

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

Hi everyone – hope you are having a great summer. Good to see so many SSDS members at Evert. We had good representation and our preshow set was warmly received. Look for videos on our FB page coming soon.

The year is flying by. Before you know it, **elections** will be here. There are two positions being vacated because of term limits: Secretary and VP-Programs. Please consider running (preferably a HD player since none of the remaining board members play HD) for one of these offices. If you have questions regarding the position or how the board works, ask one of us.

Thanks Chris Hurt and Gloria Tapper for taking these positions the last two years. You have done a good job and been great to work with.

Variety Night, August 31 – Bill Smith will be the emcee. Polish up your act and share your talent. As usual, pizza and salad are provided. Bring a dessert to share.

Banquet- Oct. 5th See Gloria's article for details. Note there are only 4 meetings (August and Sept) to get tickets. Email Gloria if you want to reserve your tickets. Guests are welcome. She has lined up some great entertainment, the Chelsea House Orchestra. I have seen one of their performances and really enjoyed it. Let's have a good turnout and celebrate our club.

Midland Folk Festival – August 24-27 – another time we get to see friends from other clubs. Some of our members teach workshops. SSDS member Jeff Despard is in charge of the stage show. There are plenty of motels in the area and it is not that far away to travel. Smaller and more low-key than Evert, it is a nice event. I encourage you to go and give your support.....Terry

V.P. BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Hello fellow musicians, One of the highlights of the summer was the Evert Funfest in the middle of July. Its always fun going "up north" in Michigan, playing and listening to music, hanging out with friends, going

to workshops and enjoying the weather! Silver Strings once again had great stage shows from our talented musicians and a big thanks to our music director Marsha for putting it all together.

We have lots of good stuff going on this month so join in the fun! Our annual SSDS picnic and potluck at Garden City Park is on Thursday, August 3rd.

When is the last time you have been to Belle Isle? We have a play date on Saturday, August 5th at Scott Fountain from 11:00 to 4:00. The event is an Art Fair put on by Integrity Shows, so come on out to visit our beautiful State Park.

August 11th and 12th is the 28th Annual Fiddlers' Convention and Traditional Music Festival at the Hillsdale Fairgrounds.

We have a SSDS playdate on August 15th at Heartland Healthcare-Canton at 3:00.

The Midland Folk Music Festival at the fairgrounds will be August 24th through the 27th with lots of stage shows, workshops and jamming.

To finish off the month we have our famous Variety Night with pizza, salad and desserts on Thursday August 31st. WOW, Lots of things to do and places to go and have a wonderful summer.

See ya soon.....Harold

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST

3SSDS Picnic at Garden City Park.....1:30 - ??

5.....Belle Isle Playdate at Scott Fountain...11:00-4:00

11 - 12.....Hillsdale Fiddle & Music Festival.....

15.....Heartland Healthcare Playdate - Canton...3:00

17.....SSDS MEETING AND JAM.....7:00 - ??

Board Meeting6:00

24 - 27.....Midland Folk Music Festival.....

31.....Variety Night.....7:00

From the VP PROGRAMS _____ Gloria Tapper

Good morning, bright sunny day today. I'm back from Ludington and many of you are back from Evart. Now it's time for business. Everyone should have gotten a reminder for our annual picnic.

**August 3rd Picnic at Garden City Park
set-up at 1:30 ~ jamming 2:30
dinner at 6:00 ~ jamming after dinner**



I now have Banquet tickets, you can get yours early, members are \$10.00 and non-members are \$15.00, provided that we have 50 people, if not, we need to charge an extra \$1.00 per member, or \$2.00 non member. See me for tickets

The annual banquet is coming up on October 5, at the O'Kelly Banquet Hall in Dearborn. The featured entertainment will be the Chelsea House Orchestra. This is a group of very talented high school musicians, they do a lot of Celtic, upbeat tunes, check them out on YouTube.

Also, Variety Night is August 31. Pizza and salad (thank you Carol Ann), desserts are provided by volunteers. We have been having many terrific acts, if you want to perform that evening, sign up on the signup sheet. That's all I have for now, see you at the picnic, enjoy your day.....Gloria

MUSIC COORDINATOR NOTES _ Marsha Kozlowski

MUSIC CORRECTION: A correction has been made to Road to Lisdoonvarna. Two chords have been changed in the B part: Where there was a Bm chord, it has been changed to G. This has been corrected in the master file and will be changed in Dropbox.

PLAYLISTS: with only one gig scheduled for August, we will use the same playlist we have been using but add Bucket Man Blues and Jig for a Sunny Day as "extra" tunes. In September, the playlist will change. Check it out and brush up on the tunes you haven't played in a while.

TUNE of MONTH: August's tune of the Month is "Black Cat Schottische". This tune is written by Jenni Burke, a Michigan musician who is also a great tunesmith. I received permission to play and perform, so eventually this will land in a fall music line-up. This tune in Am is a fun tune to play, especially as fall approaches.

DROPBOX CHANGES: Karen Turner keeps our tune library up to date. Most recently she added the tunes from the workshops done at Myers Lake. If you use an I-pad, make sure to add them to your tune list so they can be played.

THANK YOU Gifts of Gratitude:

- Thank you to the 23 SSDS members who performed at Evart. We looked great, played well and the audience loved us. Your practice paid off. Your suggestions enhanced the end result. And special thanks to Linda Osgood for her "swing."
- To David Smith and Ken Kaiser for recording the performance. David brought his recording to the last jam and many people were able to enjoy it again. Watch for these to be added to our YouTube offerings.
- To the Classical Group for practicing and performing at "Open Mic"
- To Bill Smith for recording the Classical Group – you can see the performance on our FB page.
- To Bob Hlavacek for promoting open mic and putting together a team to keep it going next year
- To Karen Turner for keeping our tune library up to date. (Recently was given a binder of SSDS music circa 1991-92. The evolution of how we use and keep our music is striking.....)
- To our SSDS Board who works hard to keep everything going smoothly (elections are around the corner and two positions will need to be filled: Secretary and VP-Program – please think about running)
 - To all who have given me copies of tunes from workshops and other sources that might be added to our tune library in the future.....Marsha

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

Happy Birthday

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

*our club has been sharing music
for 34 years!*

Birthdays

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



Anniversaries

1....Dave & Carol Ann Matthews...54rd - 2017
5....Frank Surhigh
14...Bob & Laurie Patterson...35th - 2017
30...Terry & Marsha Kozlowski.....49th - 2017

SECRETARY'S NOTES _____ Chris Hurt

This is a synopsis of the July board meeting minutes. Anyone wishing a copy of the full minutes, please ask me.

The club picnic will be held on August 3rd at the Garden City park and there will be no jam at Good Hope that day. Families are invited.

We discussed details for the Banquet to be held on October 5th at O'Kelly's in Dearborn.

Harold needs more people for the Belle Isle Playdate and details of this playdate were worked out.

The July playlist will be used with the addition of Bucket Man Blues and Jig for a Sunny Day. Marsha told us the Warren Public library has scheduled us for our hands-on program on October 23 and she has been contacted by the Allen Park library with an interest in a program. There are several playdates already scheduled for December. Marsha mentioned that our club shirts were noticed at Evert with several positive comments about our club.

Lester Motts from the U of M who came and filmed our club for his research project told Marsha that his funding has dried up, his students have graduated, and he needs new funding.

There will be a harmonica workshop in September. November 4th Rick Thum will again have workshops and concert at Good HopeChris

24th Annual Midland Folk Music Festival

Thursday, August 24 - Sunday, August 27, 2017

Location: Midland County Fairgrounds
6905 Eastman Rd., Midland, MI

Admission: \$5/member, \$10/nonmember
(memberships available at the door)

Camping Available: \$20/night (includes electricity)
visit the website at <http://www.folkmusicsociety.org>



Music by Linda

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28th Annual Fiddlers' Convention & Traditional Music Festival

Workshops on Fiddle, Hammered Dulcimer, Mandolin, Guitar, Banjo & Acoustic Bass
Jamming, Open Entertainment
Square Dance (Friday at 7 pm).

Camping \$20 Festival Admission \$10

Where: Hillsdale County Fairgrounds
115 South Broad Street (M-99), Hillsdale, MI

When: Friday & Saturday, August 11 & 12, 2017

www.michiganfiddlers.com
www.hillsdalecountyfair.org

NEW... Open Acoustic Jam

There is a new Open Jam starting at the Flying Otter Winery.

All musicians and acoustic instruments are welcome.

Where: Flying Otter Winery
3402 Chase Road, Adrian, MI 49221

When: Sunday from 2 - 4 pm
August 13th
Sep. 10th
Oct. 8th

facebook.com/FlyingOtterWine www.flyingotter.com

A Short Story about the Origins of the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

by David Smith

Have you ever wondered about the origins of our club? Here is a reprint of an article by Rose Hines which appeared in the July 1987 Soundboard.

The formation of the **Silver Strings Dulcimer Society began July 27, 1983** by Lynn Bower. The idea came to Lynn during a March 1983 Beginning Dulcimer Class at Greenfield Village taught by Cecelia Horodka (Webster). Lynn took other student's names at these classes and at the next Evert Funfest in July 1983, scheduled the first club meet at Bishop Park in Wyandotte. (I think their first performance consisted of the only two songs they knew: 'Westphalia' & 'Amazing Grace'). It was Tam Murley who arranged for the club to meet at Fisher School in Dearborn Heights where the Silver Strings name took hold. With 30 members, it was suggested that a monthly newsletter was needed since word-of-mouth didn't always work. Rose Hines volunteered as editor and in **April 1985 the first SOUNDBOARD was published.** (and that's what you're reading now). With a growing membership SSDS soon outgrew Fisher School's facilities and Jackie Comer arranged for us to meet at the **Good Hope Lutheran Church for the first time on July 3, 1986.**

Silver Strings Sept-Nov 2017 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4
D	Down Yonder	3
G	I'll Fly Away	3
G	Red Wing	3*
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
D	Snake River Reel	3
D	Turkey in the Straw	3
D	Harvest Home	3
G	Jig for a Sunny Day	3***
G	Yellow Bird	3
C	Five Foot Two	3**
C	Tennessee Waltz	3*
Em	Washington Square	3
D	Bucket Man Blues	3
D	Bonaparte Crossing the Rhine Flop Eared Mule	3/3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
G	South Wind	3*
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
A	Hangman's Reel	3
Em	Tamlin	4
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3
D	Flight of the Haggis	3

*2nd time: If instruments are available,
take it with backup; HD's softly

** Singer can lead audience.

*** arrangement of "voices"

EVART FUNFEST

After the Silver Strings performance, at the Funfest, a gentleman walked up and told me that he hadn't heard "Bucket Man Blues" in a long time. He told me that it was played as a march when he was in the military. I found this information to be interesting, so I'm sharing it with the club.....Sharon McAuliffe

Greetings from Professor Lester Monts

Several people have asked if anyone has heard from Professor Monts, the creator of the film documentary project called, "The Michigan Musical Heritage Project." Silver Strings was fortunate to be a part of this and was filmed a number of times. The Professor and his crew were all over Michigan, tracing its musical heritage, including the Evert and Midland festivals.

I recently heard from him and he has been busy with the duties of his professorship at UM, a full schedule of research and conference travel in addition to family events. He had the good fortune of being on sabbatical last year to focus on this project, but now must work on it in between other things.

His crew has gone on to post-college life and he has had to reconstitute a crew. Not only is he doing the cataloging and editing of the film, but also still doing sit-down interviews. The other significant factor is that PBS and Corporation of Public Broadcasting budget cuts have meant his funding source has dried up. He is searching for new funding for the documentary that he wholeheartedly believes is worthy and important and continues to plug away at. (Anyone have connection to a foundation that might consider funding a musical project?)

Anyway, he passed on his regards to Silver Strings and the wonderful people he met at Evert.....Marsha



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The 45th Dulcimer Funfest - Evart - Michigan



22 Silver Strings members performed at the Thursday evening concert
Hangman's Reel, Livet I Finskogarna, Jig For A Sunny Day, Bucket Man Blues and Sweet Georgia Brown



Marsha introduced the tunes



Nice weather and a happy crowd



Linda grooved to the blues



Tom was MC for the
Thursday Evening Show



The Blues Sisters



Practice for the Thursday jam



Bob was MC for the
Saturday Open Mic Show



The Silver Strings Classical Group opened the Saturday Show. Marsha used the 3 part scores that were
arranged by National Hammered Dulcimer Champion Ilace Mears, who took the stage after the performance



More Funfest Photos.....



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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.

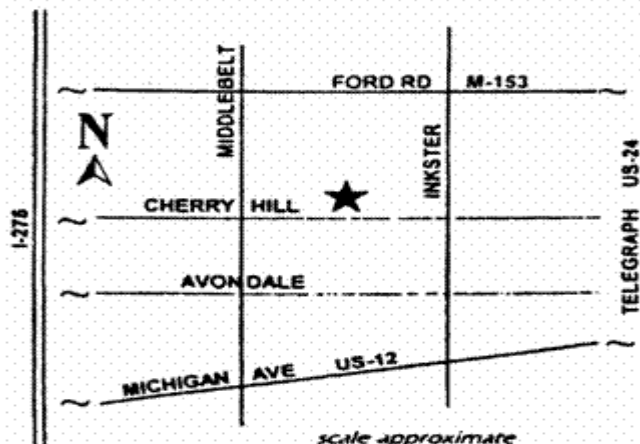
Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together
with other players, receive new music
and a monthly newsletter.

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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