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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

May 21 Holy Cross Lutheran Church update

The floor project at Holy Cross Lutheran Church has been delayed and the approximate start date is now June 11. **However, we will still hold our June 7 jam at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Peggy has graciously volunteered to lead the June 7 jam**, since some of our members will be heading up to Myers Lake to prepare for the Campout.

Election for New Board Members

You may think it's too early to talk about board elections. But time is flying by us quickly. There are four positions that are vacating at the end of the year: President, VP of Business, VP of Programs, and Treasurer. Please consider running for one of these positions.

MERCHANDISE - FOR SALE! SOME EVEN FREE!

The For Sale and Free Table location at Holy Cross will be determined at our next jam. If you have musical items to sell or donate, bring them to our next jam meeting night.....Terry 734-560-8204

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Howdy, I'm reporting from the great state of Texas. I've been visiting my grade school buddy who lives near Canyon Lake in the hill country of central Texas for the last three weeks of May. I love to travel in our beautiful country! I'm looking forward to getting back to Michigan to see our new Silver Strings home and go to our Meyers Lake campout and music jam. Here's a list of our play dates for the month of June. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 810-356-2842 and don't forget to arrive 1/2 hour early to set up. Check the newsletter for tune lists for the play dates and the library list. See ya'll soon.....Harold

Tuesday, June 5th at 3:00 pm
Heartland Healthcare-Canton
7025 Lilley Road
Canton, Michigan 48187

Wednesday, June 6th at 1:00 pm
Nardin Park UM Church
29887 West 11 Mile
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336

Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00 pm
St. Paul's Lutheran
2550 Edsel Drive
Trenton, Michigan 48183

Saturday, June 23rd at 2:00 pm
Westland Public Library
6123 Central City Parkway
Westland, Michigan 48185

Saturday, June 30th at 2:00 pm
Waterford Township Public Library
5168 Civic Center Drive
Waterford, Michigan 48329

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE

7.... SSDS MEETING AND JAM..... 7:00 - ??
7....Slow Jam with Linda Osgood..... 6:00 - 6:45
8 - 10..... MYERS LAKE CAMPOUT
21.... SSDS MEETING AND JAM 7:00 - ??

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Phyllis Tillapaugh



We're just days away from the **Silver Strings Annual Campout at Myers Lake!!**

If you haven't done so already, you can still make your reservations at www.myerslake.org or by calling 810-266-4511. If you use the online reservation system, you'll need to enter my name (Phyllis Tillapaugh) as the coordinator. Use reservation code G1706179 (for Group site #3: with electricity and water) or code G1706180 (Group sites #1 & #2: rustic/no water). You can use your own RV or tent or rent one of the cabins by the lake. Prices remain the same as last year. The club will again be providing a Saturday morning breakfast. Saturday evening will be our pot-luck dinner: meat, beverages, and place settings will be provided. Please bring a covered dish

to pass. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a vegetable, potato, or pasta dish. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert to share. If you plan on coming for Saturday only, there is a day-use fee of \$3 per person, which is to be paid at the campground office upon entering the park.

Dates to remember:

- **June 8-10: Myers Lake Campout**

- **July 19-21: Evert Funfest**

- **August 2: SSDS Picnic**

Plymouth Township Park (also called McClumpha Park)
Ann Arbor Trail (between Sheldon Rd and Beck Rd)

- **August 23-26: Midland Dulcimer Festival**


- **August 30: Variety Night**

.....Phyllis

JUNE...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

18...Tom Koppin
30...Roger Davis



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

Hello everyone, we just jumped into summer, my favorite season, hope all of you are enjoying the sun and warmth it brings. I really don't have a lot that you haven't already heard, a lot is coming up quickly, our new home should be ready come Variety Night, Meyers Lake Campout and workshops, always a good time.

Then in July, it's off to Evert, for the huge Dulcimer Festival, lots of workshops, vendors and stage shows. Try not to miss Rick Thum, he gives a very good workshop. The Silver String theme for the Evert stage show this year will be cowboys and cowgirls. And don't forget to keep checking for play dates you may want to sign up for.

Now, I'm off to my garden. We haven't had much luck in that area, our green peppers look like peas, and cucumbers look like jalapeño peppers. So, so long, I'm going outside. Enjoy these beautiful summer days.

.....Gloria Getapper@yahoo.com

MUSIC COORDINATOR Marsha Kozlowski

Playlists: April-July – Check this newsletter for the playlist we will be using through the end of July. It is the 3-25-2018 revision.

Evert Performance – Gail Perna has confirmed we have the 6:40 PM slot on Thursday night. We have 15 minutes to play. Please let me know if you intend to perform – it helps me figure out a seating chart, etc.

Our theme this year is "Going West." If you haven't done so already, look for a cowboy hat and other western accessories. The practice list is: Off to California, Black Nag (in Am), Flowers of Edinburg, Bard of Armagh and Rakes of Mallow.

Library Program Update: Two more Library Programs are scheduled and listed below. If you are in town, consider signing up. These Libraries can accommodate 15+ players. The audience is interested in all the instruments and is surprised by the variety.

Westland Public Library – Saturday, June 23, 2018 – 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Waterford Public Library–Saturday, June 30, 2018 – 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Thank you to those who have taken brochures and information to your local library. There are two more libraries who are interested in scheduling fall dates (Novi, Garden City) – stay tuned.

Library Outreach Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
	Traditional Music Sample	
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4
D	Over the Waterfall	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
G	Tick Tock Polka	3
D	Hey Polka	4
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna	3
G	Irish Washerwoman	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3*
G	Five Foot Two	3
Em	Tamlin	4

Performance Notes:

Ann Arbor District Library – outreach program. We had a small audience, but very interested in our instruments. There were 10 of us who played and brought a variety of instruments and as it turned out our hammered dulcimers were representative of 7 different builders – that was great! One of the women present has a HD that has been collecting dust in her closet. We may see her at our jam as she is ready to try playing again.

Myers Lake Music – Hope you plan to come to Myers Lake at least for one day (Saturday). If you can come for the entire event, that is even better. Thanks to all who will be leading workshops: Harmonicas, Mountain Dulcimer, Ukulele, HD, Medieval Music for Bowed Psaltery and Recorders.

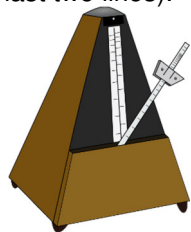
Friday afternoon, I invite people to a tune sharing gathering. If you are there, bring something you have picked up in a different jam or in your travels and some

copies (10?) to share. There is an organized jam in the barn Friday evening.

We expect guests from other clubs and members who are coming for the first time. Let's be gracious hosts and answer questions, invite them to sit with you, etc. Pitch in to help where you can – set up for meals, help with the Saturday breakfast, etc. Attached is the tentative schedule.

Tune of the Month – “Out on Lake Michigan” - my vacation gift to you for “summertime when the living is easy” and you find yourself at one of our beautiful lakes. I picked this tune not only because it feels like summer to me, but it is written by Jenni Burke, who also wrote Black Cat Schottische, it is in 6/8 time – a meter we don't play as often as others but should, and because its title reminds us of the beauty of our Great Lakes.

As I play this I picture myself on a small sailboat skimming across the water, feeling its rhythm as I watch the shoreline. Part B has a different feel – I feel like I am wading in Lake Michigan and getting splashed by waves (the first beat of the first three measures of the last two lines).



HOW FAST IS SOMETHING TO BE PLAYED? THOUGHTS ON TEMPO:

Have you noticed people have strong opinions on the “right” tempo? You hear comments like “it's too fast”, “it's too slow” or it's tooo..... So, here is what I notice about tempo:

- Each group with has a different sense of what tempo a tune is played. If playing with a new group, pay attention to their tempo. It likely won't be the same as you are used to so make the effort to play it “their” tempo.
- Tune tempos vary with region
- Tempo styles change with time. For example, Cold Frosty Morn was originally a dirge played after the Battle of Culloden.
- Playing solo or individually allows for greater flexibility of tempo and is adapted to the purpose of the playing. Changing tempos changes the tune. Kay Rowe has taken some tunes we normally play fast and effectively slowed them down when she is playing in a hospice setting. A few people on the Hammered Dulcimer Players FB page were asking for suggestions of what to play at a wedding. A responder said they liked to play Whiskey Before Breakfast slowly and found it to work well.
- Playing too fast makes the tune “muddy,” playing too slow can put people to sleep unless you arrange it to include other ear alerts (harmony, featuring different instruments, style).
- If everything is at the same tempo – it gets boring and monotonous.

- Hammered dulcimer players tend to push the tempo – and it gets faster and faster.....

Summer suggestion: take one of your favorite tunes and play around with the tempo. Do a slow tune fast, a fast tune slow. Change the tempo of the two parts. Start slow in A, play B faster or vice versa. Play the tune as a swing, a jig, a polka. How many variations do you come up with? Second – play a tune to see if you push the tempo? Set a tempo on a metronome and try playing the entire tune at that tempo.....Marsha

Silver Strings April-July 2018 Playlist (Rev. 3-25-2018)

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over the Waterfall/ Mississippi Sawyer	3/3
D	Sandy River Belle	3
D	Bucket Man Blues	3
D	Black Mountain Rag	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Yellow Bird	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
G	South Wind	3*
Em	Dancing Bear/Missouri	2/2
A	Hangman's Reel	3
Am	Schottische du Stockfish	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
D	Ashokan Farewell	3*
D	Liberty	3
D	Armed Services Salute	1**
G	America the Beautiful	3**
G	God Bless America	3**
G	You're A Grand Old Flag	3**
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Battle Hymn of the Republic	3*
*2nd time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistles take melody; HD's softly backup		
** 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

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



Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood

734-649-3843

losgood10424@comcast.net

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

SLOW JAM

Tunes to practice for our slow jam on June 7th
We will start promptly at 6pm and end at 6:45.

God Bless America

America the Beautiful

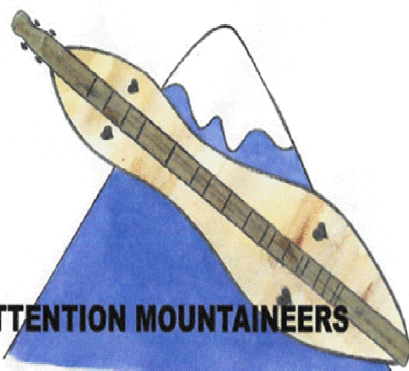
Dusty Bob's Jlg

Flop Eared Mule

Black Cat Schottische (just for fun)!!

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

Looking forward to then....Linda Osgood



ATTENTION MOUNTAINEERS

We will not be meeting
again until September.
Have a wonderful Summer!

Silver Strings Final Jam At Good Hope Lutheran Church

We have called Good Hope our home for the past 33 years. With our twice monthly Jams and occasional Variety Nights, we have met at this hall for over 850 meetings. Good Hope has been good to us....lots of music has been shared, friendships formed and many members have come and gone.

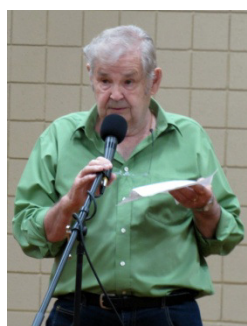
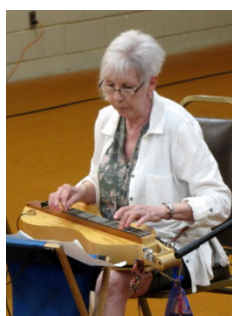


42 members shared our final jam at Good Hope on May 17, 2018.

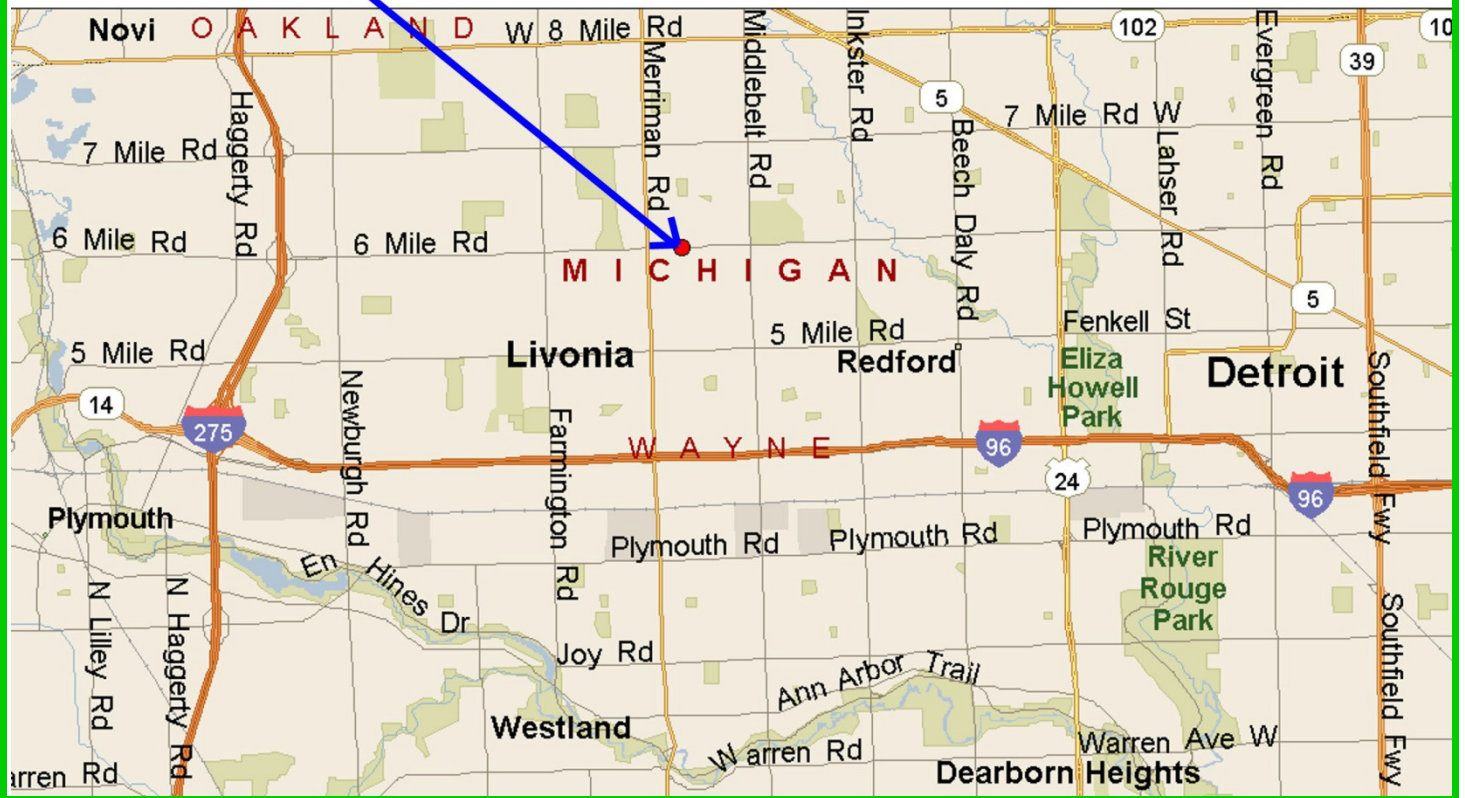


Variety Night at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

On May 31st Silver Strings met at our new home at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia. With over 50 members in attendance, we were happy to finally see and experience our new jamming space. Everyone instantly felt comfortable and that we had made the right choice with our move. It was a fun evening of music, food, fun and socializing. After pizza, salad and desserts, we were treated to a variety of 11 different musical performances.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church 30650 6 Mile Rd, Livonia between Middlebelt & Merriman



Myer's Lake *Tentative* Schedule

Friday, June 8, 2018

Check-in, enjoy informal jamming, Meet & Greet

7:00 - Jamming in the Barn - led by Karen Turner

Saturday, June 9, 2018

Informal jamming throughout the day - find a spot and enjoy

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| 9:00 a.m. | <i>Breakfast - Bob Hlavacek and friends</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. | Bowed Psaltery/Recorder - Phyllis Tillapaugh |
| 12:00 p.m. | Harmonica - Karen Turner/Bob Hlavacek |
| 1:00 p.m. | <i>Lunch (on your own)</i> |
| 2:00 p.m. | Ukulele - Theresa and David Smith
HD Beginners Circle |
| 3:00 p.m. | Mountain Dulcimer - Linda Osgood |
| 4:00 p.m. | "Playing a-Round" (All instruments welcome) -
Marsha Kozlowski |
| 5:30 p.m. | Potluck Dinner (*Suggested \$2/person donation
to offset cost of Chicken)
Names A-M - please bring side dish (vegetable, potato,
pasta, etc.), N-Z, desserts. |
| 7:00 p.m. | Jamming in the Barn - led by Marsha Kozlowski |

Meyers Lake Campground
10575 Silver Lake Rd. Byron, MI
48418



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society's Annual Myers Lake Campout

June 8 – 10, 2018

Join us for a weekend filled with music, workshops, jams and family fun!

Make your reservations at www.myerslake.org or by calling them at 810-266-4511

Camp in your own tent or trailer or rent a cabin.

20 amp sites are \$30 per night (reservation code: G1706180)

30 amp sites with water are \$35 per night (reservation code: G1706179)

If you're not a camper, please come for the day (\$3 per person)

- Friday Evening: Jamming in the barn
- Saturday:
 - Bob's famous breakfast in the big top
 - Informal jamming throughout the day
 - Workshops: hammered dulcimer (and other instruments), mountain dulcimer, uke, harmonica, and bowed psaltery/recorder
 - Potluck dinner (bring covered dish to pass)
 - Evening: Jamming in the barn
- Sunday morning: tentative church service by the lake / checkout

For any questions, please contact:
Phyllis Tillapaugh
734-355-2375
ptillapaugh@sbcglobal.net



**13th Annual Evart, MI 2018
A to Z's of Hammered Dulcimer
With
Rick Thum**

*Intensive training workshop on all levels for beginning,
intermediate and advanced students.*

Location: Evart United Methodist Church, 619 N. Cherry,
corner of First & Cherry, Evart, MI. Three day workshop to be held in
the air conditioned Church Hall.

Date: (Monday - Wednesday) **July 16th - 18th, 2018**

Time of Class: 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. For
3 consecutive days.

Cost: \$175.00 for three days of air conditioned workshop including
a learning jam on Monday and Tuesday night, open jam session on
Wednesday night to close out the class.
\$165 for Alumni (includes all jams)

LIMITED SEATING - Register early to insure your place in the class.
Bring your tape recorder for future reference.

Contact Rick Thum
Phone: 314-406-0690
Email: rthum@rthum.com
Website: www.rthum.com
6710 Twin River Rd., Eureka, MO 63025

CUT AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH PAYMENT

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: RICK THUM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

13th Annual Evart, MI A to Z 2018

Date: _____ **Amount Paid** _____

Students Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month
7:00 - 9:00 pm.... 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.

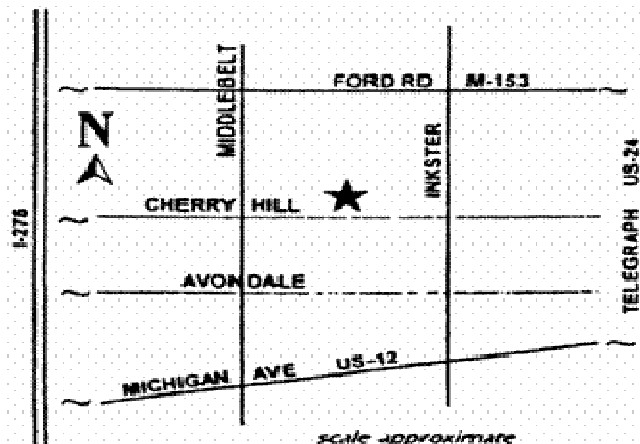
Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together
with other players, receive new music
and a monthly newsletter.

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
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June