

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS ___ Peggy Kustra

Hello Everyone, whew, what a stretch of HOT weather. It is cooler today as I compose my article. Thank goodness. Drink plenty of water and stay cool,

- 1) August 1, Thursday is our annual picnic. Bring a dish to share and enjoy food, music, and friendship. Our meeting will be at Plymouth Township Park (also called McClumpha Park) 46640 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170 , Jamming begins about 2:30, dinner at 5:30, jamming after dinner.
- 2) Sign up sheets for t-shirts and sweatshirts will be at the August meetings. Please see Carol Ann Matthews to choose size and shirt. Payment for the shirts will be upon arrival of the shirts.
- 3) Silver Strings Dulcimer Society will be hosting a Jam for ODPC on September 28, Saturday. Come and meet musicians from other clubs.
- 4) Our annual banquet is October 3, Thursday. Plan to attend and join in on the fun.
- 5) BOARD MEETING August 15th at 5:45. All are Welcome!
- 6) It is not too soon to consider becoming a SSDS Board Member. Help our club continue to grow and be active.
- 7) If you are interested in being on the nominating committee for helping to choose the board nominees, let me know.

Summer is rolling along quickly with all the activities and more to come. Mark your calendar for all the special dates.

If you have any questions, ideas or concerns call me at 313-570-7844 or email at Kustras1976@yahoo.com Perky Peggy Kustra

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Bob Patterson

Hello everyone. I hope your summer is going well. We have three events this months.

1. August 3rd, Saturday 10am On Belle Isle.
2. August 6th, Tuesday 3pm - 4pm at Heartland Health Care
3. August 9th, Friday 6pm – 8pm at Christ Episcopal Church. We will hit the stage last.

Bob..... silverstring14@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 1.. SSDS PICNIC & POTLUCK..... 2:30 - ??
- 3...Playdate - Belle Isle.....10:00 am
- 6...Playdate - Heartland Health Care..... 3:00 - 4:00
- 9...Playdate - Christ Episcopal Church.... 6:00 - 8:00
- 15... SSDS Board Meeting..... 5:45
- 15... SSDS MEETING AND JAM 7:00 - ??
- 29... VARIETY NIGHT & PIZZA PARTY... 7:00 - ??

VP- PROGRAMS NOTES___ Bob & Sandi Hlavacek

Summer is passing quickly. We looked forward the Evert Funfest for so long, and now it's over. There are many far away friends that we gather with once a year. Music and jamming abounded every morning, afternoon, and evening. The weather was very pleasant until the festival weekend. On Thursday and Friday the heat ramped up into the low 90's. Saturday morning (at 2 am) brought a severe thunder storm with heavy gusting winds. Several canopies and EZ-ups were lost. It rained so hard all day long, that rivers were running down the streets. Several campers gave up and went home. The Saturday night concert moved inside the community center, and was the grand finale to the Funfest. We now have new memories to hold us until next year.

Our Silver Strings performance went very well. We received many compliments after the show. Thank you, Marsha, for all the hard work and coordination putting the performance together. It was fun to showcase the abundant talent we have in our club.

Now it is time to move on to the picnic that will be held on Thursday, August 1st at Plymouth Township Park. Details are in the graphic later in the newsletter. We will have games (washer toss & lawn Yahtzee) for those who may want a break from jamming. Feel free to bring your own favorite games to share. Lemonade, iced tea, & ice water will be provided, and fried chicken for a main course. This time, we ask anyone whose **last name begins with H-I-J-K bring a dessert**, and **everyone else bring a side dish** to

serve at least 8. We're trying to give those always caught in the middle of the usual division the option of bringing a dessert. We look forward to seeing you at the picnic.

... Sandi & Bob datadoc@charter.net 734-663-7974

August 1st

Our August 1st meeting at Holy Cross Church is cancelled. Silver Strings will host our Summer Picnic at Plymouth Township Park on August 1st. We'll see you there!

MUSIC COORDINATOR ____ Marsha Kozlowski

Marsha's Musings –

Evart – thank you everyone who learned the tunes and played at Evart. Twentysix SSDSers performed, 4 of whom had not played at Evart before. With too many to fit on the stage, the steps a safety issue, we brought our music up close and personal. There was a good audience (seems our following is growing!) who enjoyed the theme: Crayola Crayons: Box of Eight. Thank you, Theresa, for leading “The Purple Song.” It left them laughing and smiling. We managed to play all 8 colors within the allotted time! Even though Evart was hot as usual, we did a great job. By the way, I already have next year's theme if we choose to play again.

August-September playlist. Check over the tunes you may be rusty on and practice them if you intend to play, particularly Single Footed Pony/Happy Trails. It is played AABBAABBAACC.

TUNE OF THE MONTH: Willafjord in the key of D. This is a tune the After Hours Jam has been playing for a while and really like. It is one of a group of tunes called the Whaling Reels (sometimes the tune is called Wullafjord). Although it comes from the Shetland islands, it probably originated in Greenland. It is often played as a medley with Spootiskerry, a tune we heard at the SSDS campout jam. The tempo is somewhat fast, but not so much that you lose the fun of the syncopation. If you want to hear how we play it, stay for the After Hours Jam and record it. It is already in Dropbox.Marsha mt.koz@hotmail.com

SECRETARY ____ Gloria Tapper

Good evening everyone, boy-oh-boy, Michigan weather, I guess the best way to predict what's going on, step outside, look up, and guess the outcome for the day. I heard Evart went well in spite of the weather. From what I hear, it was extremely hot with large storms. Anyway, it's been a month since we were all together, I really don't have a lot on anything new to report at this time. I have restocked the card files, and I do enjoy sending them out, just let me know where they need to be.

I'm looking forward to our picnic, see you there,

.....Gloria Getapper@yahoo.com 734-427-1142

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...56th
14...Bob & Laurie Patterson...37th
30...Terry & Marsha Kozlowski.....51st

Aug - Sept. 2019 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4*
D	Down Yonder	3
D	Black Mountain Rag	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Red Wing	3*
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
D	Sandy Boys/ Over the Waterfall	3/3
D	Tick Tock Polka	3
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Yellow Bird	3
G	Bellman's Jig	3
C	Orange and Blue	3
C	Five Foot Two	3**
D	Saro Waltz	3*
D	Red Apple Rag	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
G	South Wind	3*
G	Prairie Flower	3
Am	Schottische du Stockfish	3
A	Hangman's Reel	3
D/G	Single Footin' Horse on a Happy Trail	1
	Extras	
G	Girl I Left Behind Me	3
D	Hey Polka	4
G	March of St. Timothy	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

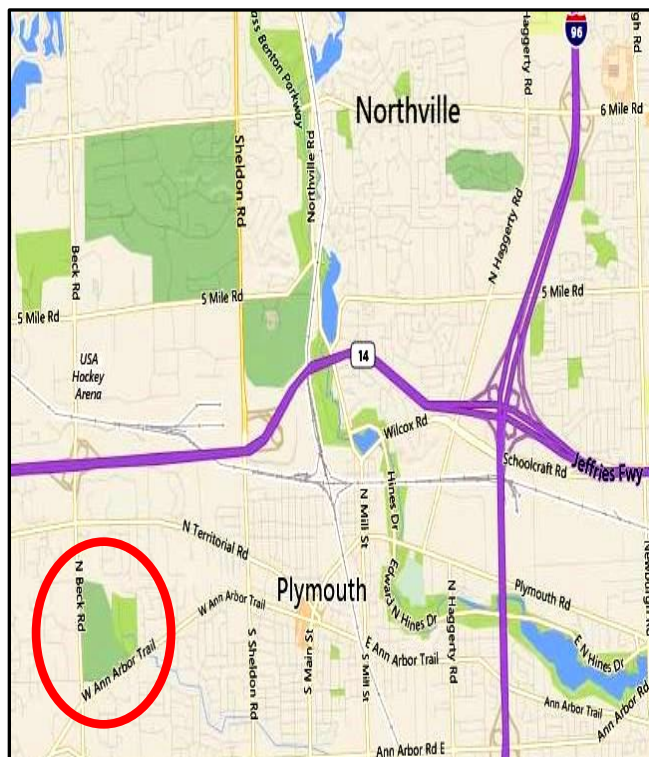
It's also time to begin planning for the **Silver Strings Picnic on August 1st**

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 H-I-J-K, please bring a dessert; everyone else, please bring something other than dessert.
Jamming will resume after dinner.



Picnic



Music by Linda

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Dulcimer Lessons

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Hammered Dulcimer - Repair/Rebuild
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Bob Hlavacek 734-657-0820

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"Heavy Breathers" Harmonica Group will **NOT** meet in August. We will resume in September. See you then!



Beautiful weather greeted fourteen members who performed for the Country Gardens Club of Northville on July 10th



Ten members made the trek all the way to Frankenmuth for a performance on July 12th



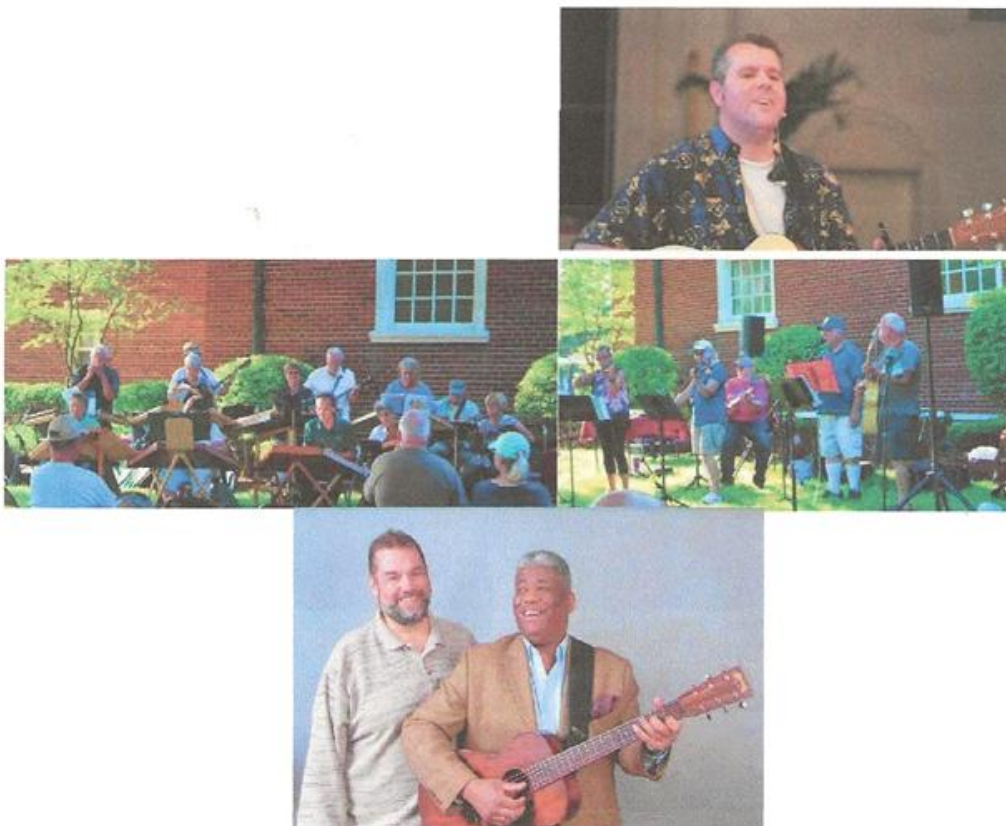
WHFR radio (89.3 FM) is Henry Ford College's student run station and they hosted a live performance by Silver Strings on July 11th. This weekly program, "Live from Studio J" takes place on Thursdays and features performances and recordings by local musicians. The eleven musicians filled the recording studio and almost overwhelmed the technical recording capabilities of the station. Marsha did a great job of leading the group and providing commentary between the tunes. All the musicians did a great job and were on top of their game. The live program was recorded and is available as an online Podcast. You can hear it at anytime, just go to WHFR.FM and in the upper right corner, click on Podcast, go down the list and until you find "Live from Studio J Podcast for 7/11/19".



Here is a view from the WHFR broadcast booth.



After the performance the musicians were all smiles as they relaxed and dined at a local Dearborn restaurant.



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2019 6-8PM

Free and open to the public. Funded by proceeds from the annual Homecoming parking and Thrivent. Please bring your own lawn chair, a meal, and a beverage of your choice, and enjoy four lovely summer evenings outside accompanied by these delightful local musicians and singer songwriters. Robert Jones and Matt Watroba courtesy of David Tamulevich at Tamulevich Artist Management www.Tamulevich.com

**August 9: Silverstrings Dulcimer
& Littlefield Folk**

August 16: Robert Jones & Matt Watroba

Christ Episcopal Church 120 N. Military Dearborn, MI
313-565-8450 www.christchurchdearborn.org

26th Annual Midland Folk Music Festival

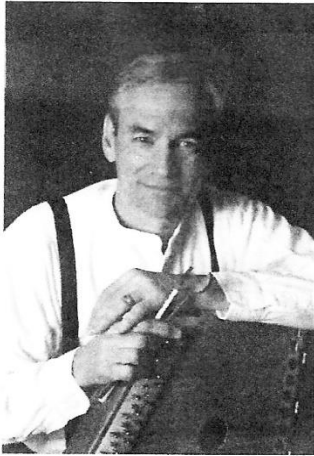


August 22 - 25, 2019
Midland County Fairgrounds
6905 Eastman Road, Midland, MI

Admission: \$10 Camping: \$25/night

The Festival is a wonderful reunion of folk music, with loads of workshops, jams, sing-alongs and concerts. A complete schedule will be available soon, so check the website at **folkmusicsociety.org/**

Featured in Workshops and Concert



Rick Thum

Saturday November 2, 2019

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 look at the power of chords and how they form embellishments and fillers. We will look at the many approaches to using the chords as embellishments.

1:00 - 2:00PM Lunch

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

This class will be a group decision. We can choose to learn a fun new tune, or we can pick some topics to explore from your questions and focus on what you want to learn.

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.

We had a great time last year, lets do it again!

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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, ukulele and harmonica.

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

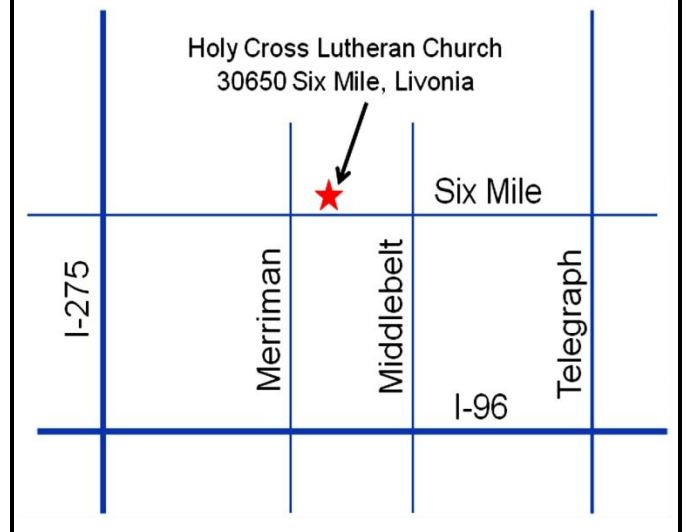
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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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If you were on the mailing list
your name would be here.

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