

# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT Harold Crane

Greetings, Can you believe it, Spring is here! What a great time of the year to be in Michigan and enjoy all the outdoor activities and warmer weather. I hope everyone has a nice Easter with friends and family, lots of good food and time to relax. 2015 will be a fun year, so start marking your calendar with all the things to do and places to go!

At our last board meeting Marsha Kozlowski became our Music Coordinator for Silver Strings. Terry K. will be updating all of our music.

Ann suggested we do a patriotic tune at all of our playdates. We agreed on "You're a Grand Old Flag" as our tune and we will practice it at our Thursday jams.

Don't forget Variety Night on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Alice Avery, Karen Turner and Tom Whitehead for a speedy recovery and to the family of Gus Herman who passed away.

Stay happy and healthy, Harold \*GO TIGERS\*

## V.P. BUSINESS Ann Wassell

I want to welcome Marsha Kozlowski as our new Music Coordinator! She is working closely with the board to collate and update our list of club music and also plan the introduction of some new tunes. Learning new tunes as a group helps the club grow and expand the music base. There will be more information to come from Marsha as she communicates with us.

Our playdates this month have been very well received. Irish music inspires singing and dancing and we have enjoyed both from the audiences we entertained.

There is only one playdate in April on the 7<sup>th</sup>, at Heartland Health Care in Canton. We will continue to use the March play list in April.

It is important to recognize our armed forces and show our support for the men and women who serve our country, especially for Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. In order to do this we will be adding "You're a Grand Old Flag" to our playdate list in May. In order to prepare for this we will start each club meeting with that tune for a couple of months so that we can all learn the tune and the tempo. . . . . Ann

## COMING IN APRIL!!! FIRST ANNUAL SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER SOCIETY NAMETAG DAY!!

Get ready for our first NAMETAG DAY on Thursday, April 16. It's good to know your fellow musicians by name - let's find our nametags and wear them.

We have some new members we haven't met and returning "snowbirds" whose names we may have forgotten coming to the club meetings. Nametags will be the introduction to some new friendships and mentors.

If you can't find your Silver Strings nametag (or don't have one), any name tag will do - even an address label. There will be blank tags available for your convenience on the 16<sup>th</sup>. To have a Silver Strings nametag made, see Terry Treppa.

**THERE WILL BE REWARDS ON THE 16th FOR  
THOSE WEARING NAMETAGS!!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### APRIL

- 1....**APRIL FOOL'S DAY** . . . . . Watch out!
- 2....**SSDS Meeting and Jam** . . . . . 7:00-?
- 5....**HAPPY EASTER!**
- 7....**PLAYDATE** . . . . . **BC** . . . 3:00-4:00  
Heartland Health Care . . . . . Canton
- 16...**SSDS Meeting and Jam** . . . . . 7:00-?
- 30...**SSDS VARIETY NIGHT** . . . . . 7:00-?

**C=Casual, BC=Business Casual, G=Green**

We will be doing a workshop on "Tommy's Waltz" at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in April. Sharon McAuliffe will be the instructor. Everyone has the song in their Dropbox. All are welcome.



**From the VP PROGRAMS** \_\_\_\_\_ Wade Mullins  
with Maureen Mullins

Today as I write this article I realized it's the first day of spring! It's been a very long cold winter and I for one am looking forward to some nice weather and summer activities, one of which is camping. You can now sign up for the Meyers Lake Campout which is June 12, 13 and 14. This campout is a great time and is family friendly. Please feel free to invite your families to camp with us and enjoy the music, workshops and friendship. If you are involved with other musical groups we would love to have them join us as well. Please see a board member for a flyer that can be passed on to the other groups or provide us with a contact and we will email them. (See flyer on page 5 of this newsletter.)

Please contact the campground directly using the internet [www.myerslake.org](http://www.myerslake.org) or by calling them at **810-266-4511**. You will need to give them the name of our group as well as the confirmation number: **G1401833**.

Fees for campsites are as follows:  
20 Amp service = \$30.00/night  
30 Amp w/water = \$35.00/night

To confirm your reservations you will need to pay for the first night. If you pay for all 3 nights in advance you will qualify for a curb side check-in and will bypass any lines in the registration office/store.

Also, the date for the Annual Silver Strings Banquet has been set for Thursday October 1, 2015 at Corsi's. More information will follow as we get closer to the date.

**MOUNTAINEERS**  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wed, 7:00.  
April 9<sup>th</sup> and  
23<sup>rd</sup>  
At the home of  
Carol Ann & Dave Matthews

Great for beginners, improving your technique, learning new tunes, or just playing along with other mountain dulcimers.  
For info email Carol Ann:  
[carolannmatthews@yahoo.com](mailto:carolannmatthews@yahoo.com)



**Looking for Mountain Dulcimer Lessons?**  
Contact Linda Osgood at  
734-649-3843 or  
[losgood10424@comcast.net](mailto:losgood10424@comcast.net)

**To print the April play list,**  
please click on our website or this link :  
<http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/pdf/2015/2015AprilPlaylist.pdf>

**Silver Strings April 2015 Playlist**

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
D	Over The Waterfall	4
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
G	Red Wing	4*
G	Maggie	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna	3
G	Southwind	3*
C	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5
D	Coleman's March	3
G	Hundred Pipers	3
G	March of St Timothy	3
G	Irish Washerwoman	3
D	Hey Polka	3
G	Rosin The Beau	3
G	Dusty Bob's Jig	3
D	Road to Boston	3
Em	Drunken Sailor	3
D	Young Roddy McCorley	5
D	Danny Boy	3*
Em	Tamlin	4
	<b>Extras</b>	
C	Tennessee Waltz	3*
	*2 <sup>nd</sup> time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's softly	

**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.

**ANN'S GROUP IS ENDING**

April 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> mark the last two dates that Ann's group will meet. Over the past three years there have been 12 hammered dulcimer players that have joined our group at different times - for slow jams, learning new tunes, tuning techniques, chords and hand patterns. Several of these beginners have gone on to play for the club play dates! It has been a rewarding experience for me. I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone and am very proud of their progress!  
Sincerely, Ann

**FROM THE TREASURER'S BOX**\_\_Terry Kozlowski

**April Report**

1. Our membership is now at 90. Please welcome new member Shirley Becker.
2. Gig activities for Jan. and Feb. are completed. See Ann Wassell for your goodies!
3. Treasury book is available for inspection. See me at any of the jams or variety night for review.
4. It has been brought to my attention, as membership chairman, that New Member Sheet Music packets are missing new music and revised music sheets. Going back to 2010, SSDS music went through a major revision of all its sheet music. As a result of that update effort, each sheet of music had a revision date of December 30, 2010. During the last four years, there have been revisions and addition of music to the master file (I believe the master file was the packet of sheet music). However, with the advent of Dropbox, all revisions and additions are now posted electronically to that source (which is a good thing in my opinion). I used Dropbox as my master list and compared it to the current packet that is passed out to new members. Doing that comparison, I came to the following revelation: 12 obsolete sheets and 15 sheets were missing from the New Member Sheet Music packets. So that incoming new members are up to speed, I will update the seven remaining packets in the next few weeks.

See attached list of tunes that may need to be added or replaced in your music binders. Copies of this list will be out at the jams so members can add this list to their binder.

5. Dropbox – if you use Dropbox for your music, you are current with the music as all updates are posted there. If you do not use or have access to Dropbox, you will need to contact me so I can determine how many packets are needed. The goal is to bring everyone up to date and on the same page! Hopefully with your cooperation, this can be done by the end of April.

	<b>Revised Existing Dropbox Music</b>	<b>Old Date</b>	<b>Current Date</b>
1	Amelia	1/30/2010	8/6/2013
2	Battle Hymn of the Republic	1/30/2010	6/4/2012
3	Blackberry Blossom	1/30/2010	5/20/2013
4	Bonaparte Crossing the Rhine	1/30/2010	7/25/2012
5	Captain O'Kain	1/30/2010	10/15/2013
6	Hundred Pipers	1/30/2010	9/5/2013
7	Kentucky Waltz	1/30/2010	8/14/2013
8	Midnight on the Water	1/30/2010	9/5/2013
9	Nearer My God to Thee	1/30/2010	1/29/2012
10	Red River Valley	1/30/2010	9/23/2013
11	Seneca Square Dance	1/30/2010	1/29/2013
12	Young Roddy McCorley	1/30/2010	5/20/2013

	<b>New Music added to Dropbox</b>	<b>Current Date</b>
1	Doxology	12/3/2012
2	Eagan's Polka	3/2014
3	Front Porch Waltz	5/2011
4	Jig for a Sunny Day	No date
5	Lock Lomond	11/6/2011
6	Mairi's Wedding-D	10/15/2013
7	Mairi's Wedding-G	10/15/2013
8	Minstrel Boy	6/2014
9	Morrison's Jig	4/2010
10	Mr. Gubbin's Bicycle	10/19/2013
11	Sandy Boys	4/9/2013
12	Scotland the Brave	11/6/2011
13	Snake River	11/6/2011
14	Spanish Two Step	6/4/2012
15	Tommy's Waltz	8/1/2014



**STEPHEN SEIPHERT AND BING FUTCH**  
 Evart, MI Dulcimer 3-DayRight before ODPC FunFest



Stephen is teaching a mountain dulcimer three-day with Bing Futch at the Twin Oaks Bowling Center & Lounge in Evart, MI, July 13-15, just before the ODPC FunFest. It's very close to the campground, but just outside walking distance. There will be good food, bowling, and an awesome jam with Rick Thum's bunch. The venue is non-smoking.

Bing and Stephen are teaching beginners, intermediates, and up, and will swap classes after lunch each day. Registration is now open. For all the details, please visit: <http://bingandsteve.com>.

## FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

### UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month, Sept thru May, 12:30-4:30pm  
(next is Apr 11<sup>th</sup>)

For info. call Penny 517-547-7448

### NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

First Saturday of Month Sept thru May – 6pm  
(next is Apr 4<sup>th</sup>)

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

### MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

(formerly called West Adrian Jam)

Forth Saturday of the month – 6pm (next is Apr 25<sup>th</sup>)

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 (Apr 4<sup>th</sup>)

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 (Apr 24<sup>th</sup>)

Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County

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

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  
mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com

### GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

First Wednesday of the month 7:00 (Apr 1<sup>st</sup>)

Good Hope Lutheran Church,  
28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

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 - POB

Pittsfield Grange 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor,  
First and third Saturday from 3-6pm.  
<http://www.aactmad.org/sa/pob.html>

### LAMS - Livingston Acoustic Musical Society

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 7-11pm (Apr 18<sup>th</sup>)

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene  
8040 Country Corner Drive, Fowlerville  
Contact: Tony Miceli 517-223-9590

### FARMINGTON JAM

Universalist Unitarian Church

25301 Halsted Rd. Farmington Hills 48335

Second Tuesday of each month from Sept – June, 7pm

Many players come to play dulcimers, fiddles, guitars...

If you are a beginner, this is a good place

to meet people and get involved.

Contact: HolmesSid@aol.com

If anyone knows of a good jam that should be in this column and isn't please let me know. . . . . Lee

## I could have used a "Whiskey before Breakfast" .....



Hi Everyone, This is Ernie Stewart, one of the fiddle players at Silver Strings, and I just got back from the Buckeye Dulcimer Festival in Ashley, Ohio and wished you could have come to get a "spring re-charge" in music like I did!

Usually this festival is held 2 or 3 weeks later in March, but due to some other happenings it was held March 4-8<sup>th</sup> during some very frigid winter weather. Most of the time the temps were either zero or below along with ice and snow but the dorms, classrooms, instructors, and workshops and JAMS were as warm and friendly as ever.

This year I was lucky enough to take classes on the ukulele with a very talented and excellent teacher named Steve Smith. He and his wife lived on the island of Maui in Hawaii for over 15 years so I got a real good taste of the Hawaiian culture, language, history, and music. I didn't know that the uke originally came to Hawaii from Portugal and that the Hawaiian language was never written down until the missionaries came. Each day in our class we sang and learned to chord 4 different tunes so by the end of the week we had a 12 song repertoire under our belts. If you'd like to see these tunes, I'd be willing to share them with you anytime.

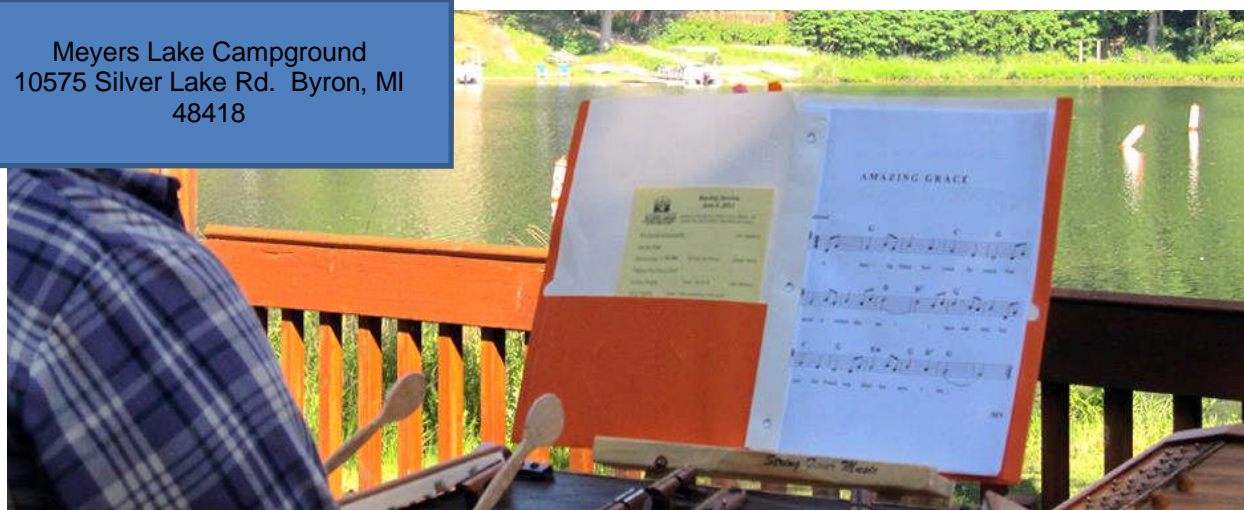
New this year at Buckeye we got a copy of "Lee's Waltz" to practice. It was written by a longtime friend and supporter of the festival, Doug Felt, who had passed on last fall. Everyone surprised his wife Lee, one afternoon by playing that waltz to her in memory of Doug. There were mountain and hammered dulcimers, mandolins, fiddles, guitars, banjos, whistles, autoharps, ukes (over 200 musicians in all) playing that beautiful piece together...WOW! Not a dry eye could be seen anywhere after it was played, and we all knew Doug was there with us listening to it, too! I have a copy of that waltz and maybe Silver Strings would like to try it sometime or possibly add it to our tune book- it is really easy to play and beautiful.

I was also happy to see Marge Watson who plays the accordion at our jams, and the Battley's were there as well, so even though I could have used a shot of "Whiskey Before Breakfast" on those subzero mornings, I still got a needed uplift to the start of all the 2015 music festivals all around us and a chance to think about meeting new friends, learning new tunes and sharing them with others.

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# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society's Annual Myers Lake Campout

June 12 -14, 2015

Join us for a weekend filled with Music, Workshops, Jams and Family Fun

Make your reservations at [WWW.myerslake.org](http://WWW.myerslake.org) or by calling them at 810-266-4511

Use reservation code **G1401833**

Camp in your own tent or trailer or Cabin rental is available beginning at \$65.00 per night.

20 Amp sites are \$30.00 per night  
30 Amp w/water are \$35.00 per night

First night's payment is due upon reservation. Paying for your entire stay in advance you will qualify for curbside check-in and will bypass any lines in the registration office/store.

For any questions please contact:  
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## Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome.

### Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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**IT'S APRIL...!**  
**SPRING IS HERE !!**

If you were on the mailing list  
your name would be here.