

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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PRESIDENTS REPORT _____ Harold Crane

Happy Autumn, Cooler weather, less daylight, fall colors, hats and coats, blankets, raking leaves, apple cider and of course a Halloween Pumpkin and candy for the trick or treaters on October 31st.

In September, we had a very successful debut of our Library Outreach Program at the Plymouth Library with a short concert and a one-on-one hammer dulcimer introduction for the audience members who signed up. We also had a "Top Ten Music Jam Night" organized and hosted by Marsha (our music coordinator) which was interesting and fun.

Thanks to Bob Ewald and his family for having a memorial service for Dorothy Marie Ewald, a long time Silver Strings member, world traveler, musician and singer.

The holidays are just around the corner with lots of playdates, new tunes (posted in Dropbox) for us to practice and perform, so sign up to play and join the festivities. The one event you don't want to miss is our Annual Silver Strings Banquet at Corsi's on Thursday, October 6th. The evening will start with our creativity and hobby display, dinner and dessert, presentations, entertainment by Rob Broussa and end with a Silver Strings Jam - wow! On Saturday, November 12th, Rick Thum will be at Good Hope Church for workshops and a great concert in the church.

Last thing on my list for Silver Strings is that we still need a couple of new board members for 2017 so we can keep on sharing, playing and enjoying our music together. Stay safe and see ya soon,..... Harold

V.P. BUSINESS NOTES _____ Ann Wassell

When I was elected to the position of Vice President-Business, it was with great misgivings about my competence with computers. Sending and receiving email and a few other things was just about all I had done. After 2 years now I can scan and print, attach copies, prepare invoices, and a lot of other things.

The paperwork is a small part of what this position involves. Being able to interact with people who call me to book a performance, keep the performers up to date on what and when we are performing, and finding out where to park, what door to enter, etc., at the venue is all part of the job that I really enjoy.

Having Marsha Kozlowski as a Music Coordinator has made all the difference in this job. I can concentrate on the business side and not worry about playlists, etc.

The by-laws state that we can hold an elected job for 2 years. My 2 years will be completed soon and a new Vice President of Business must be elected or all our performances will cease since there will be no one for people to contact to book a performance.

If you are at all organized, committed to the idea that performing in the community is an important way to promote the hammered dulcimer, I would be very willing to work with you to learn this job.

Please note a couple of changes in the Performance Calendar. Brookhaven Manor rescheduled from Oct. 11 to Nov.15. There is a performance time change to 3 p.m. for Southgate Co-op on Nov. 19.....Ann

Oct. 4	Heartland Healthcare - Canton	3:00 - 4:00
Nov. 15	Brookhaven Manor - Ann Arbor	2:00 - 3:00
Nov. 19	Southgate Co-Op - Southgate	3:00 - 4:00
Dec. 1	Good Hope Lutheran Church	7:00 - 8:00
Dec. 6	Heartland Healthcare - Canton	3:00 - 4:00
Dec. 6	Holy Cross Lutheran Church - Livonia	7:00 - 8:00
Dec. 8	St. Francis Cabrini Parish-Allen Park	TBA
Dec. 12	Plymouth Cultural Center	1:45 - 2:45
Dec. 9	St. Mary's Cultural Center - Livonia	1:00 - 2:00
Dec. 15	Livonia Public Library	12:15 - 1:00
Dec. 17	Caroline Kennedy Library Dearborn Heights	2:00 - 3:00
Dec. 20	Saint Collette Church - Livonia	7:30 - 8:15

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 4..... Heartland Healthcare - Canton..... 3:00 - 4:00
 6..... **SSDS BANQUET** 6:00-??
 Corsi's Banquet Center, Livonia
 13.....Christmas Practice - Good Hope.. 7:00 -??
 20.....**SSDS MEETING AND JAM** 7:00 - ??
 27.....Christmas Practice - Good Hope.. 7:00 - ??

MUSIC COORDINATOR NOTES...Marsha Kozlowski



Plymouth Library Outreach Program – Wow, Yeah Team! Fourteen players, 9 of whom play HD, launched our first library outreach program. We had a great time playing some of our favorite tunes for the first half hour. The next 15 minutes were a Q&A dialogue with the audience, giving most of the players a chance to engage with them. That was followed by breaking up and spreading out to do the 1:1s. Out of an audience of about 40 people, there were 18 people who wanted to try out the dulcimer which meant that some of the 1:1 became 2:1 (new math?). One gentleman brought his beautiful JK Hudson dulcimer that has been in closet purgatory for the last 15-20 years to get reacquainted and try again.

It was a great evening and a good start to promoting our music and our instruments. One attendee emailed me afterward, *“What a wonderful evening at the Plymouth Library last night! I so enjoyed myself, and learning about the instruments was enlightening! It was great to hear how the different dulcimers sounded..... thank you for taking the time to introduce this instrument!”* S.R.

Marjorie Sadler, the library facilitator for this event, was also very pleased with the program. Able to do the 1:1 as a personal bonus, she wrote, “Thank you, Marsha! Thank you to all of the Silver Strings Musicians who participated. The evening was interesting, informative, fun and quite enjoyable. I was happy to facilitate your sharing the joy of the dulcimer in our library community.”

Two more libraries plan to bring us in to do this for their community. Farmington Hills Library is booked for Monday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. Livonia Community Library also plans to have us – date to be determined.

We need at least 9-10 dulcimer players (although you can play a different instrument for the performance part) to bring one or more instruments. Back-up players are also needed for both performance, the Q&A which involves not only the HD but our music and other instruments, and to promote our club in general with audience while the 1:1 are going on. You get to leave early, but play an important part – literally and otherwise.



TOP TEN TUNES – Thanks to everyone who sent in their current favorite SSDS Tunes. I received responses from 28 of our members. The whole process was pretty interesting. Here are some observations about favorite tunes:

- It is difficult to choose just 10
- Favorites change depending on the season and what we are currently playing
- It is difficult to prioritize which is “No. 1” so most lists came in alpha order
- At least 108 of our approx. 200 tunes are a favorite for someone

- Some of the favorite tunes are relatively new to our playlist, which means that the club is open to new music and that new tunes can resonate with us and quickly become favorites.
- The top ten list is reflective of only 28 people. Had more responded, the list might look quite different.

So here are the top tunes, purely in alpha order. There are 11, because the first five tunes appeared on the lists of 6 people and the next 6 appeared on the list of 5 people. There were 14 tunes that appeared on 4 lists and 13 on appeared on 3 lists. And 29 tunes were on the lists of at least 2 people.Marsha

Rank	Tune	Number of lists it appeared on
1	Amelia	6
2	Festival Rag	6
3	Over the Waterfall	6
4	Road to Lisdoonvarna	6
5	Tamlin	6
6	Ashokan Farewell	5
7	Cold Frosty Morn	5
8	Lover’s Waltz	5
9	Red Apple Rag	5
10	Sandy Boys	5
11	Whiskey Before Breakfast	5



Christmas Practice Dates:

October 13, 27 & November 10 at 7:00pm.

TICK, TICK, TICK..... The clock is ticking and it is time to work on Christmas playlists and practice for performance. By the time this newsletter is out, it will only be 9 weeks until our first holiday concert that kicks off at Good Hope.

There may be some new tunes, so **if you intend to play at ANY or ALL of the gigs, please try to make at least one, if not all, of the rehearsals.**

The Holiday and Library Working Lists will be in Dropbox. Run through the Christmas music or those that you may rusty on. The new tunes we are trying are in Dropbox. If you are a hard copy person, see me for copies.....Marsha

SECRETARY’S NOTES _____ Chris Hurt

Minutes of the September 1st board meeting. The Silver Strings board meets the first Thursday of the month and all members are welcome to attend.

Harold had our redesigned brochure printed and we decided to get another 250 copies. These will be used at the library mentoring programs and other events. The library mentoring program was discussed and we talked

about what songs to use for tutoring, how to show tuning techniques, and how to take care of the instrument.

The Annual Banquet is October 6th and Gloria is organized and everything is falling into place.

Harold reminded us of some upcoming events: a jam at the fall festival October 17th at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds, September 24th Memorial for Dorothy Ewald, and Variety Night on September 29th.

A committee is needed to find people to run for offices for 2017. If you are interested, contact any board member. A Dropbox security package will be purchased which protects our information for a year.

Ann already has 7 holiday bookings for December and a few in November.....Chris



HOW DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR INSTRUMENT?

How many times have you been asked how you became interested in the instrument that you play? I think that it would be interesting to hear about how each of you chose the instrument that brings you to Garden City two to three times a month to share music.

I heard the hammered dulcimer, for the first time while visiting Mackinac Island. A gentleman was playing his dulcimer in front of one of the shops and I was mesmerized. I thought that I would never be able to learn an instrument with so many strings so I walked away keeping the sound of the beautiful music as just a memory.

While on a trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado, we took a side trip up to Cripple Creek and I visited a shop where they built mountain dulcimers. I bought one and had a good time with it but I kept hearing that hammered dulcimer in my head.

In 1988, my husband, John, surprised me with a hammered dulcimer for Christmas. I have had so much fun with this instrument, it has introduced me to many talented musicians and good friends over the years.

Now it is your turn SSDS members. How did you choose the instrument that brings you to Silver Strings Dulcimer Society? Or maybe I should ask, "What instrument chose you?" The hammered dulcimer definitely chose me.....Sharon McAuliffe

Silver Strings October-November 2016 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	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	Flight of the Haggis	3
D	Amelia	2 *
D	Chinese Breakdown/Nelly Bly	3/3
D	Young Roddy McCorley	4 ***
G	March of St. Timothy	4 **
G	South Wind	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
G	Muss I Denn	3*
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
D	Ash Grove	3*
D	Spanish Two Step	3
D	Dennis Murphy's Polka	3
Em	Tamlin	4 ***
D	Sandy Boys	3
D	Salute to Armed Services	1
G	You're A Grand Old Flag	3
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3

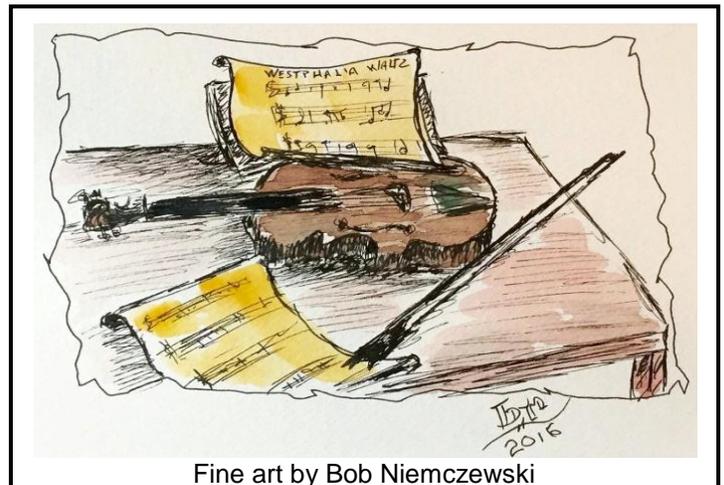
* 2nd time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's softly.

** 4th time thru - "rest" on the one measure right before the end.

*** start slowly and each time pick it up a little.

If you enjoy reading **Dulcimer Players News** magazine, then you might be interested in a free online archive of back issues available for viewing at the following website. The archive covers 154 issues from 1975 up to 2012.

<https://issuu.com/dulcimerplayersnewsinc/docs>



Fine art by Bob Niemczewski

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. 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

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*

2 Hammered Dulcimers for Sale

1 David's Dulcimer - Student size 1 Master Works.
Contact Donna Mayer for details and price.
313-388-1243

Oscar Schmidt Appalachian Autoharp for Sale

Contact Carol Wasilewski for details.
Phone: 734-367-3139 Email: cswasil@gmail.com

Webster Hammered Dulcimer (circa 1985)

In good shape. A home-built stand included.
Asking \$550 Darryl Smith, Waterford 248-842-8683



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Linda Osgood

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Many thanks to Marsha Kozlowski for organizing and all who performed and taught at the Plymouth Library Outreach Program on September 7th.



On September 25th Marsha led a well attended workshop on a medley of two Christmas tunes -- We Three Kings and Carol of the Bells



Variety Night took place on September 29th and Bob Hlavacek was the MC. The evening began with pizza, and salad, then eight brave acts took the stage and performed for an appreciative audience. The next Variety Night will take place on Thursday, December 29th, so practice a tune (or two or three) and join us.



WE NEED YOU!

....to volunteer to be a Silver Strings Officer

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Featured in Workshops and Concert

Rick Thum



Saturday November 12, 2016

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| 9:00 - 10:30AM | Workshop #1 BEGINNERS
\$25 | We will explore the basics and more depending on the level and needs of participants. |
| 11:00 - 1:00PM | Workshop #2 ALL LEVELS
\$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
\$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
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Email: rthum@rthum.com
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Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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

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

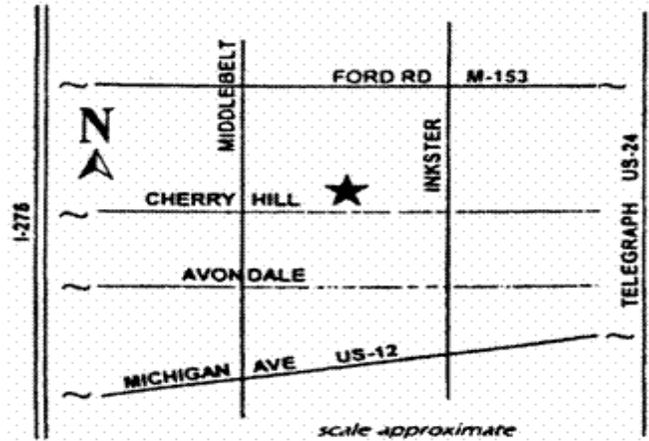
Featuring the hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer,
and other acoustic band instruments :
banjo, guitar, autoharp, fiddle, string bass, washtub
bass, mandolin, folk harp, recorder, tin penny whistle,
and harmonica.

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 25th.
Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome.

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your name would be here.