

# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

# Soundboard

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT \_\_\_\_\_ Harold Crane

Greetings to all music lovers, I hope everyone is enjoying our **HOT** Michigan summer with lots of things to do and places to go or just relaxing under a shade tree with a cool beverage. An exciting Silver Strings event coming up is our all day Annual Picnic at Garden City Park on Thursday, August 4th with our pot luck dinner at 5:00 with lots of jamming and socializing. **Remember there is no jam at Good Hope Church on Thursday, August 4th.**

The ODPC Evert Funfest in July was wonderful with lots of workshops, jamming, visiting with old and new friends and great grandstand shows, including our Silver Strings performance on Thursday night. A BIG thanks to Marsha for all her time and effort, the musicians performed a great show.

Thanks also to Larry Roper for his farewell article to Walter Jablonski who was a dedicated and long time member of Silver Strings - Rest in Peace. Another long time SSDS member who passed away recently is Sharon Hall.

A few other things coming up for Silver Strings are our "Top 10 Jam Songs" in September and our "Library Outreach Program" which will be an interactive program sharing our instruments and music with interested people at a library.

Welcome, David Smith as our new Soundboard Editor, and thanks to Lee Lack for her excellent job as editor of the soundboard for the last five years. We are also looking for a few new board members from our very talented group for 2017 to keep our group strong and healthy. Stay cool..... Harold

## V.P. BUSINESS NOTES \_\_\_\_\_ Ann Wassell

Looking ahead to fall and winter - Silver Strings Dulcimer Society would benefit from some new and different venues for our performances. As you may or may not know, we are a for profit organization that depends on outside income (as well as membership dues) to support our activities and meeting locale. It would benefit all of us if each individual member of our club would actively promote our performances when interacting with people at Church, in the neighborhoods, assisted living homes, local civic clubs and local libraries - just to name a few places.

Our Christmas/Holiday performances are outstanding and the season is fast approaching!

So, if you have some ideas regarding possible performances, have someone contact me for more information, ask me for flyers or my business card so that you can help get out the word that we are an awesome music group! As far as performers go, anyone in the club that can play our performance list is welcome to joins us. The performance list, month by month, is published in the Soundboard.

My cell phone is 517-442-7328, home phone is 734-744-4255. Looking forward to hearing from you.....Ann

## From the VP PROGRAMS \_\_\_\_\_ Gloria Tapper

Hi everyone, I don't have a lot going on right now. The annual picnic is coming up fast, August 4th, at Garden City Park, Merriman Road and Cherry Hill, we will be at the large pavilion. Chicken is the main entree, please bring sides. If your last name begins with:

A through M - dessert.

M through Z - side dish, vegetable, salad, pasta, etc.

I plan on getting there around 10am to start setting up. Any help would be appreciated. Dinner will be at 5:00 pm. We can jam throughout the day. More serious jamming after dinner.

The next event will be the annual banquet on October 6th at Corsi's Banquet Hall on 7 Mile in Livonia. Tickets will be available soon. Think about some of the different hobbies and interests you may have been involved with throughout the years, we have used this theme twice already, but I'm sure there's more to share. That's what's going on for now.

Enjoy the summer, I'm having a hard time leaving Luddington.....Gloria

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### AUGUST

- 4.....**SILVER STRINGS PICNIC & JAM**  
Garden City Park - Large Pavilion 10am - 10pm
- 18.....**SSDS MEETING AND JAM . . . .7:00-??**
- 25 - 28...**MIDLAND FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
Midland County Fairgrounds

## MUSIC COORDINATOR NOTES...Marsha Kozlowski

**Tune of the Month** – The next tune of the month is actually a medley of tunes – an Armed Services Anthem Medley, transcribed in the key of D for dulcimer user friendliness. The Board thought it would be a good idea to have this in our repertoire so that we can honor the Veterans – especially at any playdates we have in November (and other patriotic holidays in the future). Lee Lack did the transcription and kindly shared it with us. Normally we don't include the lyrics, but in this case, it will be helpful both in the learning process and in performance (we can sing the tunes in our head to keep the tempo). If there are enough people at the picnic about 2:30 P.M. – we can go over these as a group.

**Evert notes** – It was a great festival. The bad news was we did not play on the stage Thursday evening. The good news was we did not play on the stage Thursday evening – so we were closer to the audience (comments were our sound was balanced and very good). The bad news was we were not miked. The good news was we were not miked so many in the audience did not hear my verbal blunders but did get the balanced sound of all of us. Yellow Bird was the highlight of our performance and thanks for all who worked so hard to give such a polished performance. Professor Monts' crew filmed the performance.

The **Classics** group played at open mike on Saturday. We had a small but enthusiastic audience. Ernie Stewart brought his own fan club. It was really an achievement to be able to perform both pieces. Again, everyone worked hard and their efforts showed. We received positive feedback and Gail Perna, the stage manager wrote to me, "*I thought your group did very well! I was proud of all of you, for taking on more challenging music. It's not so important, whether or not it was perfect. It matters more that your group was willing to try something new and then was willing to share it with others.*" The intention is to perhaps play at Midland's open mike program and then again in September at Variety Night.

Lastly, several people at Evert came to me asking where the Silver Strings Jam was – they were looking for it because they liked our jams so much. *So next year's Board may want to discuss whether to do that and how it might be accomplished.*

A grand idea! – many of you know I get these grand ideas – some don't work out, but then again.....on my way to trying one thing, Plan B happens. Plan B in this case is an invitation for our club to play on the steps of the State Capitol on **May 16, 2017 from noon to 1:00 p.m.** This is part of an initiative called "**Spring Music on the Capitol steps.**" Throughout that week, other community and high school music groups will also be performing. Senator Colbeck and his staff facilitated this for us and secured a reservation for that date. Stay tune for more details as that time nears.

**Top Ten SSDS Hits** – what are they? We know many people's favorite tune because they usually call it out at the jam. But most have more than one favorite tune. In September, one of our jams will be dedicated to "The Top Ten". To prepare for that, members are asked to look at our repertoire, list their favorite ten tunes and

then put them in order of most favorite #1 down to #10. You can email it or send it snail-mail to Marsha. In addition to using this at a jam, it will provide the basis of an article for our newsletter. There are all kinds of surprises awaiting for us. So please take the time to compile your list and get it to Marsha. It should be fun.

**Library Outreach** – This new program has been gaining attention from a good number of libraries (7 at last count). The program is intended to be interactive, combining performance and one-on-one to introduce our instruments to new people, to bring our sound to new audiences, and keep dulcimer music going. The program is likely to be launched in the winter (January, February, March) when we don't have many playdates. To be truly successful, what is needed are people who are willing to do the one-on-ones and/or willing to mentor new players. Please let Marsha know if you can do both or either. It would be great if we could have 7-8 dulcimer players for these programs plus some back-up players, who while they won't do one-on-one can talk about our club and where we meet, the festival opportunities, other instruments that play well with the dulcimer, etc. The goal is to promote dulcimer playing as well as introduce them to our club

**NEWS FLASH!!** Plymouth Library has already requested we put on this program at their library. Date is September 7 from 6:30 to 8:00. They are excited about it, like the performance/one-on-one format. I am working on the handout packet, including "Where you can purchase a dulcimer?" (list of builders, Elderly's, - if you have suggestions or information that can be included in this, please send to Marsha), List of teachers/mentors in the area (if you are willing to take on a student for beginning dulcimer, please let Marsha know), ODPC Student program information, our club brochure, and a one page piece on the history of the dulcimer.

The room we will be using is not that big, so number of players will need to be limited. The performance will consist of tunes we all know very well and can demonstrate the various "voices" of our music. As soon as I have it ready, I will put it out.

Debuting this program is exciting. It is likely it will evolve as we learn from doing. But isn't that how we learned to play our instruments? A sign-up play sheet will be available at the picnic.

**"Christmas is Coming, the goose is getting fat"** already looking ahead to Christmas tunes. While we have the reliable standards, it is good to change out one or two to keep our performance fresh. One never knows what new tune will be the next standard. A couple years ago, we introduced "Holly Jolly Christmas" and "Jingle Bell Rock" – both fun to play and crowd pleasers as well. So, I will have some suggestions again. Group practices will start in October, but if you want a preview to try out, they should be ready to try the end of August.

### **2 Hammered Dulcimers for Sale**

1 David's Dulcimer - Student size 1 Master Works.

Contact Donna Mayer for details and price.

313-388-1243

**IT'S AUGUST...LET'S CELEBRATE !**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 3...George Gonyo
- 20...Shirley Becker
- 21...Michael Hurt
- 23...Linda Osgood
- 28...Christopher Larue
- 30...Bob Hlavacek
- 30...Frank Duffey



**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5....Frank Surhigh
- 8....Fred and Shirley Becker 60<sup>th</sup>
- 30...Terry & Marsha Kozlowski.....48<sup>th</sup>
- 1....Dave & Carol Ann Matthews...49<sup>th</sup>

*If you don't see your name here for your birthday or anniversary please let me know.....David Smith*

**SECRETARY'S NOTES** \_\_\_\_\_ Chris Hurt

Silver Strings performed at the Evert Dulcimer Festival with 23 signed up to participate. The classics group played at the open mic performance. The annual club picnic will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> in Garden City, so there will be no board meeting or regular club meeting at the church that day. All members are welcome to the board meetings and the next one will be held on September 1.

Two of our board members will be stepping down (Harold and Ann) because of a two year limit per office. Anyone interested in running for an office, let a board member know. Food arrangements were discussed for the banquet to be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Corsi's .

Lester Monts and his crew from the U of M will be at Evert to film our performance. He will also interview several members of SSDS. His group filmed a sub-group of SSDS by invite of Bob Hlavacek, and they will film Vintage Strings at Greenfield Village.

Marsha is working on an armed forces medley for a tune of the month selection and has several ideas for tunes for next year. She has contacted 15 libraries for the Library Outreach Project and 5 have responded positively and she would like this to begin in January. Marsha has arranged for the club to do a "Flash Mob" performance at the State Capital on the steps outside in Lansing during Michigan Week in May.....Chris

**To print the August play list,**  
please click on our website or this link :  
<http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/playlists.asp>

**Silver Strings August-September 2016 Playlist**

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over the Waterfall/Mississippi Sawyer	3/3
G	Red Wing	3*
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
C	Five Foot Two	3
D	Festival Rag	3
D	Flight of the Haggis	3
G	South Wind	3*
G	Hundred Pipers	3
D	Young Roddy McCorley	4
G	March of St. Timothy	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3*
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
D	Ash Grove	3*
D	Spanish Two Step	3
Em	Dancing Bear/Missouri	2/2
D	Dennis Murphy's Polka	3
G	Muss I Denn	3*
G	Yellow Bird	3***
G	You're A Grand Old Flag	3
	<b>Extras</b>	
D	Hey Polka	3
Em	Tamlin	4
	*2 <sup>nd</sup> time: If instruments are available-- Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's softly; *** if you have a water bird whistle, please bring to use for ornamentation.	

**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.



**Music by Linda**

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions  
Dulcimer Lessons

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**Friends don't let friends play music alone.**

## FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

### UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month, Sept thru May, 12:30-4:30pm  
For info contact Penny: 517-547-7448

### NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Month, Sept thru May, 6pm  
For info contact Jack & Marilyn Mullins: 517-270-2870

### MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

4<sup>th</sup> 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)

1<sup>st</sup> 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. Metamora's 1888 Old  
Town Hall is part of an historic community.  
For info. Call Alice Gajewski: 248-628-5287  
mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com

### GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

1<sup>st</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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*



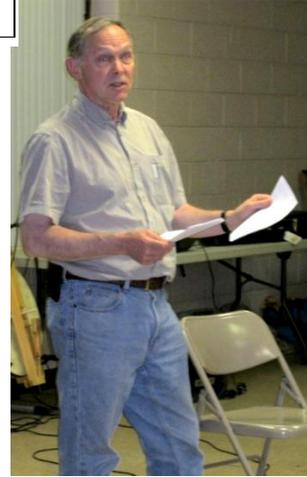
Ask Dave Mathews about his chic new headgear !!!

### SSDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2016

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## June VARIETY NIGHT



We all had a fun and entertaining time at the June Variety Night. There were fewer members in attendance this time but a good time was had by all. A lively after hours jam followed. The next Variety Night will take place on September 29th, so save the date and practice up.



# Evart Funfest 2016



# Featured in Workshops and Concert

## Rick Thum



Saturday November 12, 2016

- |                |                                |   |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 9:00 - 10:30AM | Workshop #1 BEGINNERS<br>\$25  | We will explore the basics and more depending on the level and needs of participants.   |
| 11:00 - 1:00PM | Workshop #2 ALL LEVELS<br>\$30 | We will review chord construction and patterns and then practice hearing and playing them for jamming or playing back-up. A good practice at hearing chord changes. Lots of hands on playing. |
| 1:00 - 2:00PM  | Lunch                          |   |
| 2:00 - 4:00PM  | Workshop #3 ALL LEVELS<br>\$30 | Embellishments. What notes do I use. How to find them fast and how many do I need. A quick and easy way to find embellishments.   |

*If taking more than one workshop, take \$5.00 off of each additional workshop.*

6:00 - 7:30PM CONCERT \$12

*If registered in a workshop concert \$8.00*

7:30 - 9:30 OPEN JAMMING

*The lower level room will be available for jamming, and hanging out for those not choosing the workshops.*

### Location

Good Hope Lutheran Church  
28680 Cherry Hill Rd.  
Garden City, MI 48135

### Contact

Rick Thum  
314-406-0690  
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Website: [rthum.com](http://rthum.com)

## Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays every month  
7 - 9 p.m.... with jamming till ...?

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

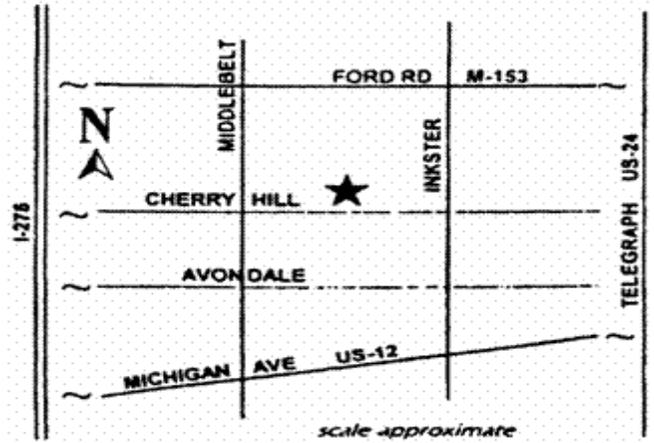
Featuring the hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer,  
and other acoustic band instruments :  
banjo, guitar, autoharp, fiddle, string bass, washtub  
bass, mandolin, folk harp, recorder, tin penny whistle,  
and harmonica.

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>

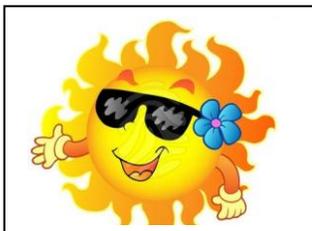
**Everyone is welcome !**  
Come to listen, or come to play.



Start thinking about getting articles for the newsletter to me by the 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome.

### Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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**IT'S August...!**  
**STAY COOL.. !!**

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