

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

Update on the Michigan State Lansing Capitol Building Steps performance held on Tuesday, May 16. A great fun filled day was experience by all who attended. It started with the bus arriving at 9: 00 in the morning with rain showers. All attendees arrived; loaded their equipment and we were off to Lansing by 9:20. It was suggested by Bill Smith that transporting the hammer dulcimers in a van would be a safer option than in the bus cargo bay. So Karen donated her Chrysler van and Bill donated his time to make the round trip to Lansing. There were 13 dulcimers, a fiddle, auto harp and misc. items packed into her van.

Around Brighton, Michigan, Theresa Smith pulled out her sing along music pack. As we traveled to Lansing, we sang songs: "The Wheels of the Bus", "King of the Road", "Take Me out to the Ballgame", "God Bless America", "Yellow Bird" to name a few. The gig went very well, although the weather turned extremely warm by performance time, 85 plus degrees. The Detroit news did a small clip on our club. Check their link: [Dulcimer tones on the steps of the Capitol](http://www.detroitnews.com/story/entertainment/music/2017/05/16/silver-strings-dulcimer-society-lansing-capitol-building-steps-performance/344847700/). Additional videos of the performance are available on Silver String's YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/SilverStringsClub>.

Special thanks to Theresa & David Smith for providing traveling music, to Morgan Humecky for providing Bass for the performance and to Bill Smith for taking pictures/videos and driving to and from Lansing. To all who participated in the performance, you are the ones who help make our club great!

Myer's Lake campout will be here in a couple of weeks on June 9-11. Hope you have your reservations, there is still time. Check out the link: <http://umcamping.org/camps/myers-lake/>. Please contact Gloria at 734-427-1142 with your intentions and number of people so we can determine an accurate head count for ordering the main course. Help make this a great event with your presence and help.

The window for ordering jackets is closing. Carol Ann would like to order the Jackets after the June 1 jam. If you are interested in purchasing a jacket or

have questions, please contact Carol Ann Matthews at 734-981-5675

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

See you at club on June 1st at 7 o'clock.....Terry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE

1.....SSDS MEETING AND JAM.....7:00 - 8:30

9, 10, 11...Myers Lake Campout

15.....SSDS MEETING AND JAM.....7:00 - 8:30

Board Meeting6:00

30.....VARIETY NIGHT.....7:00

V.P. BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Greetings, May was a very fun and exciting month for Silver Strings with a well attended performance at the Livonia Library, a very happy and smiling Chinese audience at Parkway Meadows in Ann Arbor and of course our bus trip, performance and guided tour in Lansing at the State Capital. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work and dedication for a very successful and notable event for Silver Strings!

The good times continue this month with the first day of summer on June 21st and of course our famous annual Meyers Lake Music Festival. What a great time to share music, friendship and a wonderful time outdoors.

I'm very happy to see Larry Roper out and about again after a very long time in and out of the hospital. Have a wonderful summer.....Harold



MUSIC COORDINATOR NOTES_ Marsha Kozlowski

Carol Ann wants to wrap up the SSDS Jacket order. If you intend to purchase a club jacket the cost will be approximately \$38 per jacket + \$4.50 to have your name embroidered on it (strongly recommended). Please contact her **before June 1**. Either call CarolAnn at 734-981-5675 or email: carolannmatthews@yahoo.com. The jackets wear well and are great for spring/fall and cool nights.

Louise Ziegler, one of the founders of the Buckeye Dulcimer Festival, has passed away from cancer. Many of our members have gone to this festival and may know her. If you are on FB, Shari Wolf has shared information on her passing.

And just a follow-up to our "Lost but Not Forgotten night". There were a number of positive comments on the tune, "Jump at the Sun." Apparently this was once in our repertoire at one time and taken out. The man who wrote this tune also wrote Mr. Gubbin's Bicycle. On a whim, I decided to try and reach him to get permission to play, should we decide to put this back in our tune library. And guess what? He responded overnight and gave us permission to play.

So if we decide to add this, permission to play will not be an issue.....Marsha

~ Myer's Lake Schedule ~

Friday, June 9, 2017

Check-in, enjoy informal jamming, etc.

7:00 - Jamming in the Barn - led by Karen Turner

Saturday, June 10, 2017

9:00 a.m. - Breakfast - Bob Hlavacek and friends

11:00a.m. - Learn a HD tune - Julie Mester

12:00 p.m. - Harmonica - Karen Turner

1:00 p.m.- Lunch (on your own)

2:00 p.m.- Ukulele -Theresa and David Smith

2:00 p.m.- Classics practice

3:00 p.m.- Mountain Dulcimer - Linda Osgood

4:00 p.m.- All Instruments (Including voices) - easy fun tunes with Ernie & Friends.

*All instruments are welcome at any of the workshops.

5:30 p.m.-Potluck Dinner*

(*Suggested \$2/person donation to offset cost of Chicken purchased by SSDS)

Names A-M - please bring side dish (vegetable, potato, pasta, etc.) N-Z- desserts.

7:00 p.m.- Jamming in the Barn - led by Marsha Kozlowski

IT'S JUNE...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

18...Tom Koppin

30...Roger Davis



Anniversary

20...Sherry & Morgan Humecky47th-2017

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

From the VP PROGRAMS_____ Gloria Tapper

Hello everyone, getting closer to summer, I do remember summer last year, I believe it was on a Wednesday in July. Can't wait for sunny days. There is quite a bit going on in the next couple of months.

First is Myers lake campout on June 9-11. If you haven't reserved your site yet, there is still time. Look up myerslake.org online or call 810-266-4511. The Reservation code is G160-1323. Day passes for one day are \$3.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child.

Workshops begin after breakfast at 11:00. Dinner is at 5:30. The suggested donation is \$2.00 per person to help cover the cost of the chicken, along with a dish to pass. Here's another suggestion, if your last name begins with A-M bring a side dish, N-Z a dessert. If your heart is set on something in particular, that's ok, bring that.

Next up is Variety Night on June 30th. Great performances, pizza, salad and a relaxed atmosphere. At the end of the night any pizza's left are sold for \$5.00 and salad \$1.00 per bag.

Then we have the Evert Funfest on July 14-17. The largest dulcimer festival in Michigan.

Thursday, August 4th is our Annual Picnic at Garden City Park. More will be coming on that.

October 5th, is our Annual Banquet, featuring the Chelsea house orchestra. We had to make a couple changes to accommodate this group, but I'm sure you will enjoy the performance. Also a change in location, O'Kelly's Banquet Hall in Dearborn Michigan, so we're looking forward to this.

That's all for now, hope to see everyone at the next jam.....Gloria



Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood

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losgood10424@comcast.net

Come one, come all to
Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club Campout June 23-25

We still have some sites left down by the pavilion.
CALL FOR YOUR RESERVATION

Waffle Farm Camping Schedule

June 23-25 (Friday - Sunday). We have spaces still available for camping. Just call the Waffle Farm and request one of the spaces, they are under UCDC in Julie Mester's name. **517-278-4315**. Be patient, as they are not in full swing and are only in the office sporadically. As the June date draws near, we'll need to cancel any extra sites so call soon.

We will have tunes, yes tunes, to learn. Some are very exciting and just waiting to be UCDC tunes. We will have our usual pot-luck dinner Sat. night at 5. Bring a dish to pass & table service. It's still pending whether we will have the breakfast Saturday or Sunday morning. Recommendations for this are welcome.

The Nitty Gritty of Scheduling is also pending; what time for jamming, learning new tunes, etc.

Hope to see you there.....Julie Mester

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12th Annual Evart, MI 2017
A to Z's of Hammered Dulcimer
with
Rick Thum

*Intensive training workshop on all levels for
beginning, intermediate and advanced students.*

Location: Evart United Methodist Church, corner of
First & Cherry, Evart, MI

Three day workshop to be held in the air- conditioned
Church Hall in downtown Evart, MI

Date: (Mon - Wed) July 10th - 12th, 2017
9:00 to 11:30 A.M. and 12:30 to 4:00 P.M.

For 3 consecutive days.

Cost: \$175 for three days of air conditioned workshop
including a learning jam on

Monday and Tuesday night, open jam session on
Wednesday night to close out the class.

Alumni Price: \$165

Contact Rick Thum

Phone: 314-406-0690

Email: rthum@rthum.com Website: www.rthum.com
6710 twin River Rd., Eureka, MO 63025

LIMITED SEATING

PRE-REGISTRATION NECESSARY

Bring your tape recorder for future reference.

CUT AND RETURN BOTTOM

PORTION WITH PAYMENT

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: RICK THUM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Date: _____ **Amount Paid** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



MUSIC 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 mthaleymfsm@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 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



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

* 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.



Silver Strings members getting ready to perform a one hour concert on the Lansing Capitol steps

The Detroit News

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Dulcimer tones on the steps of the Capitol



Lunchtime entertainment outside Michigan's Capitol building Tuesday featured members of the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, based in Garden City.
(Dale G. Young, The Detroit News)

About 30 members of the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society performed traditional music on a wide range of acoustic instruments.
(Photo: Dale G. Young, The Detroit News)

Members of the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society filled the springtime air with the sweet sounds of a chorus of hammered dulcimers in front of Michigan's Capitol on Tuesday. The society, based in Garden City, sent about 30 musicians to play for an hour and entertain lunchtime strollers.

They played mountain and traditional music including "Over the Waterfall," "Westphalia Waltz" and "Red Apple Rag."

Musicians in the society play a wide range of acoustic instruments, including the hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, banjo, guitar, autoharp, fiddle, string bass, mandolin, washtub bass, folk harp, recorder, tin penny whistle and harmonica.

They meet twice every month in Garden City, and perform about 40 times a year. They have performed at Greenfield Village, The Palace of Auburn Hills, Cobo Hall, the Detroit Athletic Club and the Henry Ford Estate, to name a few.

The society was formed in 1983 when members of a dulcimer class in Wyandotte got together to practice. Since then it has grown to more than 100 members.

For more information, go to www.silverstrings.org.

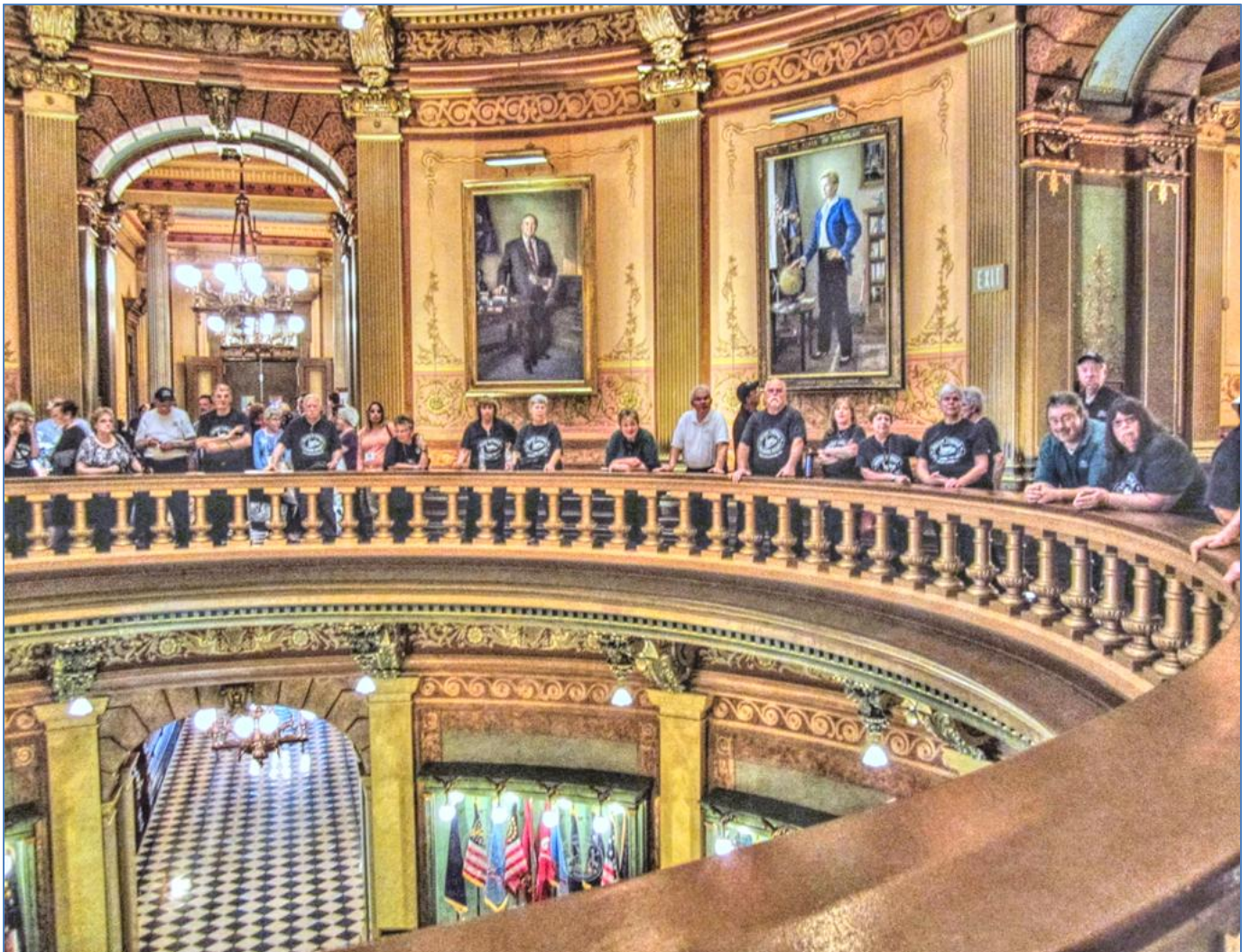
[To view the video, go to detroitnews.com and search under "Silver Strings Dulcimer"]



Packed up and ready for the bus trip to Lansing



Theresa leads a sing-along as we roll-along



After our performance we were treated to a tour of the beautiful, historic Capitol building



Demonstrating the Dulcimers after the concert at Parkway Meadows in Ann Arbor on May 12th brought out lots of smiles.



Jay Ungar and Molly Mason performed on the village green at Greenfield Village as part of the Civil War Remembrance on Sat. May 27. Jay is best known for his composition "Ashokan Farewell" that he wrote for Ken Burns' Civil War television series. It was a very unique treat to see and hear these icons of American traditional folk music. Jay performed on Fiddle and Molly performed on Guitar, Mandolin and Keyboard. Their wonderful music included many traditional fiddle tunes including several that are in our Silver Strings repertoire - Midnight on the Water, Harvest Home, Swinging on a Gate, The Lovers' Waltz and Oh Susanna. Also joining them on their last number was Sherry and Morgan Humecky (Picks & Sticks).

Picks & Sticks also performed with their own band, several times throughout the weekend and Rich Rowe performed with the Dodsworth Saxhorn Band.

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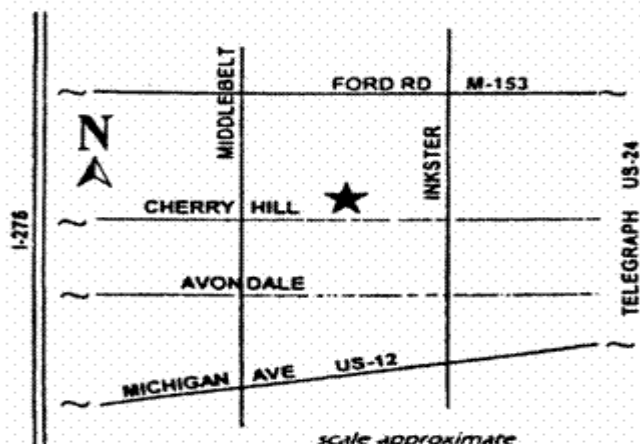
Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.... with jamming till ...?

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

