

# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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## PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS\_\_\_ Peggy Kustra

Hello Everyone,

- I want to thank the board and everyone else who is helping out while I'm recovering. You are all real troopers.
- A really BIG THANK YOU to Bob and Sandy Hlavacek and their group for finding a new place for the 2019 SSDS Campout. This took a lot of concern, work, driving, discussing and deciding. Hats off to you.
- There will be a board meeting Thursday, April 4 at 5:45 p.m.
- I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter.
- I sure hope Spring weather is on the way.
- If you have concerns, suggestions or questions, please contact me. Hoping to see you soon.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### APRIL

2..... Playdate - Heartland Healthcare, Canton..... 3:00-4:00

4..... SSDS Board Meeting..... 5:45-6:45

4..... Slow Jam with Linda Osgood..... 6:00

4..... SSDS MEETING & JAM..... 7:00 - ??

14..... Playdate - Baldwin Library, Birmingham..... 2:00 - 3:00

18.. "Heavy Breathers" Harmonica Jam... 6:00

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## VP- PROGRAMS NOTES\_\_\_ Bob & Sandi Hlavacek

HALLELUIA !!! We have found a GREAT campground !

We visited Groveland Oaks campground, just east of Holly Michigan. After hours, days & weeks of searching, we were so-o-o-o excited to see this one that we made an executive decision and put a deposit on group sections 12 & 14, which gives us up to 24 campsites. There are 2 chemical porta-johns in the

group site, which will be used only by us. More formal restroom/shower facilities (with laundry) are within 200 feet away. We will have our own 18' X 35' pavilion which could be expanded with a tent, if needed. We can erect as many pop-ups as we want for workshops. All sites have 30 amp. electrical, we are allowed a rig & a tent with 2 vehicles on 1 site. The group site has 4 water outlets to share, for people to fill their tank or carry water from. We can also lay multiple hoses. Sites are quite level, we have full electric in the pavilion & a charcoal grill (we could grill burgers for the potluck, or get the traditional chicken, available from a Kroger, just a few miles down the road. There are LOTS of trees, but not all as mature as at Meyers Lake. The campground is run by Oakland County, so facilities are TOP NOTCH CLEAN & well maintained. They have a few cabins for 4 (2 twin bunk sets) and some yurts for 6 (2 bunk sets & 1 queen bed with small refrigerator & heat/air) a short, walkable distance from the group site.

Directly across the driveway is a small playground, with the restrooms/laundry to the left. For family members who are not intensely musical, there is a lake with waterslide, fishing, kayak & paddleboat rental, badminton/volleyball net, mini golf, hiking trails, bike rental....& more. The barn & full shade we had at Meyers Lake will be missed, but we give this place a 98% rating. (The 2% loss is for the enclosed barn.)

Daily camping rates are \$31 (62+ is \$29). We can arrive as early as the Wednesday before, & stay until the Tuesday after our scheduled weekend. If you want to stay longer, you would need to move from our group site. People coming for the day are \$5 per car for residents of Oakland County, and \$12 per car for non-residents. Entry is free if you have the annual Metro-parks pass (the same pass you would need to go to Erie Ice Daze as a non-presenter). They also have weekend bands & dances... maybe we can get an annual gig out of this. It could be fun to play for a contra dance !

If you could have seen the other facilities we checked out, you would be as excited as we are. We look forward to a more formal presentation with photos at the next meeting.

## SILVER STRINGS 2019 CAMPOUT

Groveland Oaks County Park  
14555 Dixie Highway  
Holly, Michigan 248-693-2432

Group camping areas #12 and 14  
At the far east end of the camp ground  
24 camp sites on outside edge of a large oval  
Level sites on grass

The inner oval has a 32x18 covered pavilion  
Two porta johns on edge of oval, one at each end  
Restrooms, showers, and laundry are 300 feet away

Camp fees are \$31 per night (\$29 for 62+) (30 amp electric)

No water at site. 4 faucets in the inner oval  
We have the site Wednesday - Tuesday (6/5 thru 6/11)  
Additional days avail on 264 sites

Day only fee \$5/car load, Oakland resident  
\$12 /car fee for non resident (pay on entry)  
Many family activities... play grounds, water slide, mini golf, lake, bike rental, 4 kinds of boat rentals.

\*\*\*8 Cabins and 4 yurts (**must be reserved with camp ground** at 248-693-2432 \*\*\*\* Reserve early

Saturday morning pancake breakfast (let us know # to attend)

Saturday evening potluck (let us know # to attend)  
Main dish provided, plates, plastic ware, ice tea, water, lemonade,

\*\*\*\*Bob & Sandi Hlavacek are the wagon masters\*\*\*\*

You must **reserve and pay** for your Group Site with us

\*\*\*\*\***Deadline May 25**\*\*\*\*\*

Make checks payable to SSDS and send to us at:  
5598 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, Mi. 48105

Email us at [datadoc@charter.net](mailto:datadoc@charter.net) and put Silver Strings Camp in the subject line.

... Bob & Sandi [datadoc@charter.net](mailto:datadoc@charter.net) 734-663-7974

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

**April – July Playlist** – review the list and brush up on the tunes you haven't played in a while: Sandy River Belle, Pickin' the Berries, The Armed Services Salute, Liberty. Note that Girl I Left Behind Me has been added as an extra. This is a new tune to the repertoire. It is listed as an extra, but fits in with the patriotic theme. It is a tune that will sound great to feature the whistles.

**Evart Performance Preparation** – Sign up if you think you will be at Evart and be playing. Although there is no commitment to play, it helps me in planning. Pick up a playlist. Work on the tunes (after hours jam is playing Orange & Blue and it is coming along pretty well). SSDS is noted for the variety of instruments we play, the theme we come up with, and the extra touches as well as the size of our group.

We will all wear fedoras again. If you don't have one, start looking - Check Walmart – last year they had them for a very reasonable cost. We will wear a variety

of colors as follows: Green (HD players), Blue (MD/Authoharp) Purple (Theresa Smith), Red (Fiddlers), Orange (TBD), Yellow (Whistles), Black (guitars), Brown (Cajon/Bodran).

**May 6 Library Outreach Program – Northville Library.** Library playlist is in the newsletter. These are tunes we play often. If you have not performed with the group, this is a good way to jump in. There are only 10 tunes, you get to "play it forward" and introduce your instrument to someone who might become a future player. Fun fact – since we started this program, I have mentored about 7-8 people, half of them have been left-handed.

**CMU Grandparents U** – still some spots for back-up players and maybe an additional HD player. See previous newsletters for details. We will be doing two classes in the afternoon of June 19. A jam will be held that evening. Camping is available at the Isabella County Fairgrounds. If that is not your style, there are several motels in the area as well as the Soaring Eagle Casino hotel. Talk to me if you have questions

### **Wishin' and Hopin' and Hopin' and Wishin':**

- People would automatically sit close together at our jams. The hall is too big and the ceilings too high for us to be so scattered and still stay together. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE – set up close together. We sound better, we stay together better and we are a better group for doing so.
- That everyone learn and polish The Girl I Left Behind so that it can be included regularly with the patriotic tunes we play.
- There was a way to have a tune teach for each of the Tunes of the Month (I can't do this because of another commitment), to make it easier to absorb the tunes into the jams.

I was asked by someone who learns by ear for the lyrics to February Tune of the Month: Toora,Loora, Loora. Here they are. For purists, this tune was originally written in the key of G and in 2/4 time. The composer, James R. Shannon wrote for TinPan Alley in the early 1900's. Some of our players have a hard time with the rhythm of dotted 8<sup>th</sup> notes, and since this is a lullaby, I put it into the same rhythm pattern but changed the time signature.

*Over in Killarney many years ago,  
Me mither sang a song to me in tones so sweet and low  
Just a simple little ditty, in her good ould Irish way  
And I'd give the world if she could sing that song to me this day  
Toora-loora-looral, Toora-loora-li  
Toora-loora-looral, Hush now don't you cry.  
Toora-loora-looral, toora-loora-li  
Toora-loora-looral, that's an Irish Lullaby.*

*Of, in dreams, I wander to that cot again.  
I feel her arms a huggin me as when she held me then  
And I hear her voice a hummin' to me as in days of yore  
When she used to rock me fast asleep outside the cabin door.  
Repeat chorus*

.....Marsha [mt.koz@hotmail.com](mailto:mt.koz@hotmail.com)

## IT'S APRIL...LET'S CELEBRATE !

### Birthdays

1....Alice Avery  
10...Luke Kaweck  
13...Bill Deighton  
23...Harold Crane  
28...Marsha Kozlowski  
30...Phyllis Tillapaugh



### Anniversaries

27...Nancy Sullivan

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

## VP - BUSINESS NOTES \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Patterson

Hello everyone,

Good news. Spring has sprung. (On the calendar anyway). The days are getting longer. And slooowly getting warmer.

Our two performances in March were a blast. The rescheduled playdate at the Compelled Church was very lively. The more the audience clapped, the faster we played. It was a long drive but they enjoyed our music. We may return again.

Also, speaking of lively, we played our Irish Jig at our Oakmont gig. The residents were in good spirits. Maybe it was the their green refreshments.

This month we have two playdates. The first one is our bi-monthly performance at the Heartland Facility in Canton.

1. Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 3pm – 4pm.  
7025 Lilley Rd., Canton, MI

Our second performance is at the Baldwin Public Library. This is a regular performance, not a library outreach program.

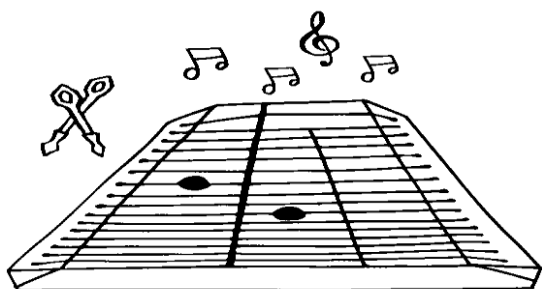
2. Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 3pm  
300 West Merrel St., Birmingham MI

<https://www.baldwinlib.org/location-hours-parking/>

They will provide chairs without arms for those who need them. Parking is free on Sundays in Birmingham. They recommend that we park in the parking structure at 180 Chester. I will provide a map with specific information to those who sign up.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Bob... [silverstring14@gmail.com](mailto:silverstring14@gmail.com) or call 734-953-0438



## 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, 6pm

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

### SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Gurus and Rookies)

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 [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*

### CMU 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*
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>	
G	She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain	3
G	You're a Grand Old Flag	3
	<i>Tunes that change tempo</i>	
Em	Tamlin	4

### Evart 2019 Tentative Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
G	<b>Green</b> Green Grass of Home (Evart)	2
	One of the following medleys:	
D Am	<b>Red</b> Haired Boy <b>Black</b> Cat Schottische	2/2
C D	<b>Black</b> Velvet Waltz <b>Red</b> Apple Rag	2/2
C G	<b>Orange</b> and <b>Blue</b> <b>Yellow</b> Bird	2/2
F	Sweet Georgia <b>Brown</b>	3
D	The <b>Purple</b> Tune	1

### Silver Strings April-July 2019 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4
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 a Load of Hay	3/3
G	Yellow Bird	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
G	South Wind	3*
A	Pickin' the Berries	3
A	Hangman's Reel	3
Am	Schottische du Stockfish	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
D	Ashokan Farewell	2*
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**
	<b>Extras</b>	
G	Girl I Left Behind Me	3
D	Hey Polka	3
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Battle Hymn of the Republic	3*

\*2<sup>nd</sup> time: If instruments are available--  
Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistles take  
melody; HD's softly backup  
\*\* Tempo should be singable – not too fast.





*from the files of Sandi Hlavacek:*

As we look forward to camping season, we begin to think about care of our campers. Here is a recipe from **TAI**, a chain of camping resorts. For odor control, it works as well or better than any of the ready-made liquid or powder "sewer treatments" we have found on the market. It does not leave stains, and is FAR more economical..

### **Black Water Deodorant**

(non- polluting)

makes one gallon

- 1 cup any fabric softener
- 1 cup lemon scented ammonia
- 1 cup Pine Sol
- ½ box (approx.. 8 oz.) of baking soda

**Mix** above ingredients in a plastic gallon container.

**Add** enough water to bring the mixture to a full gallon.

**To use:** Shake very well. Add 1 cup of Black Water Deodorant mixture for every 30 gallons of water and contaminants in your black water tank.

### **Wanted! Wanted!**

The club loaned memory sticks containing Silver String Music to members of our club. If anyone has one of those items, please return it to Terry. The ones distributed were in a small white box about ¼ x ½ x 2".

If any members would like to donate a memory stick to the club for the purpose of distributing our music to new members, it would be appreciated.

Thanks, Terry Kozlowski



### **Hammered Dulcimer - Repair/Rebuild Hammers, Strings, Lessons, Loaners**

Bob Hlavacek 734-657-0820  
datadoc@charter.net



### **Music by Linda**

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions  
Dulcimer Lessons

**Linda Osgood**

734-649-3843

losgood10424@comcast.net

If you are looking for a **Hammered Dulcimer, Stand or Hammers**, I have a few to sell.

Sherry Humecky 248-348-0066

### **HAMMERED DULCIMER FOR SALE**



- **16/16 Lost Valley Dulcimer**
- 3 octaves with chromatics
- 3 strings per treble course
- Beautiful hand-carved Celtic sound holes
- Includes: Peg Earl case (padded, velcro closure, and shoulder strap), set of hammers, and goose-neck tuning wrench
- Price: \$995

If interested, contact Laurie at 734-953-0438



14 Silver Stringers, all in green, gave a lively Irish performance at Oakmont Senior Living in Livonia on March 15th.



35 members pose for a photo at our well attended Jam at Holy Cross Church on March 21st.

*photos courtesy of Karen Turner*

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## 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 ...?

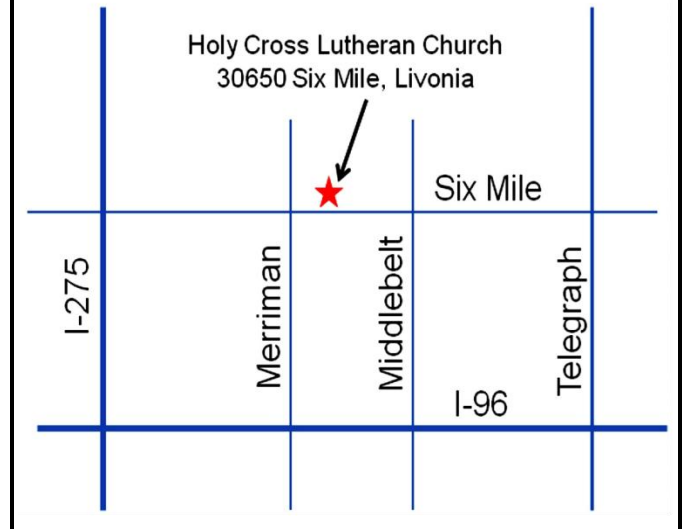
Meeting at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
In Livonia, Michigan

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)*

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your name would be here.