAY JAM

2nd Thurs. of the month. 10:00am-9:00pm

Currently scheduled for: Aug. 8th, and Sept 12th

Any questions, please feel free to contact:

Freeman Gilmore at (517) 410-9224 or

Kathy Rayman at (586) 709-6180.

Hope we see you there!

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive

Fowlerville, MI 48836

<http://www.fowlervillenazarene.org/>

FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2nd Saturday of month 12:30-4:30pm (no meetings Jun-Aug)

For info. call Penny 517-547-7448

NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

First Saturday of Month - 6pm (next is Jul 6th)

For info contact Jack & Marilyn Mullins 517-270-2870

MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

(formerly called West Adrian Jam)

Fourth Saturday of the month - 6pm (no meetings Jun-Aug)

For info. contact

Jack & Marilyn Mullins 517-270-2870

Or Larry Roper 248-437-5403

SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Gurus and Rookies)

First Saturday of the month 10:30-Noon (Jul 6th)

Now at Sullivan's Restaurant on Gratiot in Saginaw, MI

Songs are posted beforehand on the internet

For info email: muzyka2007@yahoo.com

MT. HALEY JAMBOREE

Last Friday of every month (Jul 26th)

Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County

For Info contact Alice Perry at: mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com

1:00-4:00-Folk and Traditional Music Jam

Clubs and individuals are welcome.

Come to play or listen. Admission is free but donations to the Metamora Historical Society are appreciated. Metamora's 1888

Old Town Hall is part of an historic community.

For info. Call Alice Gajewski at 248-628-5287 or go to

FolkJam.com

GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

First Wednesday of the month 7:00 (Jun 3rd)

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Ukulele players of all abilities can strum and sing.

A donation of \$3.00 is requested for the church.

Contact: Bob at bsnemo@yahoo.com or

David at musicalcraft@yahoo.com

PITTSFIELD OPEN BAND

Pittsfield Grange 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor,

First and third Saturday from 3-6pm.

Our jam sessions are free and open to all interested musicians.

We play jigs, reels, and waltzes as played for contra dancing.

The goals are to have fun, learn more tunes, and develop our contra dance musician skills.

<http://www.aactmad.org/sa/pob.html>

LAMS - Livingston Acoustic Musical Society

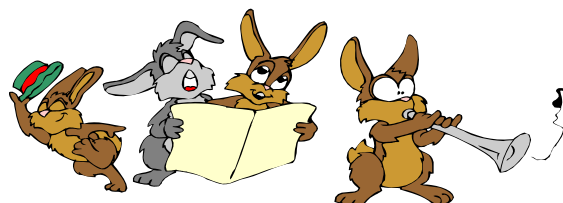
3rd Saturday of the month (Jul 20th)

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive, Fowlerville

Share musical talents and appreciation for music, song and other forms of joyful noise on the 7:00-11:00

Contact: Tony Miceli 517-223-9590





Mountain Dulcimer Players

River Strings of Algonac is pleased to announce that **Butch Ross** <http://www.butchross.com/> will be joining us on Tuesday, August 6th, in Marine City, Michigan for a full day of mountain dulcimer workshops.

10:00 am – Boot Camp On Chords And Basic Theory: only what you need, none of what you don't.

(lunch – on your own, or may be coordinated)

1:30 pm – If You Like One Tune , You'll Like 'Em Both. Recognize recurring patterns in old-time tunes and use them to learn new ones.

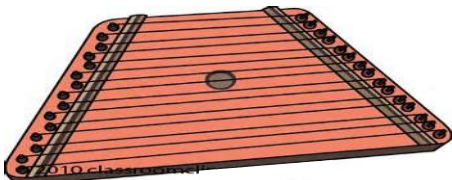
3:30 pm – Arranging For Clubs. Using well-known tunes, we'll learn how to create parts that are interesting and fun for everybody, regardless of skill level.

(dinner – we'll coordinate reservations at a local restaurant)

7:30 pm – Open Mic, Concert and Jam (\$5 at the door or free to workshop attendees)

Please share this information with others who would be interested. Space is limited, so register early. The deadline for registrations is July 31st.

If you have questions, you may contact me by email at thoy999@yahoo.com or by phone at 586-747-4197.



Hammered Dulcimer Players

Rick Thum Workshops and Concert

November 9th, 2013,
Calvary United Methodist Church,
1415 Miller Ave., Ann-Arbor

Concert at 7 pm

Jam session after the concert

Workshop \$30 each or \$50.00 for both

Concert \$10.00

There will be an all-day running jam session for those not choosing the workshops.

Contact Information for Rick Thum

(314) 406-0690

Email: rthum@rthum.com

Website: www.rthum.com

Workshop #1: 10am-12pm: Beginners and past beginners - We will explore the basics and beyond, depending on the level of participants.

Workshop #2: 2 pm-4 pm: All Levels

We'll examine what your specific concerns are, and as a group, create a workshop that targets these concerns. We'll take the class wherever you want it to go! All levels will find a challenge to incorporate into your practice and playing.

HAMMERED DULCIMERED FOR SALE

It is a Jim Hudson HD with hummingbird decoration. Included would be tons of music, books, 2 stands, hammers, a battery operated tuner, and some extra strings to send along. It needs one new bass string.

Asking \$500.00 to start. Call Merrilene:

Cell: 231-459-6759, Home: 231-536-9775.

Email: merrmusch@gmail.com



Variety Night video fan mail:

"Well done - really liked that song in particular-- Amelia. You are all an inspiration for folks of all ages and instrument playing experience. Thanks!"

Lee's Lost and Found

Once in a while an item gets left behind after a meeting and somebody has to take it home. Well, I have a music stand (silver), a colorful capo, and a bag for a music stand. If these any of these items sound familiar to anyone please contact me:

leelack@att.net or call: 734-612-1172.

And I'll see that you get them back. Lee



Did you know that the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain actually occurred on July 2, 1776? So why is Independence Day celebrated on July 4th? From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4th, because it was the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence rather than on July 2nd, which was the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress. Interestingly, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, both of whom had not only signed the Declaration of Independence but went on to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on July 4th, 1826. Another Founding Father who became President, James Monroe, died on July 4, 1831 becoming the third President in a row to die on Independence Day.

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Meetings on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays every month
7-9p.m with jamming till ...?

Meeting at **Good Hope Lutheran Church**
In Garden City, Michigan

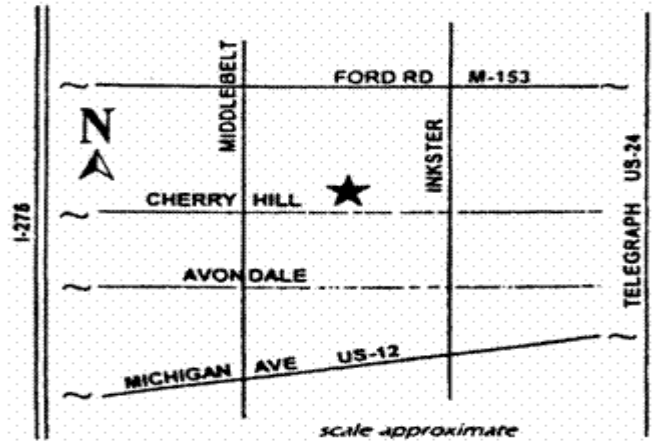
Featuring the hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer,
and other acoustic band instruments :
banjo, guitar, autoharp, fiddle, string bass, washtub
bass, mandolin, folk harp, recorder, tin penny whistle,
and harmonica.

Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together
with other players, receive new music
and a monthly newsletter.

Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT :
<http://www.silverstrings.org>

Everyone is welcome !
Come to listen, or come to play.



Start thinking about getting articles for the newsletter to me by the 20th.
Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome.

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IT'S JULY...!
HAPPY 4th...USA

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