

# 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 and friends from other clubs at Evart. We had 25 SSDS members perform at our preshow-the stage was packed! I truly believe our club did an outstanding job. In addition, several club members experienced their first preshow performance. I think they were just a little nervous! Look for videos on our FB page coming soon.

The year is flying by. Before you know it, elections will be here. There are four positions being vacated at the end of this year: President, VP-Business, VP-Programs and Treasurer. If you have questions regarding the position or how the board works, ask one of us.

Variety Night is August 30. Polish up your act and share your talent. As usual, pizza and salad are provided. Bring a dessert to share.

Banquet is October 4<sup>th</sup>. Refer to Phyllis's article for details. Note there are only 4 meetings (August and Sept) to purchase tickets. Guests are welcome.

Midland Folk Festival – August 23-26 – another time we get to see friends from other clubs. Some of our members teach workshops. There are plenty of motels in the area and it is not that far away to travel. Smaller and more low-key than Evart, it is a nice event. I encourage you to go and give your support.

.....Terry 734-560-8204

on July 13th. It was a lot of fun playing on Main Street near the covered wooden bridge on a warm evening.

Also in July was the Evart Fun Fest with lots of jamming, workshops, socializing, relaxing, rain and our "cowboy stage show" at the grandstand on Thursday. Once again we sounded great and had rave reviews-thanks to Marsha and all the Silver Strings players!

August 2nd is our famous SSDS picnic and music jam at the Plymouth Township Park in the Pavilion which is a new location for us. Come early and stay late, bring a friend and enjoy summer in Michigan. We also have two play dates this month:

Tuesday, August 7, 3:00 - 4:00 pm  
Heartland Healthcare-Canton  
7025 Lilley Road, Canton, Michigan 48187

Friday, August 10, 6:30 - 7:00 pm  
Christ Episcopal Church, 120 N. Military, Dearborn

Saturday, August 18, 2:00 - 4:00 pm - Outdoor Concert  
Friends of River Raisin Battlefield - Exit 14 off I-75  
1403 East Elm Ave. Monroe 48162

Please arrive 1/2 hour early to set up or earlier for the Monroe play date. Call 810-356-2842 if you have any questions.

August 30th, Mark your calendar, don't miss this, be there or else and sign up to perform or just listen to wonderful entertainment at our Variety Night and the best news is ITS FREE!!

See ya soon and enjoy the summer.

.....Harold 810-356-2842

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### AUGUST

- 2.... SSDS PICNIC & POTLUCK..... 2:30 - ??
- 7....Playdate - Heartland Healthcare-Canton...3:00 - 4:00
- 10...Playdate - Christ Church - Dearborn...6:30 - 7:00
- 16... SSDS MEETING AND JAM ..... 7:00 - ??
- 18...Playdate-Raisin River Park, Monroe... 2:00 - 4:00
- 30... VARIETY NIGHT & PIZZA PARTY....7:00 - ??

## VP - BUSINESS NOTES \_\_\_\_\_ Harold Crane

Greetings everyone and happy August, We had our first play date at the Friday Fun Nights in Frankenmuth

## VP - PROGRAMS NOTES \_\_\_\_\_ Phyllis Tillapaugh

Summer is just racing by – but please be sure to slow down and take note of upcoming club events!

- **Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>**: SSDS picnic at Plymouth Township Park (46640 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI). Jamming begins at 2:30 pm. Dinner at 5:30. Jamming will resume after dinner. (Club will provide chicken and beverages. If your last name begins with the letters A-K, please bring a dessert; L-Z, please bring something other than dessert.)
- **Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>**: Banquet tickets for sale!! \$10/members; \$15/guests. **NOTE: A banquet planning meeting**

will be held immediately following the jam (approximately 8:30 pm). Those interested in actively participating in the planning and execution of decorations and prizes are asked to attend.

(Banquet will be held on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hellenic Cultural Center; 36375 Joy Rd., Westland, MI.)

- **Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>:** Variety Night. Dinner at 7 pm; variety performances to follow. (Club provides pizza, salad, beverages; members provide desserts.)

.....Phyllis Tillapaugh ptillapaugh@sbcglobal.net

#### **MUSIC COORDINATOR \_\_\_\_ Marsha Kozlowski**

##### **Performance Notes:**

Frankenmuth Friday Fun Night – was fun. We were assigned a spot by the covered bridge. Nine of us played and the performance morphed from the playlist to being a jam. This type of musical evening is replicated at a number of communities. There is an application and a selection of available dates. The group, if approved, is assigned one date. Sometimes there is an “audition”, but that was not the case in Frankenmuth. There is usually a token stipend and the group plays for tips. Please let the Board know if you enjoyed playing, would support and/or be interested in doing this type of thing in the future so we can respond accordingly.

Evart –Thursday night 25 SSDS members filled the stage (next year may need to limit the number due to logistics of getting everyone on). We looked great with our cowboy hats. Member Tom Koppin was the emcee. Eight SSDS members played for the first time. The audience enjoyed our performance.

##### **Evart Reflections:**

Evart Jams – there were plenty to choose from. We held a couple under our club canopy and enjoyed playing with new people and old friends. See photos in the newsletter.

Evart music – it is a great opportunity to sample new tunes, to learn new techniques and new instruments. The stage shows were great. If you were there and really liked a “new” tunes, feel free to share at the picnic. Who knows – it may become a future “tune of the month.”

Evart weather – what can I say. It was hot. It was cold. And it was the first time there was a monsoon that forced the final concert to the community hall (which actually worked out pretty well.)

Evart Open Mike – thanks to Bob Hlavacek and Bill Smith, this opportunity for people to perform continues. The venue moved to the Community Building. If you have a small combo and would like to get it “out there,” think about doing this next year. You have 10 minutes (about 3 tunes) playing time.

Evart Student/Mentor Program – there are still 5 instruments available to new students. If you have a friend or acquaintance who is interested in playing, tell them to contact Gail VanAmberg directly, [gvanamberg@aol.com](mailto:gvanamberg@aol.com). She would like to have them all out to prospective players.

Same time next year – Already have our theme for next year: “Crayons: Box of Eight”. The tunes will have colors in the title. We will wear our fedoras again and t-shirts of different colors. Stay tuned.

##### **Looking ahead:**

Time is flying! Before you know it, it will be time for Christmas practices. The playlist will be pretty much the same as last year’s. Rudolph is coming out of exile due to popular demand (Holly, Jolly will be “rested”). It is not too early to review the tunes. Some of the tunes are challenging and some were new last year. Go on YouTube and listen to the tunes that were recorded. If there is enough interest and support, I will try to schedule a tune review in September of the more difficult tunes, any new tunes and perhaps try L. Cohen’s Hallelujah again. Give me your feedback in the next few weeks.....Marsha mt.koz@hotmail.com

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

#### **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...55<sup>th</sup>  
14...Bob & Laurie Patterson...36<sup>th</sup>  
30...Terry & Marsha Kozlowski.....50<sup>th</sup>

#### **SECRETARY NOTES \_\_\_\_ Gloria Tapper**

I'm sitting here with my coffee enjoying the sun, thinking about the upcoming elections for a new board. I will stay on as Secretary, Peggy has offered to run for President, (thank you Peggy). Other positions are waiting to be filled.

Phyllis has been doing a great job as VP- Programs. With our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet being finalized, I'm sure a little help will be greatly appreciated. Theresa has volunteered to be on the committee for this, let's join in.

If there are club members who are ill or having surgery and could use a get well card, please let me know. The cards have been restocked and I'm ready to send them out.

Hope to see you at the picnic.

.....Gloria Getapper@yahoo.com

#### **Sad news**

Val Karhu's daughter, Cheryl, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. Please keep Val and all of her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Val joined Silver Strings in 1989. She was active in the club for many years. Val winters in Pawley's Island, South Carolina. She spends each summer here in Michigan with family and friends.

Condolences may be sent to Val at  
9536 Tecumseh Redford MI 48239

## Aug-Sept. 2018 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4*
D	Down Yonder	3
D	Bucket Man Blues	3
G	Red Wing	3*
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
D	Spanish Two Step	3
D	Turkey in the Straw	3
D	Black Mountain Rag	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Yellow Bird	3
G	Bellman's Jig	3
C	Five Foot Two	3**
C	Tennessee Waltz	3*
Am	Schottische du Stockfish	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
G	South Wind	3*
G	March of St. Timothy	4***
Em	Washington Square	3
A	Hangman's Reel	3
	<b>Extras</b>	
Am	Katushka	5
D	Hey Polka	4
Em	Tamlin	4

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



### Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions  
Dulcimer Lessons

**Linda Osgood**

734-649-3843

losgood10424@comcast.net

## MUSIC JAMS

### UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month, Sept thru May**  
**12:30 - 4:30pm**

For information visit <http://www.unclecarls.org>

### NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Month, Sept thru May, 6 pm**

For info contact Jack & Marilyn Mullins: **517-270-2870**

### MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month Sept thru May, 6pm**

For info. Contact:

Jack & Marilyn Mullins: **517-270-2870**

Or Larry Roper: **248-437-5403**

### 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](mailto:mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com)

### GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:musicalcraft@yahoo.com)

### Pittsfield Open Band - POB

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:threedsjd@aol.com)

*If anyone knows of a good jam that should be on this list,  
please let me know. . . . . David Smith [dtsmithnet@yahoo.com](mailto:dtsmithnet@yahoo.com)*







42 members showed up to jam and socialize at our July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## ~ EVART FUNFEST 2018 ~



On July 19<sup>th</sup>, 27 Silver Stringers packed the Main Stage and wowed the crowd at the Evert Funfest.  
*Black Nag - Flowers of Edinburgh - Bard of Armagh - Rakes of Mallow - Single Footed Horse*



Whistle Workshop



Jamming under the canopy



Kay Rowe's "Healing Music"



Happy Campers

## HAMMERED DULCIMERS FOR SALE

**Cloud Nine Dulcimer**, 17/16/9, Cherry side rails, and sitka spruce floating soundboard. With Coon Hollow Case. Michael Allen made this dulcimer for the Winfield Hammered Dulcimer Contest! Gorgeous sound. Only 2 years old, so it is broken in for good sound.

**Webster Dulcimer**, gorgeous with celtic carved soundholes, and inlay. My personal Webster! good projection and good sound. Coon Hollow Case.

Please Call Paula Brawdy, 616-240-0445.

## FOR SALE

**Michael Allen - Cloud Nine  
Hammered Dulcimer  
18/16/8 Chromatic  
Sit down stand and bag  
\$1000 or best offer**

**Roger Davis 248-347-0320**

## Three-Day Intensive Hammered Dulcimer Workshop

**Taught by Karen Alley**

2014 National Hammered Dulcimer Champion



**Bob's Barn, Lake Odessa, Michigan  
September 13-15, 2018**

Join us for three days of intensive hammered dulcimer instruction, jamming, and fun at a great venue in Michigan. All hammered dulcimer players are welcome, regardless of skill level, although the material will primarily be geared towards intermediate/advanced players. This is your chance to dig deeply into new arrangements, techniques, and theory concepts with a nationally-recognized instructor. Class space is limited, so grab your spot today!

**Cost:** \$195, does not include lodging or meals

**Structure:** Morning and afternoon sessions each day, with optional evening jamming and a concert by Karen on Friday night. Over 17 hours of instruction.

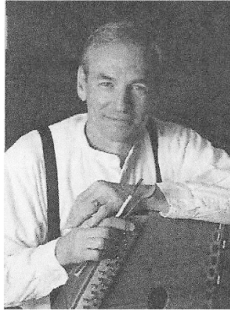
**Content:** We will work on intermediate/advanced-level arrangements that might include classical music, show tunes, hymns, O'Carolan pieces, duets, etc. We will use examples from the arrangements to focus on concepts such as hammer technique, ornamentation, hand independence, chord choices, ensemble skills, etc. When you register for the workshop, you will be asked to fill out a form that requests details about your musical preferences, so that the workshop content may be tailored to the participants.

More information can be found at:  
[www.KarenAlleyDulcimer.com](http://www.KarenAlleyDulcimer.com)  
under the "Upcoming Workshops" tab

Please contact Karen with questions:  
[kalley64@gmail.com](mailto:kalley64@gmail.com)

We hope to see you there!

## Featured in Workshops and Concert



# Rick Thum

## Saturday November 3, 2018

### Location:

**First Presbyterian Church**  
405 N M-37 Highway, Hastings, MI 49058

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 work on ways to embellish and arrange your music. I will teach you how to find all of the harmony notes that go with each melody note. You will be able to identify them while you are playing a song even when it is the first time you are playing it.

1:00 - 2:00PM Lunch

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

We will attempt to play songs and embellish them using what we just learned so that we will find the questions that need to be answered.

*If taking more than one workshop, take \$5.00 off of each additional workshop.*

**CONCERT 6:30**, Tickets \$10 at the door.

*If registered in a workshop concert \$8.00*

If enough people bring instruments,  
we will have a jam following the concert!

Contact  
Rick Thum  
314-406-0690  
Email: [rthum@rthum.com](mailto:rthum@rthum.com)  
Website: [rthum.com](http://rthum.com)



## Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays every month  
7:00 - 9:00 pm.... with jamming till ...?

Meeting at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
In Livonia, 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.

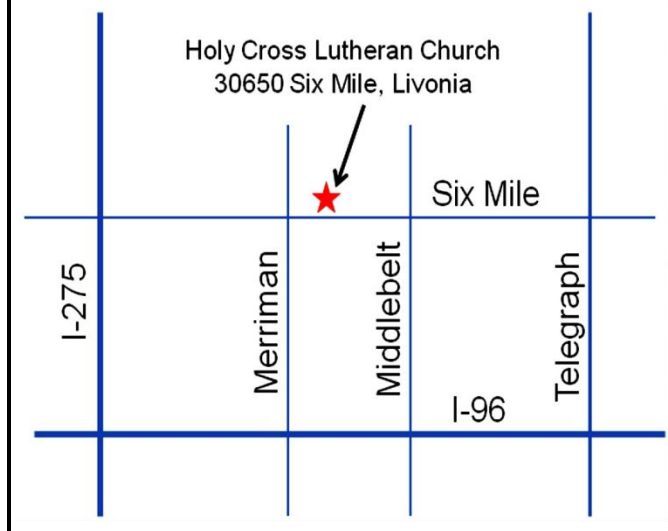
Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together  
with other players, receive new music  
and a monthly newsletter.

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 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome, contact David at [dtsmithnet@yahoo.com](mailto:dtsmithnet@yahoo.com)*

**Silver Strings Dulcimer Society**

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your name would be here.

**August**