

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

Hi everyone – There are lots of good things happening. As a reminder to our members, the board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 in the Good Hope Kitchen. All are welcome. The board is available to entertain comments/ideas to make our club better. Here's an update on what's happening and how you can be part of it:

Wear your name tag! If you don't have one, contact one of the board members or Terence Treppa, our name tag coordinator. This helps everyone to know your name and you to know theirs.

Music packet in a flash drive. I'm hoping to have this project finished by the first meeting in April.

Myer's Lake – For our new members, this is a weekend at Myer's Lake, located in Byron Michigan. It is a Methodist Camp with fishing, swimming and many other activities for the family. Silver Strings has been hosting this event for a number of years, and it is always held on the second weekend of June, Friday and Saturday. You can make reservations for those two nights or longer if you wish. Call and make your reservations. <http://umcamping.org/camps/myers-lake/> As an option, you can come on Saturday morning and spend the day.

There will be jamming and workshops during the day, and jamming in the barn Friday and Saturday evening. Dinner on Saturday around 5 o'clock. Music in a lovely setting with great friends. You can come for the whole event or just the day. Help make this a great event with your presence and help. Gloria will have additional details in her report.

Update for those members who have missed the last couple of meetings. Silver Strings Dulcimer Society will be performing on the **Michigan State Lansing Capitol Building Steps, Tuesday, May 16, at 12:00 noon**. I am in the process of chartering a 55 person bus for this performance. Several reasons for considering this option:

1. It would ensure all performers arrive at the same time.
2. No worries of parking.
3. The bus would drop off and pickup performers at the Capitol steps thereby allowing for a short transport of instruments.

4. Downside of this option is the bus must leave Lansing at 2:30.

There are questions regarding the shipping of our instruments in the bus cargo bay. Very good question and I will try to resolve that issue. If you are interested in performing contact Harold to ensure your name is on the list. Also, I need head count for the bus company. More details to be discussed at Varsity night and first meeting in April.

Spring Cleaning Sales Table – What is gathering dust in your music closet? Is there something you no longer play or use related to music? The next three months a Sales Table will be available for these items. Please attach a card to your item with your name, asking price and any other pertinent information. Note we are making this available to you but are not responsible for your items.....Terry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

6.....SSDS MEETING AND JAM.....7:00 - ??
April Slow Jam *CANCELLED*

11.....Playdate.....BC.....2:00
Oakmont Seniors.....Livonia

18.....Playdate.....BC.....3:00
Heartland Health Care.....Canton

20.....SSDS MEETING AND JAM.....7:00 - ??
Board Meeting5:30
Classical Practice6:00

C=Casual BC=Business Casual

V.P. BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Happy April, Spring is my favorite season with warmer weather. Don't forget April Fools's Day 4/1, Good Friday 4/14, Easter 4/16, Tax Day 4/18, Earth Day 4/22 and My Birthday 4/23. We also have two Silver Strings play dates in April - Oakmont in Livonia at 2:00 4/11 and Heartland Health Care in Canton at 3:00 4/18.

Wow, what a busy and fun Month of March for Silver Strings. We had six play dates, a Library

Outreach program, two Jams and a wonderful Variety Night with pizza! Thanks to all musicians for doing such a great job playing and sharing our "Irish" music last month.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for these future and very special play dates you don't want miss - Capitol Steps in Lansing @ 12:00 on Saturday 5/16, Meyers Lake June 9th and 10th and the Belle Isle Art Fair on Saturday August 5th. See ya'all soon and keep on the sunny side of life.....Harold

IT'S APRIL...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

- 1....Alice Avery
- 1....Larry Roper
- 10...Luke Kawecki
- 13...Bill Deighton
- 23...Harold Crane
- 28...Marsha Kozlowski

Anniversaries

- 27...Nancy Sullivan

If you don't see your name here for your birthday or anniversary please let me know David dtsmithnet@yahoo.com



MUSIC COORDINATOR NOTES_ Marsha Kozlowski

Playdate Primer

Since we are approaching a unique opportunity for the performing side of the club, (performance on the Capitol steps in Lansing) it might be beneficial to newer members or those who have not "performed" to have a better idea of how it works. Some of you are striving to be on the performing side but are hesitant. Performing can be a fun and rewarding experience, not only for you, but for the audience—it's unbelievable how our music affects people.

But it can also cause a lot of anxiety if it's your first time. The more information you gather on the subject, the less anxiety it will cause. If this is your first performance, don't be afraid of making a mistake. Chances are the only one who will know is you, so just keep smiling and playing. The more you perform, the easier it gets.

First, check the playlist for the upcoming month. You will note that the same playlist will apply for months April through July. If there are tunes you don't know, call for them at the jam. And practice the tunes you are less familiar with.

There are sign-up sheets available at each club meeting for upcoming performances. The sheets have the details of the performance such as time and place, directions, dress code and any special information needed. If you plan on participating, please sign the sheet so that we have an idea of the number of people that will be there. Some performances have space limitation or other restrictions and we are asked to send a smaller number of performers. If parking is an issue, players will ride together. It is helpful to know ahead of time

that we have the players we need. About a week before the playdate you have signed up for, you will be sent an email reminder.

Punctuality is very important. We ask that you arrive ½ hour ahead of the actual play time to set up your instruments and be ready to play at performance time. There is usually a seating chart and everyone helps get set up so the configuration is best for the venue. Hammered dulcimers, please tune your instrument ahead of time. Other instruments can get away with last minute tuning because they only have 4-5 strings!

If you have questions about performing, ask Harold, our VP-Business. He can fill you in. Or talk to one of the regular performers. Feel free to ask any questions and remember that performing really can be a fun and rewarding experience for both you and the audience. Come join us! We may even go out after the performance for further fellowship.

Library Outreach Report

We just finished our third Library Outreach program. Almost 70 people attended and about 30 people stayed for the "hands on" portion. Back-up players had conversations with people interested in our group and other instruments. Everyone was part of the Q&A portion. It was fun to perform and share our music in a new way.

It is likely that we will have more visitors and new players to our jams who have "caught" the joy of our music and instruments from these programs. So, watch for them, welcome and encourage them.

The Livonia Library event completes the programs scheduled so far. If you have a contact to a library that might like to host this program, please promote it with them and ask them to contact me for further information. It would be nice to continue the momentum and set up a couple programs for the fall months.

Thank you to all who have played at these events, who have brought extra instruments, provided back-up and supported this "mission." You "done good."
.....Marsha

From the VP PROGRAMS_____ Gloria Tapper

Hi everyone, by now most of you have the information regarding our annual Myers Lake Camp Out, (thank you Karen) I have hard copies if you need them. I don't have the workshops lined up yet, I'm working on them. If you don't camp, come for the day, Saturday is the day for feasting and workshops, lots of fun, bring family and friends. If you have questions or concerns, you can contact me at, getapper@yahoo.com. or 734-427-1142 . I will be at our jam the third Thursday in April,

Also, our annual picnic is set for August 3, it has been suggested that we start jamming a little later in the afternoon, I do think that is a good idea, I will get back to you on this and other info you will want .

Our Annual Banquet is being lined up. October , at O'Kellys, there was some question about do we want earlier jamming, or entertainment, then jamming after,

it's still a question, let us know what you think? That's what I've been working on, enjoy the nice spring weather.....Gloria

SECRETARY'S NOTES _____ Chris Hurt

All members are welcome to attend our board meetings which are held on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30. A copy of the complete minutes is available from me on request. Harold informed us that we have been asked to play at Belle Isle on Saturday, August 5th. There is no money paid to us for this. It is a juried art show and he suggested we turn it into a picnic. Dave Langdon, who has been contracted by Michigan State to document the history of the hammered dulcimer in Michigan, attended the board meeting and explained his project to us. The Capital performance is May 16th and we are checking into renting a bus to drive us there as parking is a problem in that area. The next library program is March 28th at the Livonia library. The same playlist will be used for April thru July with a patriotic theme. Marsha suggested an oldies night, where we come to the May 18th jam with a list of songs we have not played in a long time. The Myers Lake campout plans are coming together and the banquet hall has been reserved. Various workshop ideas were brainstormed. The next club meeting is March 30 and is a variety night.
.....Chris

There will be **no Slow Jam on April 6**. The next Slow Jam will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday May 4. That will be the last Slow Jam until fall.....Ann Wassell

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ATTENTION MOUNTAINEERS

Mountaineers will meet **April 12 & 26** at the home of Carol Ann and Dave Matthews 42297 Wickfield, Canton. Phone 734-981-5675 All Mountain Dulcimer players are welcome. We also welcome backup players.
Linda and Carol Ann



The Mountaineers practicing for Variety Night at the home of Carol Ann & Dave Matthews



Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
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Linda Osgood

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April-July 2017 Playlist (Rev. 3-20)

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over the Waterfall/ Mississippi Sawyer	3/3
D	Sandy River Belle	3
G	America the Beautiful	3**
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Down Yonder	3
D	Maple Sugar	3
D	Festival Rag	3
G	South Wind	3*
G	Yellow Bird	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
A	Hangman's Reel	3*
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
Em	Dancing Bear/Missouri	2/2
D	Ashokan Farewell	3*
D	Armed Services Salute	1
D	Liberty	3
G	God Bless America	3**
G	You're A Grand Old Flag	3**
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3
Em	Tamlin	4
<p>* 2nd time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's softly ** Tempo should be singable – not too fast.</p>		

FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2nd Saturday of month, Sept thru May, 12:30-4:30pm

For information visit <http://www.unclecarls.org>

NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

1st Saturday of Month, Sept thru May, 6pm

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

MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

4th Saturday of the month Sept thru May, 6pm

For info. Contact:

Jack & Marilyn Mullins: 517-270-2870

Or Larry Roper: 248-437-5403

SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Gurus and Rookies)

1st Saturday of the month 10:30am-Noon

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, 1:00 - 4:00pm

Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County

Admission is free but donations to the Metamora Historical Society are appreciated. For info. Call Alice Gajewski: 248-628-5287

mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com

GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:00pm

Good Hope Lutheran Church,

28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

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

Contact: Bob: bsnemo@yahoo.com

or David: musicalcraft@yahoo.com

Pittsfield Open Band - POB

1st and 3rd Saturday from 3:00 - 6:00pm

3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor,

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

LAMS - Livingston Acoustic Musical Society

3rd Saturday of the month 7:00 - 11:00pm

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive, Fowlerville

Contact: Tony Miceli: 517-223-9590

FARMINGTON JAM

2nd Tuesday of each month from Sept-June, 7:00pm

Universalist Unitarian Church

25301 Halsted Rd. Farmington Hills 48335

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 on this list, please let me know. David Smith

March was a busy month for Silver Strings with Jams, Workshops, 7 Performances, Library Outreach and Variety Night



A well attended Jam on March 2nd



Healing Music workshop by Kay Rowe

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**LENTEN
FESTIVAL**
Battlefield hosts
Mi-Careme event

— Monroe News photos
by TAMMY MASSINGILL

The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society performs Saturday an Irish tune during a Mi-Careme festival — a traditional French observance of Mid-Lent — held at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park.

A group of people are performing on a stage. They are playing various instruments, including dulcimers, guitars, and a double bass. The stage is decorated with framed pictures and artwork. The performers are dressed in casual attire.

Our Raisin River Battlefield performance made the Monroe News



March 6th St. Mary's Cause of Joy performance



A well attended concert at the Plymouth Library



St. Patrick's concert for the Oakmont Seniors



Our 5th Thursday Variety Night kicked off with toe tapping music by the Mountaineers



Upbeat music by Vintage Strings



Dave Mathews was MC



Regis Proulx & Harold Crane



David Smith on Hurdy Gurdy



Mellow sounds by Rich & Kay Rowe



Ann Wassell goes solo



Harold Crane & Lee Ann Lack



Bill Smith helps manage the flood from our leaking ceiling!!!



Livonia Civic Library Outreach Program on March 28th



A short concert by Silver Strings..... followed by.....an interactive hands-on music workshop



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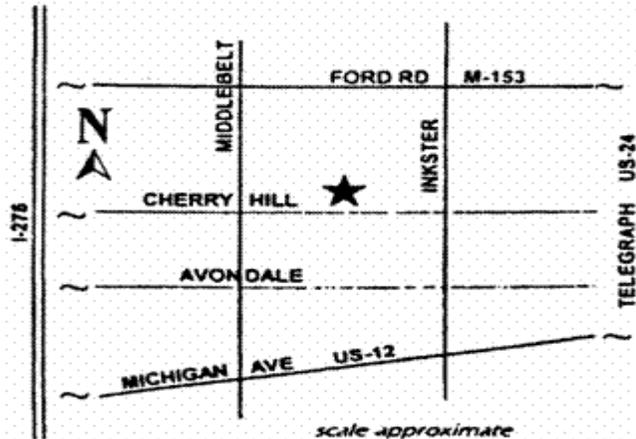
Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.... with jamming till ...?

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

Featuring the hammered dulcimer,
and other acoustic instruments :
mountain dulcimer, 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>

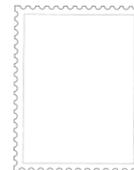
Everyone is welcome !
Come to listen, or come to play.



Start thinking about getting articles for the newsletter to me by the 25th.

Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome, contact David at dtsmithnet@yahoo.com

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