

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

May 2017

SHARING ACOUSTIC MUSIC for 33 YEARS

Issue 385

www.silverstrings.org

PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

Hi everyone, Happy Springtime! It's a great time of the year, flowers are blooming, and trees are showing their leaves. Gone is the dreaded brown of winter! Things are happening at Silver Strings as well.

Update on the Michigan State Lansing Capitol Building Steps performance on Tuesday, May 16, 12:00. The bus is scheduled to depart from Good Hope Lutheran Church parking lot no later than 9:30 that morning. Please plan on arriving at the church around 9:00 to allow for loading instruments, etc. That should put us at the Capitol around 11:00 am with an hour to setup and check out the area-restrooms, etc. The club will provide water, snacks and power bars for the journey. You are welcome to pack your own lunch as well. There will be a small window for a quick tour of the Capitol Building, 30-45 minutes.

Myer's Lake – For our new members and participating clubs, this is a weekend at Myer's Lake, located in Byron Michigan. It is a Methodist Camp with fishing, swimming and many other activities for the family. Silver Strings has been hosting this event for a number of years, and it is always held on the second weekend of June, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This year it will be held on June 9, 10, and 11. There will be jamming and workshops during the day, and jamming in the barn Friday and Saturday evening. Sunday morning there is an outdoor Church service with live music provided by our group, weather permitting. It is a beautiful setting, facing the lake and participating in music, truly a spiritual occasion.

You can make reservations for those days or longer if you wish. Make your reservations by contacting <http://umcamping.org/camps/myers-lake/>. As an option, you can come on Saturday morning and spend the day. Dinner will be on Saturday around 5:30 pm. There will be a \$2.00 charge per person to help offset the cost of paper products, etc. 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.

Carol Ann Matthews has graciously committed herself to head the project of ordering SSDS jackets.

Many of our members currently wear them. They are green, and have the club logo stenciled on the back, for an additional cost your name is embroidered on the front. They are suitable for spring and fall weather. Contact her for additional information, 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.

Music packet flash drive project is finished. See or contact me for a copy.

See you at our club, May 4 & 18 at 7 o'clock.
.....Terry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY

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

Slow Jam with Ann Wassell.....6:00 - 7:00

7.....Livonia Library playdate.....2:00 - 3:00

12.....Parkway Meadows playdate.....Ann Arbor

16.....Capitol Steps playdate.....Lansing

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

Board Meeting5:30

C=Casual BC=Business Casual

V.P. BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Hello everyone, Is it really May already? April showers, May flowers, birds singing, warm weather, sunshine and playing music with our friends. Here's what's going on in May: Cinco De Mayo on the 5th (chips, salsa and a margarita), SSDS Spring Concert at the Livonia Library on the 7th (free to the public!), Parkway Meadows playdate in Ann Arbor on the 12th (a new venue for Silver Strings), Mothers Day on the 14th (Hugs for all moms), and a really BIG EVENT for Silver Strings on the 16th is playing in Lansing on the Capitol Steps to celebrate Michigan Week! Join the party, ride the Silver Strings Bus and have a great time.

Also we thank our veterans and soldiers for keeping our country safe, Armed Forces Day is May 20 and of

course Memorial Day on the 29th. Keep on smiling and see ya'all down the road.....Harold

IT'S MAY...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

5....Dave Matthews
13...Carol Dick
19...Shirley Keyser
26...Peggy Kustra
27...Dawn Hayes
27...Terry Kozlowski
28...Lyle Thompson



Anniversaries

15...Chris & Mike Hurt.....46th-2017
17...Ron & Dawn Hayes.....
26...Kaye Hemmerline.....

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

MUSIC COORDINATOR NOTES_ Marsha Kozlowski

Themed Jam Night, May 18 "Lost but Not Forgotten" tune night. Thanks to those who have turned in their suggested "Lost But Not Forgotten" tunes. The list is growing nicely. It should be a fun night. Hope you come that night to help us "revisit" those favorites from times past.

Myers Lake Music Notes— Music-wise the camp-out is a time to enjoy playing with people from other clubs, to gather in small groups and play, to get to know each other and of course – EAT! In addition:

* Watch for the schedule – there will be a variety of workshops, one of which is a tune that Uncle Carl's Julie Mester will share with us.

* Jams – while there are a couple of scheduled jams, there are also small groups that gather around and play under the canopy, by campsites. Pick your spot. Music is happening!!

*Classic gathering - If you are one of those who haven't been able to make the monthly classic session, bring your music and join us at Myers Lake. Not sure of the time yet, but there will be opportunity to play together there.

*Music for the Sunday morning church service. I would like to include "How Great Thou Art." Very appropriate for the setting, it would be great if we could play it. So put it on your practice list.

Tune of Month for May: "Saro Waltz" by Debby Libby. Ernie taught this tune at Myers Lake last year. If you were there, you know the music included a harmony part. If you still have the music he provided, you have a 2 for 1: melody and harmony. Great if you want to play a duet or maybe play melody one time and harmony the next. Saro Waltz is a popular tune at Evart and Midland jams. Easy to learn, this lovely tune has many possibilities. Let's enjoy it.

The back story is that Debby came up with the tune while waiting for her mother at a church. She wrote it out on a piece of scrap paper. When she got home, she could not find the paper. However, the next day

she returned to the church. It had rained during the night, but there, wet and soaked and run over on the pavement was the paper with the written tune. So it was named, the SARO Waltz (soaked and run over).

A side note: I have been unsuccessful in getting permission to play, so this tune will not be on our playlist for gigs. I will continue to pursue it and we will see what happens.

Evart notes – We are featuring THE BLUES (Bucket Man Blues) during our performance – so I am asking people to get into the spirit of this by wearing dark bottoms, white shirts, fedora hats, sunglasses, and have a black clip-on tie to accessorize with. (According to a trusted source, Walmart carries fedoras for \$10 if you need one.) The stage manager has confirmed we have the 6:40 slot on Thursday and the canopy behind the ODPC office will be available for us to rehearse. Now we just have to practice the tunes..... Hangman's Reel, Livet I Finnskorgarna, Jig for a Sunny Day, Morrison's Jig (a decision of the group will be made which one to use), Bucket Man Blues/Sweet Georgia Brown medley.

Music Feedback – While the audiences at our performances in April were small in number, the important thing was how much enjoyment our music brought. The reward comes when one person comes up and tells how a particular tune made them feel good, reminded them of a loved one, or a certain time in their life. Or when everyone sits up and sings God Bless America (remembering every word) as we play or when someone enters looking sad and leaves smiling, with uplifted energy. After the Heartland performance, a gentleman in the front row told me how wonderful it was to hear us play those old tunes and all the happy memories it gave him of his parents (his mom played guitar), family and the music they played. His mother was born in 1898.



Future Library Outreach Programs:

Right now none are scheduled. Your help is needed in continuing this effort. How? If you have contact with your local librarian, talk to them or to the Adult Programming person

and recommend this as a program. If you would like information to give them, let me know and I will provide you with the "official" proposal. We could do one or two more this year (Oct and/or Nov) and would like to start 2018 with a few more (Jan, Feb and/or Mar). Libraries usually do their planning at least 6 months out. The next libraries to target include: Canton, Northville, Novi and Westland. However, any library in the areas we play would be great to bring this program to.



Classics Group – Ann Wassell has graciously offered her home for additional classics practice. This will help us get ready to play at Evart. Besides playing at Evart, we may

perform these tunes at a Variety Night in the fall. Even if you do not plan to play at Evart, you are welcome to come and play. Dates: Wednesday, May 10 and June 14. Time: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. See Ann or Marsha to get the address.

Music Revisions

Occasionally we discover "mistakes" in some of our music. It may be an incorrect chord, a timing issue, a wrong note – all reasons for "revised" music. When revisions are made, a note to the changes are included. Here is a list of the tunes that have been corrected:

- Simple Gifts – in G, Rev. March 16, 2017
notes corrected in the last line
- Bucket Man Blue. Rev. March 16, 2017
note corrected in the 3rd measure/ last line
- Mr. Gubbin's Bicycle, Rev. March 17, 2017
Changed the last measure
- Cockles and Mussels, Rev. February 6, 2017
Removed an incorrect chord in 3rd line
- Cherokee Shuffle – Rev. March 20, 2017
changed so B part has repeat (some people had versions where B part is not repeated)
- Red River Valley, Rev. March 29, 2017
Chord correction in 3rd measure

Please update your music so you have the most current version. If you need a hard copy, see me at the jam.

CURRENT PLAYLIST: We will continue using the same playlist through the end of July. There are quite a number of patriotic tunes, since Flag Day, Armed Services Day, Memorial Day and Fourth of July all fall during this time and we should give some musical salute to that. Please review the list, practice the tunes you are rusty on and then sign up to play! Most venues have enough room for up to 15 players.
.....Marsha

From the VP PROGRAMS _____ Gloria Tapper

Happy sunny day, we have a lot going on, Livonia Library, State Capitol Building, Myers Lake Campout.

I will begin with the Campout. You can still make reservations, if you have not gotten around to it yet. This list is a **tentative schedule, subject to change.**
Friday, June 9

Jamming in the barn in the evening, after dinner, most likely around 6:00 or 7:00pm.

Saturday, June 10

9:00-11:00 Breakfast with Bob, Sandy, & Friends

11:00-12:00 Hammered Dulcimer with Julie Mester

12:00-1:00 Ukulele with Theresa and David

1:00-2:00 Lunch, or Jam

2:00-3:00 Mountain Dulcimer with Linda Osgood

3:00-4:00 **Harmonicas with Karen Turner

4:00-5:00 Violin with Ernie

5:30 Dinner, Pot Luck, \$2 per person,
main entree--chicken

7:00pm. Jamming in the barn with (any takers?)

**If you are wondering which Harmonica will be best for beginners, I had no clue, so I asked Karen .

1) one that is easy to blow. 2). Diatonic (no sharps or flats) or Chromatic (slide on the side for sharps or flats). 3) the key of C is good for beginners. 4). Hoehner, Suzuki, and Lee Oskar are good. The harmonicas can be costly, a used harmonica is another way to go. They can be cleaned with alcohol or whiskey, if you clean them enough, you may think that you are ready to play with the Boston Pops.

Is anyone interested in hosting a jam session, either Friday evening June 9th or Saturday evening? I have both slots open at this time. One more thing, I have remade the sign up list for Saturday, June 10th, for those attending breakfast, dinner, or both. Please sign it so I can have a more accurate count as to how many are attending, I will have the list on the back table at our meetings.

Next up is Variety Night on June 29th, then comes Evart in July. By now I'm sure everyone is tired of my rambling, enjoy your day today, I will see everyone soon.....Gloria

SECRETARY'S NOTES _____ Chris Hurt

Marsha made up flyers to advertise the Livonia Library performance. There are no tutoring programs scheduled.

We discussed the possibly having an Open House in the fall to promote our club, with display tables, refreshments, etc.

Gloria has the food all lined up for Myers Lake and is working on entertainment for the fall banquet.

Harold found a Blue's Brothers type hat at WalMart and members are asked to wear one for the Evart performance of Bucket Man Blues.

Terry and Marsha visited Lansing to finalize details for the Capital performance. Club T-shirts should be worn in Lansing and Evart. Terry will get snacks and water bottles for Lansing but everyone should plan to pack a lunch. If it rains, the trip will be cancelled as we cannot play inside the building.

The Garden City picnic will start later this year at 2:00.

Good Hope will be sent \$400 for the missed December payment.


There will be a Variety Night in June, August, and November.....Chris

FOR SALE

16/16 Fully Chromatic Russell Cook Edition
Hammered Dulcimer with Dampers,
Mahogany/Redwood Soundboard & Back,
Cocobolo End Rails. Bantam Weight, Hammers,
Case, Stand-Up X Brace Stand,
Custom Hand Made Dust Cover, Bag for Pedal.
Call Kay Rowe (734) 455-1487 or
cell (734) 223-9591 \$2,700.



On March 31 Silver Strings performed at Salem Bible Church in Salem



Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood
734-649-3843
losgood10424@comcast.net



May 24th
will be our last
get together
for the year.



ATTENTION MOUNTAINEERS

Mountaineers will meet **May 10 & 24**
at the home of Carol Ann and Dave Matthews
42297 Wickfield, Canton. Phone 734-981-5675
All Mountain Dulcimer players are welcome. We
also welcome backup players.
Linda and Carol Ann

SSDS Officers – 2017

PRESIDENT	Terry Kozlowski t.koz@hotmail.com	734-560-8204
V.P. BUSINESS	Harold Crane hlcrane45@yahoo.com	810-356-2842
V.P. PROGRAMS	Gloria Tapper getapper@yahoo.com	734-427-1142
TREASURER	John Pollock jmpollock@gmail.com	248-219-8448
SECRETARY	Chris Hurt cahurt@sbcglobal.net.	248-676-2899
SOUNDBOARD EDITOR	David Smith dtsmithnet@yahoo.com	313-278-5127
WEBMASTER & DROPBOX	Karen Turner karenturner@comcast.net	734-678-7405
MUSIC COORDINATOR	Marsha Kozlowski mt.koz@hotmail.com	734-239-4190

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.

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*

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

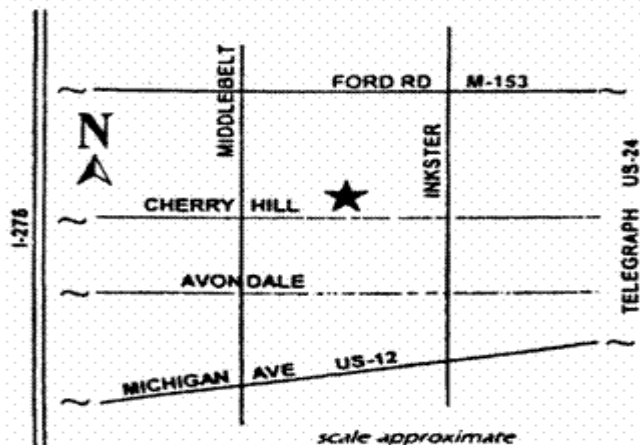
Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.... with jamming till ...?

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

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

P.O. Box 1116
Garden City, MI. 48136



May

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