



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

Fall is around the corner. For some it's the best time of the year, cool nights, milder temperatures, and fall colors. Fall highlights our Club banquet and it's scheduled for the first Thursday in October. Tickets are on sale; see Phyllis for prices and details. In addition, it's time to start preparations for our Christmas program and practice times; October and possibly November. Marsha will highlight the schedule in her article.

Election time is coming soon. There are four positions opening this year: President, Vice President of Business, Vice President Program Coordinator, and Treasurer. Please consider volunteering for one of these openings. At the last jam I requested some ideas to reduce the work load for Program Coordinator. One that comes to mind is elect a chairperson and have assistants help with each of the major events; Myers Lake, Club Picnic, Banquet, Christmas Party. Our club has 90 members with many of those members holding various board positions with lots of experience, let's think outside the box and come up with some creative options.

Membership renewal is fast approaching. When renewing your membership, please take a minute to review your medical emergency card. For our new club members, the medical emergency cards lists pertinent medical information and contact numbers of people to be contacted in case of an emergency. If you do not have a card on file contact John Pollack, club treasurer, for a blank card and any questions you have regarding this issue.

August 16th jam was well attended. There were approximately 45 musicians in attendance. Placing microphones at Marsha's dulcimer and at Bob's bass helped tremendously in keeping the group together. Also, the group sat closer together which allowed us to better hear each other. We sounded great!

It was suggested that all board members use the microphone when giving their individual reports. Great suggestion and it will be implemented. See you at club-September 6, at 7 o'clock.....Terry 734-560-8204

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 6.... SSDS MEETING AND JAM 7:00 - ??
- 6....SSDS Board Meeting..... 6:00
- 16...Playdate - Pittsfield Harvest Festival.... 4:00
- 20... SSDS MEETING AND JAM 7:00 - ??

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Wow, can you believe its September? We had some great Silver Strings events in August - our picnic at the beautiful Plymouth Township Park Pavilion, the play date at the River Raisin Battlefield National Park in Monroe (the audience loved us and we sold 14 CD's) and we ended with our famous Variety Night!

This month kicks off with a public holiday in honor of working people on the 3rd - Labor Day and all the kids "get ready" to go back to school.

We only have one play date this month and you don't want to miss it! It's the Pittsfield Charter Township 10th Annual Harvest Festival at the 1830's Sutherland-Wilson farm. Lots of fun things for you and guests to do and see from 2:00 to 5:00pm. The Saline Fiddlers play from 3:00 to 4:00 and we play from 4:00 to 5:00. Don't forget it's Victorian Dress if you are performing!

Sunday, September 16th, 4:00 to 5:00
Sutherland -Wilson Farm
797 West Textile Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108

Please arrive 1/2 hour early to set up. Call me at 810-356- 2842 if you have any questions or concerns.

We have two regular jams this month, so remember to buy your tickets for our Famous SSDS Banquet coming up on October 4th and party with all your friends. Hope you all stay healthy and happy!

.....Harold 810-356-2842

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Phyllis Tillapaugh

While Labor Day is the unofficial end of summer, autumn doesn't begin until September 22nd, so enjoy these last days of summer 2018!!!

Banquet preparations are in full swing! Thanks so much to all who volunteered for one of the committees. We have lots of great ideas; it will be exciting to see the end result at our banquet next month!



- **Sept. 6th:** Banquet tickets for sale after our regular jam!! \$10/members; \$15/guests.
- **Sept. 20th:** Last chance to buy banquet tickets (after our regular jam).
- **Oct. 4th:** Annual Banquet at the Hellenic Cultural Center; 36375 Joy Rd., Westland, MI. Bring your instruments to the banquet; we'll be jamming following dinner and presentations. (There will not be a jam at Holy Cross.)

by all these lovely
september DAYS ARE HERE,
WITH SUMMER'S BEST OF *weather*
AND **autumn's**
best of cheer.



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

MUSIC COORDINATOR _____ Marsha Kozlowski

Performance notes:

Heartland – loved our playset. One gentleman really wanted to buy a CD but said his ex-wife took all his money. Another man in the audience purchased one for the Center to have for patients to check out and listen to. Warmed our hearts.

Christ Episcopal Church – we were the “warm-up” act on a lovely summer evening at a new venue. Heard they want us back next summer.

River Raisin – one “fan” told me she thought we were better than ever. She liked the new tunes, all of the music and mix of instruments. Armed Services Salute and God Bless America were added at the end, were warmly received and climaxed the program in a very fitting way.

MUSIC updates:

Tune of the Month – “(The) Girl I Left Behind Me” – an English folk song with a march beat. It was used by Armies as a marching tune when soldiers left for war or naval ships set sail. The first print version appeared in Dublin in the late 1700's with a number of versions since. It was thought to come to America during the

War of 1812 when American soldiers heard a British prisoner singing it. Different lyrics were penned depending on who was singing it and which war. It has been featured in Bugs Bunny and Popeye cartoons, and heard as an overlay in Glenn Miller's arrangement of “American Patrol.” It has even been quoted in some pieces of classical music and used in various movies. As you learn this, think what tune you might pair it with in a medley and let me know. I have one in mind. Is your pick the same?

Armed Services Salute has been updated and revised. The vamp between tunes has been removed and the chords have been simplified. Please check Dropbox and make sure you have the updated version.

Corrections: Be aware that corrections are made periodically. Sometimes it is because a chord needs to be changed, sometimes it is because we play it differently than written, sometimes it is wrong notes.

October-November playlist: I have added some of the Evert tunes that were great fun and will spice up the fall play list.

Tentative Christmas holiday list: Note the word “tentative”, since details and order may change as we get into rehearsal. However, this is a start to give you time to work on it. Last year each tune had 2 starters, so that will be done again. If there is a tune you can and would like to start, let me know. I will be modifying these as needed. There is one new tune medley, “**I Saw Three Ships/Christmas is in The Air.**” Check Dropbox for the music or let me know if you need a hard copy. Rehearsals will start in October. If there is sufficient need and interest, we can have a workshop in September to go over the new tune, the starts/tempo and arrangements. Give me feedback on this.

Christmas Music Rehearsals: Terry has verified the room availability with Holy Cross. The three rehearsals are scheduled:

- ❖ Thursday October 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m.

WORKSHOPS: The club likes workshops. Recently workshops for spoons, bones, cajon drum were suggested. The rest of 2018 is filled with activity, but it is not too early to start planning next year. Ponder on the questions below and share your thoughts with the board:

- What kind of workshop would you be interested in?
- Would you be willing to teach in a workshop? What would it be?
- Should the club bring in someone from the outside to do a workshop?

Jamming Progress: The jams keep getting better as we work to overcome and solve the acoustical issues of the space. Each person can help by:

- ✓ Listening - If you cannot hear the people next to you, you are playing too loud.
- ✓ Listen - If you are tuning your instrument during announcements, you are not listening and prevent others from hearing (consider stepping away from the group to do this).

- ✓ Listen -if you can hear the bass, you can keep the beat and it helps you not "push" the tempo.
- ✓ Listen -If you can hear other instruments and your own: that is harmony, that is sweet, that is music and it makes a great jam!

LIBRARY PROGRAMS



No future library programs are scheduled at this time. Promote it to your library!!

.....Marsha mt.koz@hotmail.com

SECRETARY NOTES Gloria Tapper

Hello everyone ,enjoying this crazy weather? I can't seem to keep up, I did enjoy the cooler nights, open windows and fresh air. Hope it all comes back soon.

The picnic was a lot of fun, great area, nice breezes, good food, Phyllis did a terrific job. We have been busy working on elections, things are coming along, but we still need a person or two to run.

Then the banquet is next, things are shaping up quite nicely, be sure to see Phyllis for tickets.

Let's all wish Bev, Carol-Ann and Tom Koppin fast uneventful healing post surgery.

That's about all my news, If anyone would like to check out minutes from previous board meetings, please let me know. The board meetings are open, you can pop in anytime.....Gloria Getapper@yahoo.com

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

Waterford Township Ukulele Group 4th Annual UKULELE FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 15, 2018 9 am – 4 pm
Community of Christ
1990 Crescent Lake Road, Waterford, MI

The doors will open at 9:00 am and admission is free. The public is welcome. Remember to bring your ukulele or just come for the fun.

This year's entertainment will be the Springtails. Admission to their performance is free and they will also offer a free workshop.

The festival will include Strum-a-Longs, Open Mic, Children and Adult Crafts and a Door Prize. Lunch will be available for purchase. There will be a Silent Auction. Please check the Waterford T.U.G. FaceBook page for updated information. *All are Welcome.*



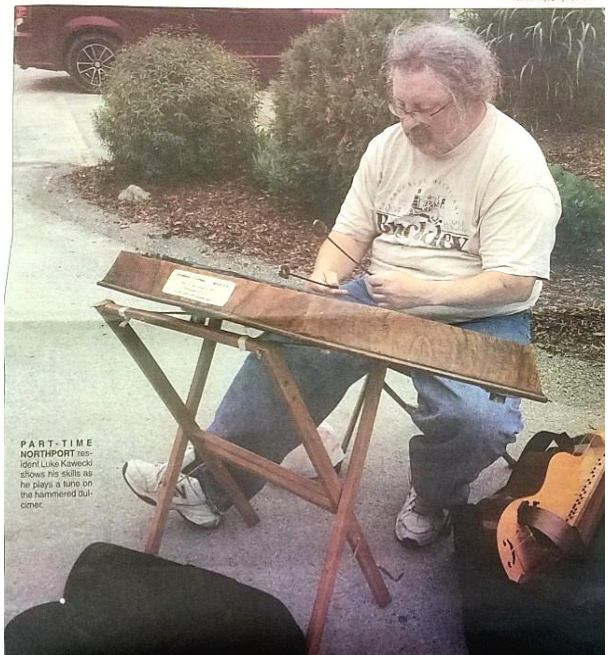
Silver Strings played at the River Raisin Battlefield Visitor Center in Monroe on Saturday, August 18. We were very well received and had a dedicated audience for 2 hours! Both adults and children danced!

photo courtesy of Karen Turner

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NOTEWORTHY LEELANAU

Thursday, July 5, 2018



PART-TIME NORTHPORT resident Luke Kawecky shows his skills as he plays a tune on the hammered dulcimer.

SSDS member Luke Kawecky appeared on the cover of the July issue of Diversions Magazine. In the accompanying article Luke talks about his interest in the Hammered Dulcimer, Musical Saw and Hurdy Gurdy.

Way to go Luke!

SSDS Annual Picnic at Plymouth Township Park



Perfect weather greeted all who attended our picnic at Plymouth Township Park on August 2nd. The pavilion had good acoustics, ample tables, attached restrooms and a view of the beautiful park. A well attended jam started in the afternoon and was followed with a hearty potluck picnic. Then after much socializing with our friends, the jamming resumed into the early evening.



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 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 dtsmithnet@yahoo.com*

HAMMERED DULCIMER FOR SALE

• 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.

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
	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



Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood

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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.

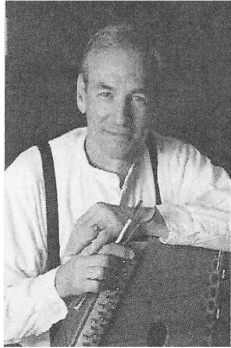
Content: We will work on intermediate/advanced-level arrangements that might include classical music, show tunes, hymns, O'Carolan pieces, duets, etc. We will use examples from the arrangements to focus on concepts such as hammer technique, ornamentation, hand independence, chord choices, ensemble skills, 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
under the "Upcoming Workshops" tab

Please contact Karen with questions:
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
Website: rthum.com

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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.

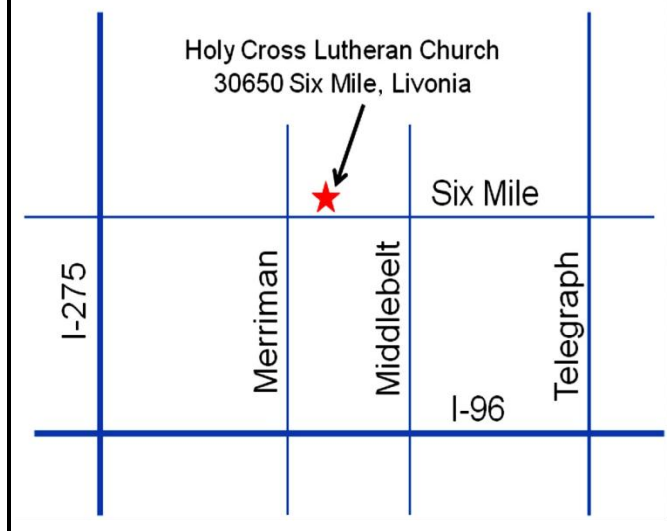
Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together
with other players, receive new music
and a monthly newsletter.

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.

