



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

WOW! Where did the summer go? Time is flying by quickly which brings me to an urgent request to our club members. As we enter October, serious consideration must be given to replacing two outgoing board members this year, Secretary and Vice President Program Coordinator. Phyllis Tillapaugh has agreed to fill the Secretary position. Please, someone consider volunteering for Vice President Program Coordinator.

It was suggested at our last September jam that 2 people partner up to handle the VP Program's position. That is a great idea! If two people handle that position, it would cut the work load in half for each person. So, please, please consider volunteering for VP Programs.

Our club has medical emergency cards for each member on file. The information recorded is emergency contact information. Please contact John Pollock, club treasurer, to update information. If you are a new member, ensure John has a card on file for you.

Don't forget name tags!!

See you at the O'Kelly's' Banquet Hall, October 5, 6 o'clock, doors open at 5:30.....Terry

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Gloria Tapper

Hello everyone, it seems like summer has returned, I have been catching up with friends in Florida, it's actually cooler there than here.

I have a few things to share with all of you. First our Banquet is on October 5th. I plan on getting there around 4:30 to set up. There will be a cash bar this year and there is a charge for alcoholic beverages. After dinner, the Chelsea House Orchestra will perform and Jamming will begin at around 8:30 after the entertainment. CDs by the Chelsea House Orchestra will be available for purchase.

Halloween is at the end of the month, so if you would like to wear your costumes on our third Thursday jam, please do so.



Silver Strings 
Dulcimer Society

34th Annual Banquet

Place: **O'Kelly Banquet Hall**
23663 Park Street, Dearborn

Date: **Thursday, October 5, 2017**

Time: 6:00 ~ Dinner (doors open at 5:30)
7:00 ~ Presentations, Awards
7:30-8:30 ~ Chelsea House Orchestra
8:30 ~ Jamming

**MUSIC,
FUN, FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP!**

\$10 members \$15 guests

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

5 SSDS ANNUAL BANQUET.....5:30 - ??

10.....Holiday Music Rehearsal.....7:00 - ??

17..... Heartland Playdate, Canton.....3:00

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

23.....Warren Library Outreach Playdate.....6:00

26.....Holiday Music Rehearsal7:00 - ??

On November 4th, Rick Thum will be here. See the flier for three workshops and don't miss his concert that evening, he's phenomenal.

Keep practicing those Christmas songs, I know it's early, but time flies. November 30th would have been a Variety Night however due to scheduling that evening we will be performing our Good Hope Christmas program. We will be in need of Christmas cookies and small finger foods for our afterglow.

My two year term as VP Programs is coming to an end, so we need someone to take over. It could be a team effort, making things easier. It's not really a hard job, there are a lot of helpful folks in this club, so please consider running for this position.

See everyone at the banquet.....Gloria

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Hello everyone, I hope you had a great summer and have a very enjoyable fall. One of the nice things about living in Michigan is the changing seasons. Our big event this month is our Silver Strings 34th Annual Banquet on October 5th at

O'Kelly's Hall in Dearborn. A wonderful dinner plus entertainment by the **Chelsea House Orchestra!** We have two play dates this month-Heartland Healthcare on October 17th at 3:00 pm in Canton and our library outreach program on October 23rd at 6:00 pm at the Warren Public Library in Warren. Also this month is our Holiday Music practices/rehearsals for our December play dates. You can find all the info in the newsletter. So far We have eleven dates in December, so sign up and join in the fun. Another date to remember is Saturday, November 4, 2017.

Rick Thum will be Good Hope Church for workshops during the day, a concert at 6:00 and jamming after the concert. Invite friends and family to attend the show! Let's share and promote our music with everyone.

Stay out of trouble and I'll see ya soon.....Harold

MUSIC COORDINATOR _____ Marsha Kozlowski

Slow Jam – we are looking for someone or a couple of people to take turns to lead “slow” jams for newer players, players who are learning a new instrument or people who enjoy a slower pace. Ann Wassell has graciously done this for a while but is stepping back. Consider whether you can contribute to the club in this way and let Terry K. know if you would do this.

Library Outreach Program – Warren Public Library Auditorium, October 23 @ 6:00 pm, 1 City Square, Warren MI. There is still room for more to participate. See the signup sheet. The auditorium can accommodate a big group. If you have an extra dulcimer, please bring it. In consideration of traffic, we will plan to go over early, have something to eat nearby and then go over to unload. We will meet at the delivery door on the east side of the building to unload our instruments and then go park.

One more program is scheduled for this year — Allen Park Library, December 3 @ 6:00 pm, 8100 Allen Rd., (corner of Champagne), Allen Park. This is a smaller library and so will need to keep the group to about 10 people (at least 5 dulcimers). Sign-up sheet is available. Playlist stays the same 10 tunes.

Rick Thum Workshop/Concert–November 4, 2017 - see flyer in the newsletter for details. There are three workshops. If you are not taking classes, there will be jamming in the basement from 2:00 to 4:00. After the jam those of us who want to can head out to dinner and come back for Rick's concert in the sanctuary and “afterglow” jam in the fellowship hall.

Holiday Music preparation- there will be 3-4 rehearsals. If you plan to play at any of the performances, please try to make as many of the rehearsals as possible. This helps us mesh as a group. One goal is to have two people be able to do

each start (and perhaps alternate starting them) so that not only do we expand the number of people who start but are prepared if the usual starter is not there. At the time of this writing, I cannot tell you what new tunes will be added. The new tunes being considered are: Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, Do You Hear What I Hear? What Child is This in Am, and Hallelujah (L. Cohen). Rehearsal schedule (**NOTE!!! Different time for 10/10 – we will start at 6:00PM**):

Tuesday	October 10	6:00 to ?
Thursday	October 26	7:00 to ?
Thursday	November 9	7:00 to ?
Tuesday	November 21 (only if needed)	?

PostScript to HOLIDAY MUSIC: A good sized group came to the 2017 review of holiday music Sept. 28. We worked on starts and designated more than one starter for most of the tunes (good plan if someone can't be there). We also looked at the potential new tunes. The group wants to attempt Hallelujah. While not difficult there are rhythm challenges. Please check Dropbox. Karen will put a midi-file in of that piece for you to listen and practice with. Those who have paper copies - please verify you have the version we are playing. Sometimes we change the key we are playing

SSDS Music – It seems every so often in a jam we are NOT ALL ON THE SAME PAGE. It seems to depend on when you got your SSDS music and whether you have kept up with the updates. Over the years a tune may be changed – sometimes a note, sometimes a change in chording or other “correction.” It happened recently with Kentucky Waltz. Some were playing a 2010 version and others a 2013 version. **Please go through your music** and check it against the revision list that is posted in Dropbox. Make sure you have the latest version so we are ALL PLAYING ON THE SAME PAGE.

Other MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES:

October 21, 2017, @ 7:00 p.m., Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 Huron River Dr., Dexter MI. Free Public concert featuring the Squirrel's Nest group and Sharon McGinnis Broyles on Hammered Dulcimer. A free will offering will be taken to help purchase some mountain dulcimers to start a children's community MD orchestra in that area. The CD, “After the Fire” will be available and 100% of the money for that is being given to a young musician family whose home burned down earlier this year.

Looking for an HD teacher? There are quite a few in the area. I have an incomplete list if you are looking for someone. In addition to several people in our club who give lessons, there are others nearby plus teachers that teach via Skype. The newest one on my list is Sharon McGinnis Broyles. She lives in Pinckney, Mich. She can be contacted by email: dulcimerbysharon@gmail.com or called at 765-720-7373.

PREVIEW OF NOVEMBER TUNE OF THE MONTH:

Black Mountain Rag. This is a fun old-time fiddle tune based on an earlier tune called "The Lost Child". It was very popular in the 30's and has been recorded by a number of artists. The name Black Mountain refers to mountains in the Ozarks that were covered with hemlocks at the top, appearing quite black. The tune is not difficult (unless you play the fiddle version). It has three parts and is quite peppy. Hope you enjoy it.....Marsha

SECRETARY'S NOTES _____ Chris Hurt

This is a synopsis of the September Board minutes and a copy of the full minutes is available from me upon request. All members are welcome to attend the board meetings. Our September meeting was held on 9/21/17. We discussed final arrangements for the banquet to be held on October 5th at O'Kelly's Banquet Hall in Dearborn. The annual Good Hope holiday concert will be on November 30th. Marsha is busy working on holiday music and a special jam night theme for next year. The next library outreach program is October 23. Rick Thum's workshops and concert are November 4th at Good Hope. An election committee is needed for next year's board. We discussed possibly turning Gloria's job into a 2-3 person job. Harold has 10 play dates for the holiday season.....Chris

IT'S OCTOBER...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

- 1....Ernie Stewart
- 12...Nancy Straky
- 15...Laurie Patterson
- 17...Carol Anne Matthews
- 26...Ann Wassell
- 28...Valerie Karhu
- 30...Bev Scott



Anniversaries

- 18...Harold Crane.....42nd -2017
- 19...Bob & Sally Niemczewski....43rd -2017
- 22...David & Theresa Smith.....24th -2017

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

~~ SSDS Jackets Available ~~

If you wish that you had ordered a jacket now that fall is coming, there are still some available.

Sizes small - XL for \$38
contact Carol Ann Matthews

NEW... Open Acoustic Jam

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
Oct. 8th

facebook.com/FlyingOtterWine www.flyingotter.com

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Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood

734-649-3843

losgood10424@comcast.net

~~ Harmonica Happenings ~~

Do you have a harmonica tucked away in a drawer? In your music bag? In your car? Always wanted to play but don't know where to begin? Or are you already a harmonica player and want to learn something new or jam with other harmonica players?

Well, here is an upcoming opportunity just for you. On Thursday, October 19th, Bob Hlavacek and I will be holding a Harmonica Workshop at 6pm-7pm before our regular club jam. This will be a review and continuation of the harmonica Workshop we presented at the club campout last June. And, if there is enough interest, there may be continued meetings as a harmonica group. If you are interested in attending, please bring a C harmonica, either diatonic or chromatic.....Karen Turner

Silver Strings Christmas 2017 (Tentative) Working Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
G	Jingle Bells <i>Start with chorus – Santa Stick</i>	3 ½
G ^A	Deck the Halls <i>Tag End by Starter</i>	3***
G	Let it Snow! <i>Tag End by Starter;</i>	2
C	Winter Wonderland	3
C	Silver Bells <i>Ritard End. HD – walk up C Chord</i>	3
C ^A	Santa Claus is Coming to Town –	3
C	March of the Toy Soldiers	2
C	A Holly Jolly Christmas – <i>peppy tempo</i>	2
C	Jingle Bell Rock -	3
D ^A	Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree – <i>Last measure – single D chord and stop for Tag end by starter</i>	2
D	Jolly Old St. Nicholas/ Pachelbel <i>-8 measure start; play soft/slow! 2nd time whistles/psaltery featured. 3rd time more volume, 4th time somewhat softer Tag by Starter</i>	4
G	Star in the East	3
G ^A	O Come All Ye Faithful <i>- at chorus, start soft, increase volume every 2 measures. End loud. Ritard End</i>	3***
G	Ding Dong Merrily/He is Born <i>4 ct. chime start</i>	2/2
G ^A	Angels We Have Heard on High <i>Ritard End</i>	3***
G ^A	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	3
Am	What Child is this	3***
G	Joy to the World – <i>4 measure start . 3 bongs between each verse. Tag end by Bass</i>	3
Em	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen – <i>4 ct. guitar start Play upbeat tempo; all end on last note.</i>	4
Am ^A	We Three Kings/Carol of the Bells <i>45-46 – play softly. 76-77 – all rest for 2 measures except for MK, CA & ES Who will play this ritard.....Ritard End . Tag Ending</i>	1
D/G	Simple Gifts <i>Tag end by Starter</i>	2/1***
D/G	Silent Night <i>Ritard End</i>	2/2***
D/G	Here We Come/We Wish You a Merry Christmas – <i>3 beat transition to We Wish. Ritard last 2 measures</i>	2/1½

Tunes marked with *** -HD/s soften up so other instruments can be featured. It will be decided for sure just before each gig.

*Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree: End with single D chord to allow the tag ending to be heard.

- Jolly Old St. Nicholas – is played **4** times!! First time enter softly, 2nd time features whistles – others play a little louder, 3rd time all play with regular volume, 4th time soften up.
- Ding Dong Merrily – 4 count start done by the chimes/triangle.
- God Rest Ye – Guitar start. All end w/single chord. Play this **4** times.
- O Come All Ye Faithful - the chorus starts out soft, with each phrase a little louder.
- Watch the dynamics– We Three Kings part should be played a little softer than the Carol of the Bells.
- Joy to the World – **4** measure start and resemble church bells ringing.
- Simple Gifts – make note we are playing it **2 in D/1 in G.**
- Santa Claus is coming: first time slow, second time peppy, third time jazzy.
- "Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree – end with single D to allow tag ending to be heard.
- Hallelujah by L. Cohen – unlikely we will do it this season but am introducing it in hopes to add next year.
- What Child is This – in a new key from what SSDS has done before.

Library Outreach Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
	<i>Traditional Music Sample</i>	
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4
D	Over the Waterfall	3
	<i>Dance Music</i>	
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
G	Tick Tock Polka	3
D	Hey Polka	4
	<i>Irish or Celtic Music</i>	
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna	3
G	Irish Washerwoman	3
	<i>Familiar Tunes people can sing</i>	
C	Tennessee Waltz	3
G	Five Foot Two	3
	<i>Tunes that change tempo</i>	
Em	Tamlin	4

Sept-Nov 2017 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4*
D	Down Yonder	3
G	Red Wing	3*
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
D	Snake River Reel	3
D	Turkey in the Straw	3
D	Harvest Home	3
D	Spanish Two Step	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Yellow Bird	3
C	Five Foot Two	3**
C	Tennessee Waltz	3*
D	Bucket Man Blues	3
D	Bonaparte Crossing the Rhine/ Flop Eared Mule	3/3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
Em	Washington Square	3
G	South Wind	3*
G	March of St. Timothy	4***
A	Hangman's Reel	3
Am	Schottische du Stockfish/ Cold Frosty Morn	3/3
	Extras	
D	Old Joe Clark	4
D	Hey Polka	3
Em	Tamlin	4

*2nd time: If instruments are available-- take it with backup; HD's softly
 ** If available, singer can lead audience.
 *** pause/rest on B part of 4th time

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

2nd 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 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 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...

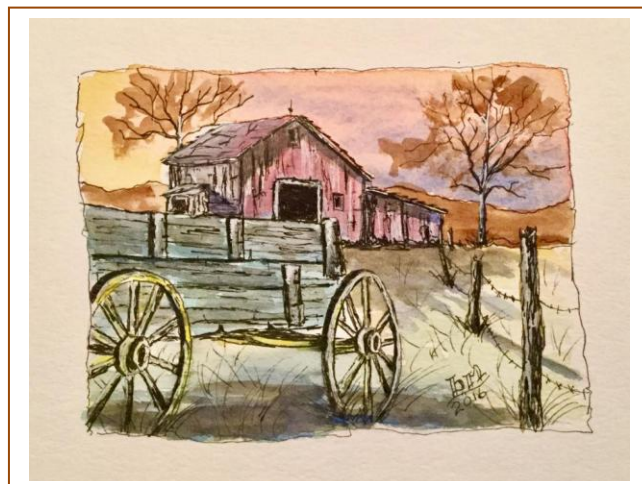
If you are a beginner, this is a good place to meet people and get involved.

Contact: threedsjd@aol.com

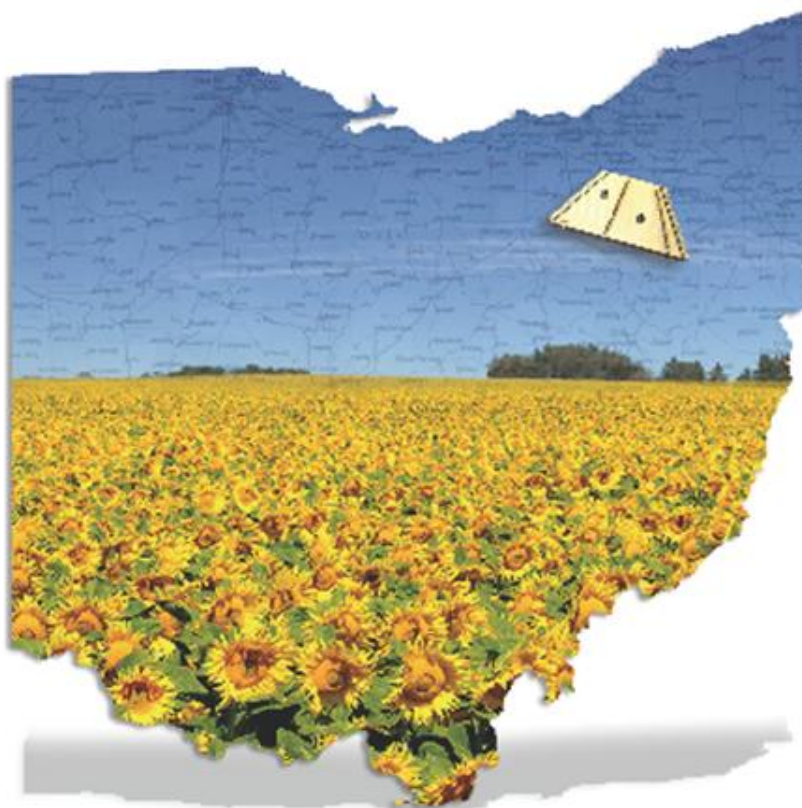
If anyone knows of a good jam that should be on this list, please let me know. David Smith

Musicological Terms

- **accidentals:** wrong notes.
- **diatonic:** low-calorie Schweppes.
- **relative major:** an uncle in the Marine Corps.
- **relative minor:** a girlfriend or cousin in a coal mine.
- **big band:** when the bar pays enough to bring two banjo players.
- **repeat:** what you do until they just expel you.
- **treble:** women ain't nothin' but.
- **bass:** the things you run around in softball.
- **arpeggio:** "Ain't he that storybook kid with the big nose that grows?"
- **tempo:** good choice for a used car.
- **cut time:** parole
- **cut time:** when everyone else is playing twice as fast as you are.
- **order of sharps:** what a wimp gets at the bar.
- **passing tone:** frequently heard near the baked beans at family barbecues.
- **middle C:** the only fruit drink you can afford when food stamps are low.
- **perfect pitch:** the smooth coating on a freshly paved road.
- **whole note:** what's due after failing to pay the mortgage for a year.
- **clef:** what you try never to fall off of.
- **bass clef:** where you wind up if you do fall off.
- **sonata:** what you get from a bad cold or hay fever.
- **time signature:** what you need from your boss if you forget to clock in.
- **major scale:** what you say after chasing wild game up a mountain:
"Damn! That was a major scale!"
- **interval:** how long it takes to find the right note. There are three kinds:
 - **major interval:** a long time.
 - **minor interval:** a few bars.
 - **inverted interval:** when you have to go back a bar and try again.
- **discord:** Not to be confused with datcord.
- **Inverted interval:** when you have to go back a bar and try again.
- **metronome:** a city-dwelling dwarf.
- **allegro:** leg fertilizer.



fall art by Bob Niemczewski



NOVEMBER 18TH-19TH **NORTH EAST OHIO** **DULCIMER WEEKEND**

For Beginning & Intermediate Hammered Dulcimer

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Rick Thum



Saturday November 4, 2017

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 learn how to play syncopation patterns that fit nicely into tunes as free embellishments. We will then explore the embellishment techniques that you have questions on how to play.

1:00 - 2:00PM Lunch

2:00 - 4:00PM Workshop #3 ALL LEVELS
\$30

Embellishments. We will take a familiar song and put in embellishments where needed. I will explain 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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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

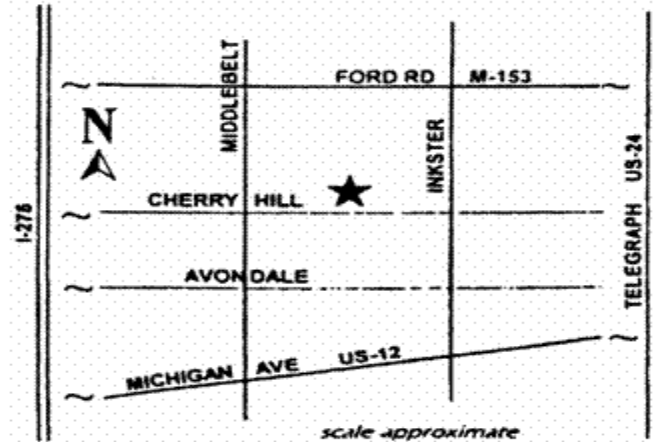
Featuring the hammered dulcimer,
and other acoustic instruments :
mountain dulcimer, banjo, guitar, autoharp, fiddle,
string bass, washtub bass, mandolin, folk harp,
recorder, tin penny whistle, and harmonica.

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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your name would be here.

