

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

~ Happy Anniversary Silver Strings ~ Celebrating 35 years ~

Soundboard

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SHARING ACOUSTIC MUSIC for 35 YEARS

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

Happy Fourth of July! Where is the summer going! Myers Lake Camp was a huge success. Many thanks go out to everyone who participated in leading workshops, cooking Saturday breakfast, leading the jams, Saturday night dinner, participating in the church service, and to all the non-club members who attended and helped make this a fun weekend. It was nice to see friends and renew old acquaintances. A special thanks to Phyllis for her tireless effort in all the preparations required to pull off this successful event.

There are more events coming up this summer, but I'll let the Board and music coordinator outline their programs.

Speaking about the board, my job is easy when I have a great board to take care of all the details. Thanks, gang. With this note, there is only 4 months before the Board election process begins and we look for new people to fill the positions of President, VP of Business, VP of Programs, and Treasurer.

Our first club jam was held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on June 7th. I have not been to the new location since the May Variety night event. However, I understand the new vinyl floor is installed and the membership is zeroing in on the perfect location to optimize sound quality. Thanks to Peggy for leading the last two Jams and bridging the gap to our new location.

The Board has decided to **CANCEL OUR JULY 19TH JAM**, since it coincides with the Evert Funfest and many of our members will be attending that function.

See you at club-July 5th at 7:00

.....Terry 734-560-8204

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

There are no playdates in July.....Harold

MUSIC COORDINATOR _____ Marsha Kozlowski



Are you Ready?

To Play? If you are a relatively new player but afraid to jam for whatever reason, come anyway. Prepare by learning 2-5 tunes so you can pick one at a jam. Look the tunes up on YouTube or play the midi-files in Dropbox to help learn them. If you feel the need, take some lessons. There are a number of teachers in the area and some very good ones online. We had 3 newer or very new players come to Myer's Lake event. One knew 5 tunes, one only knew 1 and the third knew just a few. By the end of the weekend, each had learned at least a couple of new tunes and had a list of tunes they would be working on. They were ready. It took me 7 years to "be ready." – I wasted a lot of time. Don't wait until you think you are ready - Get "ready" by playing with a group.

For seasoned players, it is helpful to bring a list of 3 tune picks so if someone else chooses "your" tune, you have a back-up. This keeps the music flowing and the rhythm of the evening going.

To Perform? Silver Strings does between 30-40 performances a year. The performance fee is split: half goes to the club to support its special events (Myers Lake, Picnic, Banquet, Christmas Party, Variety Nites); the other half is divided among the players. Performances are best with a mixture of instruments because hammered dulcimers sound better when enhanced by back-up instruments, fiddles, whistles, etc. A group of 10-12 people on a variety of instruments creates a great sound. If you have not performed yet, a good way to start is to do the Library Program. The playlist is always the same and consists of 10 tunes rather than the 20+ of a regular program.

To Promote? Everyone can be an ambassador for our club and its music. Invite someone to come. Take a brochure to a club or organization that might enjoy one of our programs. Tell people to look us up on YouTube or FaceBook so they can follow us and may

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY

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

5....Slow Jam with Linda Osgood..... 6:00 - 6:45

19...SSDS MEETING AND JAM **CANCELLED**

tell others. Wear your Club Shirt/Jacket. People will ask you about us. If you go to a festival – tell them about us. We do a good show.

To Participate? Playing and performing are two aspects of being a Silver Strings member, but participation in other ways is as important. There are many ways to participate: bring a snack and/or help with kitchen duty, be an emcee/help at Variety Nite, do a workshop, run for office. Elections are held each November and the one-year terms begin in January. This year there are 4 open positions: President, VP-Business, VP-Programs, Treasurer. A strong Board that works together for the good of the club keeps its healthy and dynamic. Ask a Board member to get a better idea about that job.

So, Are you Ready? *As my daughters tell me when I express a wish: **Just do it, Mom because if not now, then when?** Hope to see you at a jam, a performance and hoping for new faces on the Board.*

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER PLAYLIST in this newsletter. Most are familiar often-played tunes. Go through any you haven't played in a while and sign up for a playdate.

Myers Lake –thank you to all who ran workshops. Although the rain kept some people away, those who came had a good time. It was nice to add something new, a bowed psaltery/recorder class. There was a great variety of music, terrific jams, and enough food to have leftover brunch Sunday. Mark your 2019 calendars for the second weekend in June when we will return there for another musical gathering.

Religious Music – found a stack of music packets in the SSDS cabinets for those times we are asked to play religious music. These were pretty old and in need of updating. I will work on that in the coming months so there will be a library of tunes to use when needed. There have been two recent occasions this type of music was requested. 7 hymns were played at the Myers Lake service– including a couple thrown in at the last minute because the soloist cancelled. Earlier this year, we had to throw in 3 hymns for a gig in Trenton to celebrate a church's 175 anniversary. We also get asked to play at funerals. While it doesn't happen often, it is better to be prepared when asked.

EVART OPEN MIKE – At the Myers Lake campout, the workshop, "Playing a-Round" involved learning 4 easy rounds. People played various instruments: Hammered Dulcimers, Mountain Dulcimers, Whistles, Harmonicas, Recorders and Voice. The tunes were "I Love the Mountains," "Heigh Ho," "Shalom Chaverim" and "Dona Nobis Pacem." Besides creating beautiful harmony, it taught us to count well, to listen better, and to play with confidence regardless of what the person next to us was doing. It was such fun, someone suggested that we perform these at Open Mike in Evert on Sat. If you were not there but think you would like to try them and perform with us at Evert, contact Marsha ASAP.

EVART– The countdown to Evert is on. SSDS has the 6:40 PM slot on Thursday night with 15 minutes to play. Please memorize the tunes if possible so set-up is minimal. Our music is themed around "Going West." Wear a cowboy hat (and any other accessories). There will be rehearsal for all who can get there to fine-tune the numbers and get used to the starts: Wed. at 6:00-7:00, on Thur. at 5:30 in the ODPC canopy behind the ODPC office.....Marsha mt.koz@hotmail.com

Evert Play List:

Key	Tune	Notes/how many times
Am	Black Nag	3 times; Get audience clapping 3 rd time
D	Flowers of Edinburgh	2 times: Kay Rowe does start like bagpipe, MK calls out beat and play through 2 times at faster tempo
C	Bard of Armagh	4 x: Feature Harmonicas 1 time, fiddles/whistles one time, everyone 2 times
G	Rakes of Mallow	3 x
D	Single Footed Horse on a Happy Trail	3 x – last chorus ask audience to sing "Happy Trails"

JULY...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

4....Regis Proulx
5....Karen Turner
10...Frank Surhigh
14...Sally Niemczewski
14...Richard Rowe
17...John McAuliffe
22...Margie Meinzingner
29...Linda Lloyd



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Anniversaries

8....Dave and Margie Meinzingner ..51st
11...Roger & Barb Davis.....59th
18...Rich & Kay Rowe...54th

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

SECRETARY NOTES ___Gloria Tapper

Hi, how's everyone doing? Hope you have been enjoying the past summer days, not too hot, windows open...Now it's back to the heat and humidity.

Although I couldn't be there, I have heard a lot of good things about the camp out, Phyllis has been doing a great job organizing it all. Peggy has been taking the lead for some of our jams, doing a great job with that. Shirley Keyser is having surgery, let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Hope to see you at the next jam.
.....Gloria Getapper@yahoo.com

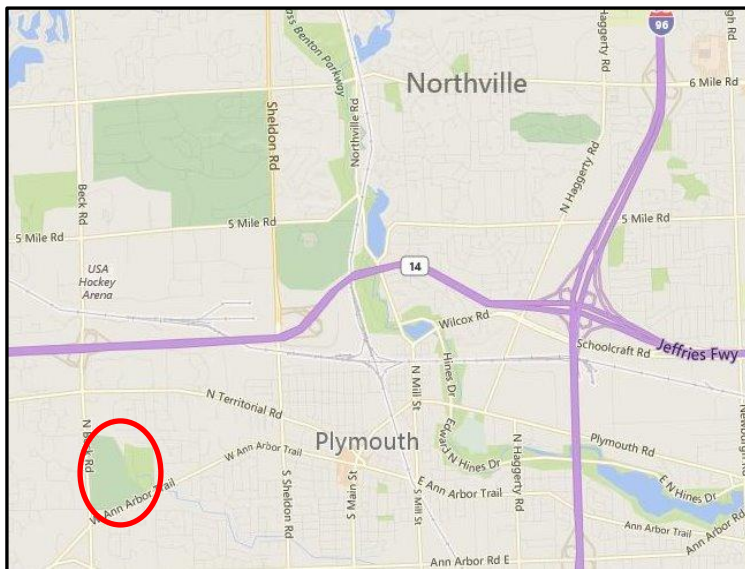
VP - PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Phyllis Tillapaugh

Summer has begun!! Happy 4th of July! Just a reminder that the Evert Funfest is next up on the club agenda. Thanks, Peggy, for leading the last jam and going over our stage show tunes. Due to your leadership, most of us now know Single Footin' Horse on a Happy Trail!

It's also time to begin planning for the **Silver Strings Picnic on August 2nd**.

Location: Plymouth Township Park (also called McClumpha Park)
46640 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170
(The park is next to Hilltop Golf Course)
We'll be in THE PAVILION – next to the fishing pond

Time: **Jamming** to begin about 2:30 pm
Dinner at 5:30. 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.
Jamming will resume after dinner.



Dates to remember:

- August 23-26: Midland Dulcimer Festival
- August 30: Variety Night

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



~~~ SLOW JAM ~~~

Tunes to practice for our slow jam on July 5th.
We will start promptly at 6 pm and end at 6:45.

Saro Waltz
Apple Peaches Pumpkin Pie
Black Mountain Rag
Flight of the Haggis
Its a Small world

Learn what you can and we will jam slowly, but try to keep an even tempo.

Looking forward to then....Linda Osgood



Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood

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losgood10424@comcast.net

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
D	Spanish Two Step	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
	Extras	
Am	Katushka	5
D	Hey Polka	4
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

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

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, 6 pm

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**

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 dsmithnet@yahoo.com*

2018 HAMMERED DULCIMER JAM AND POTLUCK

Big Lake - Sears, MI

You are invited to the 2018 Acoustic Jam and Pot Luck Dinner. Rick Thum will be our jam leader, plus there will be many other fantastic musicians present along with other future aspiring musicians. We will have an evening of food, getting together with our musical friends, MUSIC, and old-fashioned entertainment. It will be held at Big Lake in the pavilion in Crittenden County Park in Sears, MI. It is located about 6 miles East of Evart off of U.S. 10 and south of 50th Ave. The jam is the Sunday preceding the Evart Dulcimer Funfest. Be sure to bring your own chairs. All acoustic instruments welcome!

We are furnishing the paper plates, silverware, lemonade and water. If you drink a soft drink, bring it or it can be purchased at the camp store. Dinner will be a potluck buffet. Please bring a dish to share to serve 12 or more people.

We're looking forward to meeting you and having you join us at our Pre-Festival Jam and Pot Luck served on the lakefront. There are no park entry fees for our group. You may come earlier if you would like to enjoy the Lake facilities, which include swimming. We are looking forward to meeting new friends and seeing old acquaintances. It should be a fun and enjoyable evening with Rick and friends!

DATE: SUNDAY - JULY 15, 2018

**TIME: 5:00 ARRIVAL - PARTY STARTS!
5:30 POTLUCK DINNER BEGINS
JAM TO FOLLOW**

**PLACE: CRITTENDEN COUNTY PARK
3641 S. 50TH SEARS, MI**

DIRECTIONS FROM EVART FAIRGROUNDS TO BIG LAKE
From the fairgrounds, go East on U.S. 10 (4.2 miles) to 50th Ave. Turn right (south) off U.S. 10. Go 2.3 miles on 50th to Big Lake-Crittenden County Park on your right.

contact: rthum@rthum.com

17th Annual Silver Strings Campout at Myers Lake June 8-10



Pleasant cool temps with a bit of rain didn't dampen the spirits of all who attended this fun and relaxing weekend.



Phyllis led the Recorder/Psaltery workshop



Karen & Bob taught beginning Harmonica



Theresa led the Ukulele jam



Linda taught Mountain Dulcimer



All instrument "rounds" led by Marsha



Lively afternoon jamming under the canopies



Jeff, Marsha & Nancy feel the music



Saturday morning, Bob & crew treated all to a pancake breakfast



Phyllis with Sandy & crew kept everything running smoothly



Saturday evening dinner was well attended and brought everyone together



Many musicians and listeners attended jams in the barn on Friday and Saturday evenings



The campout was brought to a close as several musicians provided music for the Sunday morning church service by the lake.



Don Gibboney passed away in January from a massive stroke. He and Vicki were members of Silver Strings for many years and I'm sure that there are some members who will remember them. They moved to Aiken, South Carolina several years ago.



On June 21st, 36 Silver Stringers attended our 2nd jam at our new location at Holy Cross Church. Peggy did a great job leading the jam.

Westland Public Library Outreach Program

June 23, 2018



~ photos courtesy of Marsha Kozlowski ~

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Meetings on the 1st and 3rd 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.

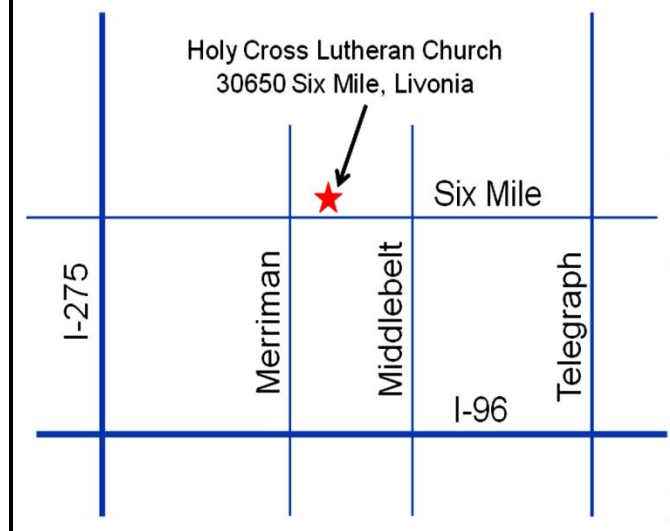
Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together
with other players, receive new music
and a monthly newsletter.

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 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.

