



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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President's Corner

Hello Everyone,

We're only a little over a month away from our annual camping trip to be held at Myers Lake Campground in Byron, Michigan. This campground is just a short drive (about 1 hour) north of Ann Arbor. They have a beautiful lake for fishing, swimming, etc. They have activities for all ages. You can even rent bikes there. They also have a big old barn for our jam sessions. Please contact Marlin Harmon to make your reservations.

I want to thank all of you who have attended our playdates. I've heard a lot of compliments. If you are interested in signing up for a particular playdate, please see Ramona Hadley as some playdates may be limited in the number of participants requested by our clients

George

V.P. Business

We have 3 great playdates coming up this month. We have been invited to play at:

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Westland,

May 6 at 7: pm for a Mother/Child dinner

Rivergate Terrace in Riverview, May 12th at 2: pm
celebrating Nursing Home Week

Laurel Manor, Livonia, May 24 aprox. 5-7: pm,

Alzheimer's fundraiser (postponed from April 28).

If you haven't joined us at a playdate recently, why not participate this month? Come join the fun; help raise money for our club activities; and gain experience performing as a group before a live audience. There is still room for a few more good men and women (to paraphrase the Marines). Please contact me for details.

Thanks ! Ramona

V.P. Programs

Just a short reminder that all reservations and the money for the campout must be in by the first Thursday in May, (May 5th). So far we have only 8 sites paid. **We need the money to reserve your space. Reservations must be in 30 days before the campout to guarantee your spot.** Higher numbers mean lower rates, and insure we can have the Swiss - steak dinner and workshops we want.

Marlin

You Can Bank on This (Treasurer's Notes)

Well... we certainly had some great chocolate snacks at the 1st April jam, in response to the hint in my last news article. Thank you Pat Jablonski and others who brought refreshments. That hint worked so well, how about "scotch" next time? Well.... maybe butterscotch. Keep those terrific goodies coming !

The new checks have finally arrived from TCF Bank. We have closed the costly account at the credit union. A first quarter financial report has been prepared. Copies will be available through May on the table. We had more income than expenses. **That's a VERY good thing.**

Our new Website (www.ssdsociety.org) is nearing completion. We are excited ! We can hardly wait till you get a chance to browse it ! Karen Turner has put a tremendous amount of creativity and work into the setup. We will owe her a **huge** debt of gratitude for the time and talent she has so freely given us in this project. Don't forget to thank her when you see it.

We have several play dates coming up. Please help support them. Part of our mission is to educate the public about our unique instruments and music. It also keeps our treasury viable so that we can do some fun things together.

Happy hammering, strumming, bowing, etc. . . . Bob

Evart Festival is coming in July. If you plan to attend, you might like to get copies of the featured music. If you want the complete set of music, send \$2, or if you want only the new tunes send \$1 to: **ODPC, P.O.Box 376, Evart, MI. 49631.** Many of the songs are also available for free download from the dulcimers.com website.

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Please check the accuracy of your "members' list" entry (the orange sheets) on the "business table" at the door and make any further changes. This will enable us to keep our records up to date, and give you full access to the new website. Many e-mail addresses are missing or out of date. If you need a 2005 roster, past newsletter, or past treasurer's report, see Bob or Sandi Hlavacek. The file is available at all jams.

Health update

I want to thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness during my surgery and recovery. Just a little progress report... I am doing fine and feeling stronger every day. I am in rehabilitation now, and everyone is amazed by how well I am doing.

I will see the surgeon April 27, and hope I will get the go ahead for more activities. Right now my household duties are limited and I am not to lift anything over 10 pounds. I will have to ask him about this. I found out the stitches they wired me up with don't dissolve for about a year.

Thanks again for the beautiful fruit basket. I sure loved that pineapple! Carol Harmon (secretary)

COMING EVENTS

May 1 Bob & Nancy Downie Farewell
 2-5:00 @ Gov. Warner Museum, Farmington
 May 6 SSDS PLAYDATE @ 7-8:00 pm
 Prince of Peace Church, Westland
 May 7 Paint Creek Play Day, Rochester Hills
 workshops, etc. noon-?, \$6 person
 May 12 SSDS PLAYDATE @ 2-3:00 pm
 Rivergate Terrace, Rivergate
 May 14 Uncle Carl's Jam, 12:30-?
 May 21 Adrian Jam
 May 24 SSDS PLAYDATE (rescheduled)
 Laurel Manor, Alzheimer fundraiser
 May 27 Happy Birthday Dawn Hayes
 June 18-19 SSDS CAMPOUT, Meyers Lake
 July 13-17 ODPC Funfest, Evart, MI
 Aug. 26-28 Midland Musicfest
 Oct. 6 SSDS Banquet

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MAN

Evart tunes for May are "Darktown Strutter's Ball" and "Your Cheatin' Heart". May tune of the month will be "Rock the Cradle Joe". I plan to do a new play list for each month... May is April plus "Tamlin" & "Sandy River Belle". If you want a special song added to our list, send me a note or e-mail Roger

SSDS MAY PLAYLIST

1st note

1. D&D	CHINESE / NELLY BLY	2 ea	A&F#
2. D	VIOLA'S SCHOTTISCHE	3X	F#
3. D	OVER THE WATERFALL	3X	D
4. D	JOHN RYAN'S POLKA	5X	D
5. G	MAGGIE	3X	B
6. D	ANGLEWORM WIGGLE	3X	A
7. C	BLACK VELVET WALTZ	3X	G
8. D	HARVEST HOME	2X	A
9. G	DOWN YONDER	3X	B
10. D&A	MAPLE SUGAR	3½	F#
11. Am	JOYS OF QUEBEC	3X	E
12. Am	KATUSHKA	5X	A
13. Em	TAM LIN	3X	B
14. G	OLD JOE CLARK	4X	A
15. D	PEEK-A-BOO WALTZ	3X	F#
16. G	RED APPLE RAG	3X	D
17. G	SILVER AND GOLD	3X	B
18. D	SANDY RIVER BELLE	3X	A
19. D	YOUNG RODDY McCORLEY	4X	D
20. G	COLUMBUS STOCKADE BLUES	4X	B
21. D	HEY POLKA	4X	A
22. G	WESTPHALIA WALTZ	2X	D
23. D	FLIGHT OF THE HAGGIS	4X	D
24.	ENDLESS MEDLEY	2 ea	
	D Ragtime Annie		F#
	D Soldier's Joy		F#
	D&G Golden Slippers		D

Copies of this play list will be available at meetings and play dates, so you can keep your Soundboard newsletter intact.

5th Thursday VARIETY NIGHT – March 31

submitted by David Smith



Your MC – David Smith



Luke Kawecky plays Steven Foster on his antique Melodeon



Joe Mallia sings acappella



Blended Strings – John Mercier, Roger Davis, Pat Altpeter and Joe Buatti



Jane Chevalier tells a story



Walt & Tony Jablonski, Chuck Slickis, John McAuliffe, Sally & Bob Niemczewski, David Smith, Sharon McAuliffe, Theresa Smith, Herb Danzinger, Kathy Harrison, Dorothy Ewald



Walt and Tony Jablonski play "Sentimental Journey" backed up by Uke 'n Sing



The Supremes – Sharon McAuliffe, Dorothy Ewald, Theresa Smith with Bob Ewald on guitar perform "When You're Smiling"



Bobbi Hearst and Mark Williams perform a medley of tunes



Guest Peter Alway on his Lego Dulcimer



John McAuliffe sings and strums "I Like Pie"



The attentive and appreciative audience



After the performance and pizza party,
A music jam played the night away.

What a night of entertainment! On March 31 Silver Strings once again hosted a **Variety Night, Music Swap, Pizza Party and Open Jam**. There were a total of 9 acts and 23 Silver Strings members who entertained the audience for well over an hour's worth of musical variety. Mark your calendars for **June 30** when once again we will offer a variety of entertainment by our own club members. So practice up a tune or two and give it a try. See you there!

SECRETARY'S NOTES

The question of appropriate instruments for SSDS jams was discussed. The conclusion is we should follow Evert jam rules. That means... no electric / amplified, or valve, or reed instruments.

Any member who plays regularly with a small group, may submit their website to Karen Turner or Bob Hlavacek to be included in our new website.

Karen Turner gave the board a "walk through progress report" on the new SSDS website. It has everything we could ask for, and more. It's VERY EASY to use. She's doing a great job !!! It will be up and running within a few weeks. She and Bob will lead a website workshop @ 6:30 on May 19th, before our regular 7:00 pm jam session, to introduce it and answer your questions.

Evie Bain reported on her 15 contacts in search of a place for our fall banquet. The board voted to take advantage of a discount offered where her son works, in Plymouth. More info. to come...save the date of Oct. 6th. You'll love it ! Carol

WEB WONDERS WE AWAIT

Construction on the new website, www.ssdociety.org, is progressing nicely. First I'd like to thank David Smith and Lynn Ellen Kaiser for their hard work and contributions to the previous website. Without their efforts, my job would be much more difficult. Basically, I am converting the content from the previous website to a new design and format. There will be a few new sections that will add exposure for our club, and provide easier communication with both members and non-members.

The main sections of the new website are: About Us, Contact Us, Membership, Photo Gallery, Video Gallery, Message Board, Newsletter, Buy CD, Tunes, Festivals, Concerts, Jams and Links. Tunes will include our repertoire, performance lists and some sample audio files. The Video Gallery will include short video clips on club members playing at club meetings, variety night and performance dates.

The Message Board (sometimes called a forum) will be replacing the email list. The message board, with several categories, will allow individuals to read and post a message. With this, we can reach more people, and promote the history and playing of the hammered and mountain dulcimer, and other acoustic instruments.

Another feature of the website will be the Photo Gallery. This piece of web-based software is very dynamic and powerful. You will be pleased with this new facet of the website and will enjoy the many ways to view photos and slideshows.

Keep checking back at www.ssdociety.org. For now, the homepage says the website is under construction, but it will be out in cyberspace soon!

Happy Web Surfing.....Karen Turner

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Which is larger... a violin or a viola ?
(Neither... the violinist's head is bigger.)

May 30th is Memorial Day. It is a time to remember how truly fortunate we are to enjoy our many freedoms, and to appreciate the sacrifices that have provided them for us. To honor those who "gave their all", I present this gift. to you, with gratitude to Joe Malia, for sharing. Sandi

Perhaps you have noticed our resident artist, Joe Malia, sketching during jam sessions. One evening, while listening to us play "Ashoken Farewell" (with our visiting cello), he was particularly inspired to create something really unique. He has put an amazing amount of time and effort into research and artistry to present, to Silver Strings, his own "musical fantasy".

The setting is the 1863 White House lawn. (Note the missing balconies, which were later added by President Truman.) President Lincoln is sharing a beautiful musical moment with sons Tad and Willie. (Willie died soon after.) The costuming and instruments are true to the Civil War era. Look closely. . . you will see Corporal Luke Kaweck, Sergeant George Gonyo, and Corporal David Smith in their dress blue "Union" uniforms, playing for the Lincoln family.

Thank you, Joe !

A Musical Fantasy

By Joseph Paul Mallon

...IN 1863, IN A QUIET MOMENT
BETWEEN BATTLE REPORTS...
...FATHER ABRAHAM, WITH SONS
TAD & WILLIE, LISTENS TO THE
BEAUTIFUL "ASHOKEN FAREWELL"
...PLAYED BY MARINE BANDSMEN
ON THE SOUTH LAWN...

(* COPYWRITER, 1983 - BY JAY UNGAR)
COMPOSED FOR "THE CIVIL WAR"
BY KEN BIRGAN



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