

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

As I am composing this month's newsletter, I am enjoying time camping at Midland Music Folk Festival, August 25, 26. Marsha and I arrived on Tuesday, a few days early, in our new used travel trailer. We are officially part of the camping community! We parked next to Linda Osgood's and Larry and Janice, Thornapple Valley Club. On Thursday we were invited to "roll call" at their camp site. It is an annual sour dough sweet roll gathering hosted by Larry and Janice. This event has been an annual tradition at the Midland Music Festival. Janice told me she started making them in 1991 and it has continued each year to the present. It was great to meet and converse with friends in our music family.

Election time is coming soon. There are two positions open this year, Secretary and Vice President Program Coordinator. Please consider volunteering for one of these openings.

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.

See you at the club, September 7 at 7 PM.....Terry

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Gloria Tapper

I hope everyone is enjoying the day today, cooler weather, color change will be here soon, my favorite time of the year. We had a great turnout at our picnic, thanks to everyone for bringing the sides and desserts, it was nice seeing people who haven't attended in the past few years.



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



September is quickly sneaking in. I don't have much going on, except our annual Banquet that is coming up on October 5th, featuring the Chelsea House Orchestra. See me for tickets, I have them, \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for guests. I need to turn in the headcount after our September 21st jam.

Our Christmas practices begin in October,
See you at the next jam,.....Gloria

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

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

7.....Brookhaven Manor Playdate Ann Arbor....2:00pm

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

21.....Workshop on Starts6:00

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Hello Silver Strings, What a wonderful August we had with our annual picnic at Garden City Park, our play date on beautiful Belle Isle by Scott Fountain at the Metro Park Art Fair and finishing the month with our famous Silver Strings Variety Night party. Where did the summer go? Is it September already? Yes!

Labor Day is September 4th and the kids are back in school and September 22nd is the first day of Autumn. WOW! We have one playdate this month on the 7th at Brookhaven Manor in Ann Arbor at 2:00 pm. and don't forget to get your tickets for our 34th Annual Banquet at O'Kelly Banquet Hall in Dearborn on Thursday, October 5th. It will be a fun time with great food, entertainment and fellowship.

Take care and see ya all soon,.....Harold

TREASURER'S NOTES _____ John Pollock

Great news! We now have **90 members**. That includes five brand new members and one returning member (after a long break). Be sure to introduce yourself and give a warm welcome to:

- Steven Peper - Garden City
Guitar
- Tom Haefner - Livonia
Mandolin
- Andrea Dumasius (*returning member*)
Grosse Ile - Fiddle
- Sharon Lamb - Hartland
Hammered Dulcimer
- Sue Tranquilla - Livonia
Hammered Dulcimer
- Judith Pyrkosz - Livonia
Hammered Dulcimer

Happy September to everyone!.....John

MUSIC COORDINATOR _____ Marsha Kozlowski



LIBRARY OUTREACH PROGRAM – Summer vacation is over and people are getting “back to school” to learn new things. Our Library Outreach continues. The next date is October 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Warren Public Library. Since this is some

distance from most of us, we will go out to eat (don't know if before or after – will get a consensus on this). The play list is the same, 10 tunes that most everyone knows and are favorites in the dulcimer world. You will find the list in this newsletter. If you are a newer player who has not performed with us, this is a good way to jump into it. The playlist is short. It is also an opportunity to “pay it forward” and share our wonderful music, instruments and joy of playing with others. So either e-mail me or sign up to play.

Speaking of playlists, the Sept-November playlist is in this newsletter. Be sure to look it over and practice any tunes that are new to you or you may be rusty on. Working Holiday Tune playlist is also in this newsletter. If you are a dropbox user, make sure you have the latest version of the tunes. If you are a hard-copy person, I will provide packets of the tunes to handout. There is a sign-up sheet to let me know who needs this. Just a caveat: this is the first version. As practices commence and changes occur, the list will evolve.

WORKSHOP – September 21 at 6:00. For any person who may want to play any/all of our holiday play dates and for all instruments, we will work on starts (some of which can be played by other instruments besides HD) so that more than one person can start any tune. The goal is to lessen the pressure on any one person or avoid a situation where a tune can't be played because the starter isn't there. If there is time, we will take a look at a few possible new tunes and talk about how we might play old tunes with a new twist. If you need a hard-copy of the music, please let me know so I can create a copy for you.

HOLIDAY PRACTICES – Three practice/rehearsals are in the works: Tuesday October 10, Thursdays October 26 and November 9. If we need one more practice, we will add a 4th one for Tues, Nov. 21. All practices start at 7:00. If you plan to play, please be at one or more practices. It will help all of us be ready to perform. Everyone's input helps make the final product. Last year the practices really paid off. Our performances were well-attended and we received standing ovations at 3 of them! The first (and not last) playlist is in Dropbox. These are modified as we fine tune in rehearsals.

TUNE of the MONTH – Last month “Black Cat Schottische” was introduced. A fun tune, its minor key evokes a Halloweeny feeling. Call for it at jams and let's get to where it can be on a future playlist.

MUSIC CORRECTIONS – Every so often a mistake is found in a tune – usually a chord. If you spot something that needs correction, let Marsha or Karen Turner know so it can be corrected. Check Dropbox for the latest and make sure your music is up to date. At Midland, someone had an uncorrected version of one of the tunes.

NEW TUNES – One of the joys of going to summer festivals is being introduced to new tunes, new ideas and different approaches. Some of you have graciously given me copies of tunes you think SSDS

would like. I am happy to receive them and keep a list/collection to tap into as we add to our "library" of tunes. The factors in consideration when I add something include: an upcoming season (ex: Black Cat Schottische/Halloween or Lavender Blue/Valentines), variety of tempos (not all waltzes, reels or jigs), different keys (everything in one key gets boring and fails to use the breadth of our instruments), and whether the tune lends itself to a jam session (some tunes work better as solo efforts).

THE IMPORTANCE OF SSDS PERFORMANCES TO OUR CLUB - Our club earns money from our playdates. Half of the earnings from these performances is distributed among those who play. **The other half goes to supporting club functions: the pizza/salad for Variety Night, Myers Lake, Club Picnic and our Banquet.** Yes, everyone pays annual dues - but that approx. \$1400 a year does not go very far, if you consider \$800-1000 is donated to the church for using their facility. The performances during the holiday season comprise almost half of yearly playdates. Supporting this aspect of the club is important.

- Support it by promoting it to others. If you belong to another group or organization that has an event our music would enhance – promote us to them. Keep a few of our brochures to hand out. We have done art shows, banquets, special event celebrations, homecomings, etc. If you attend a festival or event that might be a "fit" for SSDS, get contact information and give it to the VP-Business.
- Support it by signing up to play when and if you can. If you sign up, it is important to know the tunes on the play list and be prepared to play them at the right tempo. If you cannot do the melody, then work on harmony or back-up. Check the sign-up lists for notes as to dress, time and other particulars (carpooling, parking). Come at the time stated with your instrument in tune. SSDS Performances are fun – and IMPORTANT!

MIDLAND MUSINGS – Smaller and more laid back than Evart, it is a nice music festival. There are plenty of hotels and restaurants in the area for those who don't camp. The nights got cold! But the music was hot – lot of jamming. We put the SSDS EZ up canopy to good use and had 3 good jams joined by friends from Uncle Carl's, Thornapple Valley and other places. People thanked us for a great jam that was open, inclusive and welcoming. In fact, there were a lot of jams going on. All speeds and styles (old-timey, Celtic, traditions) – it was a musical buffet. Yum, yum.
.....Marsha

~~ 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

IT'S SEPTEMBER...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

12...Lee Lack
21...Sue Duncan



Anniversaries

8....Fred and Shirley Becker - 61st
21...Carol Dick

*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*



Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood

734-649-3843

losgood10424@comcast.net

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
Sep. 10th
Oct. 8th

facebook.com/FlyingOtterWine www.flyingotter.com

FOR SALE

Classical Guitar and Case
1973 Giannini AWN 100 \$100.00



For information call 734-904-4412

Silver Strings Christmas 2017 (Tentative) Working Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
G	Jingle Bells <i>Start with chorus – Santa Stick</i>	3 ½
G [^]	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 [^]	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 [^]	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 [^]	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 [^]	Angels We Have Heard on High <i>Ritard End</i>	3***
G [^]	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	3
Am	What Child is this	3***
G	Joy to the World – <i>4 measure start . 3 bongos 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 [^]	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 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: threedsjd@aol.com

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



WTUG 3rd Annual Ukulele Festival
Saturday September 16, 2017 9am - 4pm
Waterford Community of Christ
1990 Crescent Lake Road, Waterford, MI



Silver Strings performed at the Belle Isle Art Fair on August 5th



Silver Strings Annual Picnic at Garden City Park - August 3rd

Beautiful weather, lots of jamming, good food and socializing with our friends.



Our August 17 jam
was well attended
by
40 members



August 31st
Variety Night
Lots of music,
fun, and food



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.

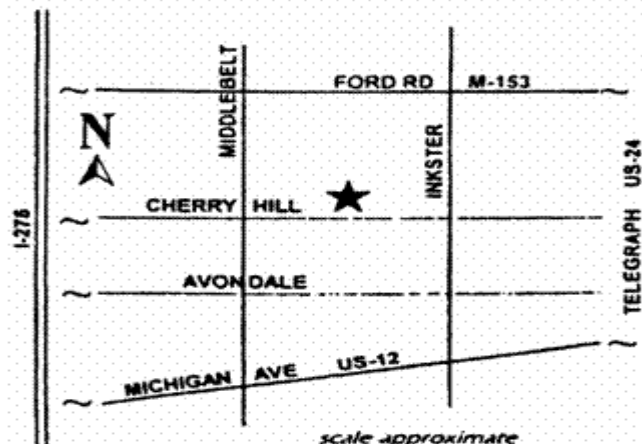
Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together
with other players, receive new music
and a monthly newsletter.

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.

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