

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS _____ Peggy Kustra

Hello Everybody, Happy 4th of July! Picnic, Music, Fireworks, Family, or just a quiet day at home, enjoy the day.

Wow, a SUPER DUPER thank you to Bob and Sandi Hlavacek. You did a terrific job on the SSDS Campout. I do believe the new park is even better. Job well done. You and all your worker bees did a fabulous job. I understand that all the workshops were a big hit.

1. Due to the 4th of July holiday and the Evert Funfest, Silver Strings will not be meeting for Jam Sessions in the month of July.
2. There will not be a board meeting in July.
3. There will not be a Jam Session at Holy Cross on August 1st. That is the date for our Annual Picnic.
4. The next board meeting is August 15th at 5:45 pm and All are Welcome to attend.
5. Practice your tunes for Evert.
6. Happy Summer Everyone.

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

Hi-di-ho Ya'll. Can you believe it? July is here. Just yesterday we were talking about the wind chill factor at the Lake Erie Metro Park.

July will be a very busy month for us. We have four performances and our world famous shindig at Evert. Remember, both of our jam nights and our board meeting on Thursday the 4th and on the 18th are cancelled.

The July musical opportunities are:

1. Northville Country Garden Club, July 10th 11:30am to 3:30pm.
2. WHFR Radio Station, July 11th 3:30pm to 5pm.
3. Frankenmuth July 12th 6pm to 9pm.
4. Evert Funfest.
5. Ice Cream Social at Oakmont Communities July 26th 2pm to 3pm.

My position as your VP of Business has been an interesting job. I have accepted gigs for us that were in our best interest and turned down some that were not.

Now it seems there is an opportunity to venture into new territory. We have been invited to perform for a paid gig on Mackinaw Island next year on Saturday August 22nd, 2020 at the Mackinac Island Fudge Festival. Their Arts Council likes our Victorian music style as it fits with their "Somewhere in Time" theme. Personally, I think it is a great opportunity and it would be wonderful to play our music there. Can you see yourself playing on Mackinac? The Board has discussed this and approved the possibility if there is enough interest, if we can figure out how to make it happen given the logistics challenges, and if all the details can be worked out including the cost (to the club and to the members) of doing this. There is a year to plan. Please give me your feedback that includes if you would (1) be a player, (2) willing to be on a committee to work out the details.

Bob..... silverstring14@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY

4... SSDS MEETING & JAM CANCELLED

10.. Playdate - Northville Garden Club..... 11:30-3:30

11.. Playdate - WHFR 89.3 Radio..... 3:30 - 5:00

12.. Playdate - Frankenmuth..... 6:00-9:00pm

18.. SSDS MEETING & JAM CANCELLED

26.. Playdate - Oakmont-Ice Cream Social.. 2:00-3:00

VP- PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Bob & Sandi Hlavacek

Camping anyone? The SSDS weekend at Groveland Oaks was a smashing success. When we arrived on Wednesday there was standing water and mud everywhere from all the rain during the previous week. Things did not look promising. But **we were going to have a camp weekend**. However the warm sunshine on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday dried most of the group site. The tent arrived Thursday afternoon and we were in business.

Thursday evening we had an "Early Bird Mystery Jam". No one was allowed to bring their traditional instruments. They were provided with kazoos, shakers, and rhythm instruments that we made music with. Even non musicians were jamming. Friday evening we all enjoyed an informal potluck to greet late Friday arrivals. Jamming and a campfire wrapped up the evening.

Saturday, campers woke up to sunshine, and a pancake and sausage breakfast. Four workshops were presented during the day. Cindy's bones workshop was a hit. Dulcimer tuning and tips was lightly attended and helped those who were there. Jamming broke out in mid-morning and continued all day. Ernie and friends provided a fun singing workshop (well attended). Following that was a spoons workshop where a lot of rhythm makers attended. Late in the afternoon, Marsha hosted a classical jam which produced some great sounding numbers. Thank you workshop leaders. Also, it was great to see Peggy Kustra and Mary Colgan enjoying the day while still recovering from serious injury.

The Saturday evening potluck was enjoyed by about 80 people. And then the jam began. What fun with laughter and great music! If you put up a tent "they will come". It was an unforgettable evening. The group area was ideal for our event. The area included two horseshoe pits, and two fire rings. Friday and Saturday evenings were ended with campfires and chatter.

The feedback about the move from Myers Lake was very positive. We made a deposit for next year. However, we reserved the group site "10 and 11" next to the site we did have. It is about 6 or 8 feet higher and should be free of mud.

We are grateful for all the helping hands. Thank you Terry and Marsha Kozlowski, Don Woodard, Dan and Julie Kafcas for the support and help with setup, food and cleanup. We appreciate all who pitched in when help was needed.

There are no meetings at Holy Cross Church on July 1st, 18th and August 1st. Silver Strings will host our Summer Picnic at Plymouth Township Park on August 1st. Enjoy the potluck at dinner time.

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

MEETINGS CANCELLED

JULY 4th & 18th

Our July Silver Strings meetings at Holy Cross Church are cancelled due to Independence Day and the Evart Funfest.

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

EVART FUNFEST- is right around the corner!! Holy smokes. We best get busy. If you are going to Evart and plan to perform, here is what you need to know:

- We will be playing in front of the stage for ease of movement, ingress/egress

Key	Tune	Play
G	Green Green Grass of Home (Evart)	2
C/G	Orange and Blue/Yellow Bird	2/2
D/Am	Red-Haired Boy/Black Cat Schottische	2/2
F	Sweet Georgia Brown	3
D	The Purple Tune (All Sing) <i>"This is your Purple song, it doesn't last too long"</i>	1

- Attire: Fedora Hats, Colored T-shirts as follows:
Green: HD Players
Blue: MD/Autoharp players
Red: Fiddlers
Orange: Bones, Spoons
Yellow: Whistles, Harmonicas
Black: Banjos, Guitars
Brown: Bass, Cajon Box
Purple: Theresa Smith

What you need to do:

- Confirm with me if you intend to play (I need a count and also for seating chart) and if you are sitting or standing
- HD Players: Try to memorize the tunes – there isn't time or space to set up stands for HDs
- Check in our campsite (Kozlowski) when you get to Evart for rehearsal details– there will be 2 rehearsals, one on Wed. (4:30) and one on Thursday at 5:30 or 5:45. Be there and ready to play. If the ODPC canopy is up behind the ODPC office, that is where we will rehearse.

Thank you all for your effort and support in promoting our club. Several SSDS friends tell me they look forward to seeing what we come up with. One who used to skip the Thursday program stays just to hear us. Another remarked she enjoys watching the fun we have.....so let's give them a good show!

Music, music, music.....Have you noticed a lot of new music in Dropbox and wondered what is going on. It was decided to make the tunes shared in workshops and afterhours available in Dropbox. To distinguish them from the "official repertoire," there are different suffixes. Music shared in the After Hours jam (we play regular SSDS music and more –people bring tunes to share) has the suffix: AFTERHOURS; workshop tunes (from our picnics and campout) have the suffix Workshop; Classical (ensemble music with parts) has the suffix: Classical. Some may not interest you at all. Some may eventually be worked into the repertoire, but all are available to transfer to your device to enjoy playing. I won't have paper copies of these but am happy to provide a paper copy upon request.

CMU Grandparents University – thank you to: Terry Kozlowski, Bob and Sandi Hlavacek, Linda Osgood, Carol Ann Matthews, George Gonyo, Harold Crane and Jeff Despard for helping out with two Hammered Dulcimer classes on June 19. Members from Broken Glass and a couple of local players came so we had 13 dulcimers and 3 back up players: Harold Crane, Terry Kozlowski and Susie Russell (Broken Glass). There were 42 students between the 2 classes. Both classes learned and performed the tune, Brother John. The first class was so good they were able to play it as a round. At the second class one of the Grandfathers danced with his granddaughter to Westphalia Waltz, showing the kids how people used to dance. There were many precious moments, but the smile on the kids' faces in the second hour when I asked them to stand, hold up their hammers and take a bow was the icing on the cake. We are invited back next year.....to play it forward.

Playlists – if you have signed up to play any of the upcoming playdates, please review the playlists and work on any you haven't played in a while so you are well prepared.

Summertime music – the festival season brings new music to each of us. If there is a tune you particularly like, bring it to the "After Hours Jam", give me a copy and see where it might go. While we have a great repertoire and lots of good tunes, it is stimulating and broadening to play new tunes. One example is Spootiskerry, a tune that was requested at the Saturday Night Campout jam. Many of you caught on to it and wanted a copy, so you can now find it in Dropbox. Another tune that will likely be heard a lot at Evart is Get Low. This too is in Dropbox. Enjoy the music of summer!

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

"Heavy Breathers" harmonica group will **NOT** meet in July and August. We will resume in September. See you then!

SECRETARY _____ Gloria Tapper

HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE, I'm taking my coffee outside to enjoy the sun.

A lot has been happening with Silver Strings. Evart is quickly coming up, as well as several play dates. Then our Annual picnic on August first. Directions to the park will be coming to you soon. For our new members, this is a really fun event, great food, music and socializing in a beautiful park setting.

Just a reminder, there will be **no jams at Holy Cross in July**. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact any board member for answers.

Let's keep our surgical and recovering patients in our thoughts and prayers while they are healing. There are several...Peggy, Chris, Terry, Bob, and Linda's husband (upcoming). Hopefully everyone will be back soon. Have a wonderful day,
.....Gloria Getapper@yahoo.com 734-427-1142

IT'S JULY...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

4....Regis Proulx
5....Karen Turner
14...Sally Niemczewski
14...Richard Rowe
15...Gerry Kustra
17...John McAuliffe
29...Linda Lloyd



Anniversaries

11...Roger & Barb Davis.....60th
18...Rich & Kay Rowe...55th

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

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

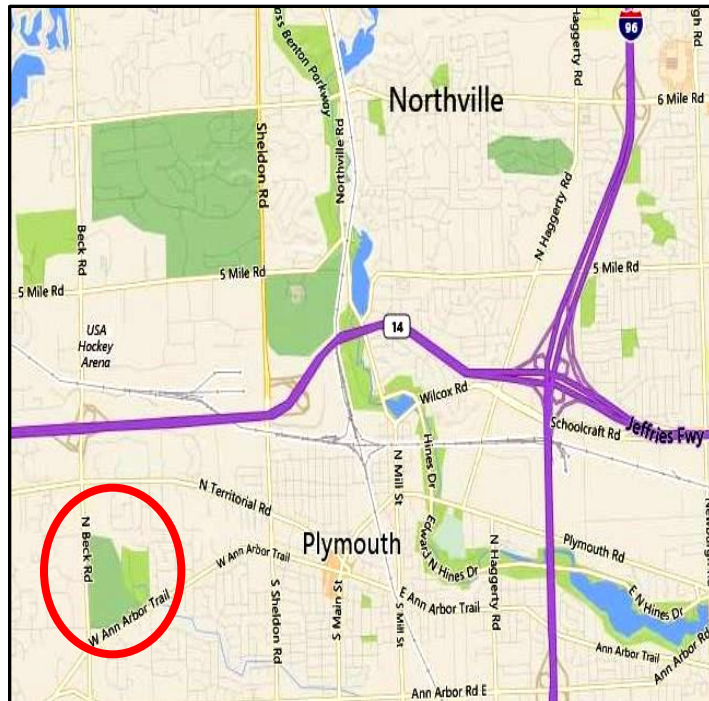
It's also time to begin planning for the **Silver Strings Picnic on August 1st**

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



Picnic

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.



Music by Linda

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Dulcimer Lessons

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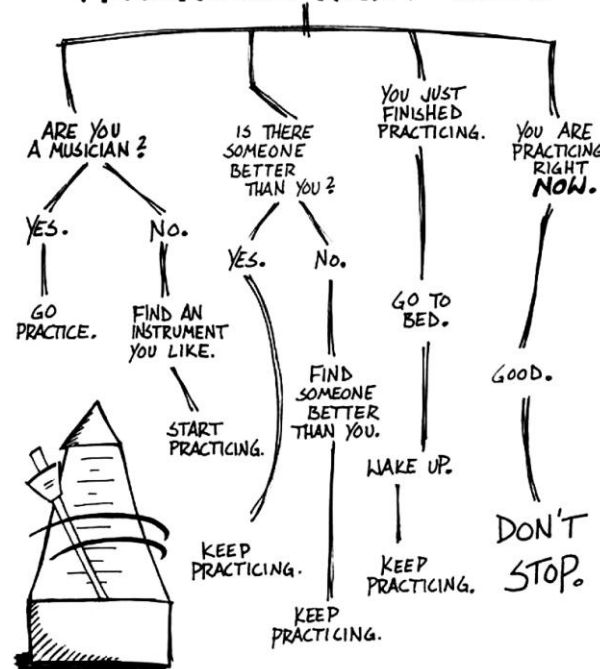
**Hammered Dulcimer - Repair/Rebuild
Hammers, Strings, Lessons, Loaners**

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

A note from Ann Wassell

I would like to purchase some spoons. I prefer the type that are all one piece. Just wondering if anyone has some they would like to sell.
ann.wassell@yahoo.com

SHOULD YOU BE PRACTICING RIGHT NOW?





We shared music with 40 members at our June 20th Silver Strings Jam

photo courtesy of David Smith



The CMU Grandparents Day performance and workshop took place on June 19th. Special thanks goes to Marsha and Terry Kozlowski, Bob and Sandi Hlavacek, Linda Osgood, Carol Ann Matthews, George Gonyo, Harold Crane and Jeff Despard for helping out with two Hammered Dulcimer classes. Members from Broken Glass and a couple of local players came so we had 13 dulcimers and 3 back up players: Harold Crane, Terry Kozlowski and Susie Russell (Broken Glass). There were 42 students between the 2 classes.

photos courtesy of Marsha Kozlowski



13 members performed at the Allen Park Library on June 25th.

"Your program was the perfect ending to a beautiful summer day here in Allen Park. The enjoyment of all in attendance was clearly visible from the smiles on all of their faces and from the swaying and tapping of feet as they were listening to your wonderful music. The members of your group were so gracious and welcoming to the audience which set the mood for the evening. The performer's wonderful personalities came through in their rendition of the music performed and their enthusiasm was contagious. We look forward to more programs with your group in the future". - Anna Brougher, Adult Services, Allen Park Public Library.

photos courtesy of David Smith



The SSDS 19th Annual Campout took place on June 7 - 8 at the beautiful Groveland Oaks County Park in Holly. Special thanks goes to Bob and Sandi Hlavacek and their campout committee.



The afternoon workshops were well attended.



Perfect weather brought smiles to all as we socialized and made music together.



Later in the day, a potluck dinner was attended by 75 hungry musicians.



After dinner a large jam session took place under the large tent.



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

July 19: Telegraph Blues

July 26: Jeff Karoub

**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

2019 HAMMERED DULCIMER JAM AND POTLUCK

Big Lake - Sears, MI

You are invited to the 2019 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 14, 2019

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

ANNOUNCING TWO BOWED PSALTERY GATHERINGS IN 2019

July 17, 2019

Bowed Psaltery Gathering - Evart, MI

Cost: *FREE*

Osceola County Fairgrounds

Gregg Schneeman and Gail Van Amberg are putting on a Bowed Psaltery Gathering Wednesday July 17, 2019 from 2pm - 4pm the week of the ODPC FUNFEST in Evart, MI in the Red Goat Barn.

Come and learn how to play the bowed psaltery, learn a tune, meet others who play the bowed psaltery, and join the Bowed Psaltery Jam Wednesday evening at 7pm also in the Red Goat Barn. We will have bowed psalteries for you to play or dust off your psaltery and bring it. Stay for the Original Dulcimer Players Club Funfest July 18 – 20, 2019

(www.originaldulcimerplayers.org) a very fun festival for dulcimers - hammered and mountain - and other acoustical instruments.

Camping is available on the fairgrounds.

October 24 – 26, 2019

Bowed Psaltery Gathering – Caryville, TN

Cost: *\$40*

Cove Lake State Park.

The 10th Annual Bowed Psaltery Gathering – two and a half days of music, learning, laughing, performing, and great fellowship.

Classes taught by Brenda Mangan, Rick Long, Dave Holeton, and others. Nozomi Nose from Japan is attending the Gathering this year. Check her out on YouTube.com. There will be jamming every night. Saturday night is an open mike gathering which was very fun last year. All acoustical instruments are welcome.

Hotels are within a mile of the gathering site. Restaurant is next door. Registration Forms available from Gail Van Amberg

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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.

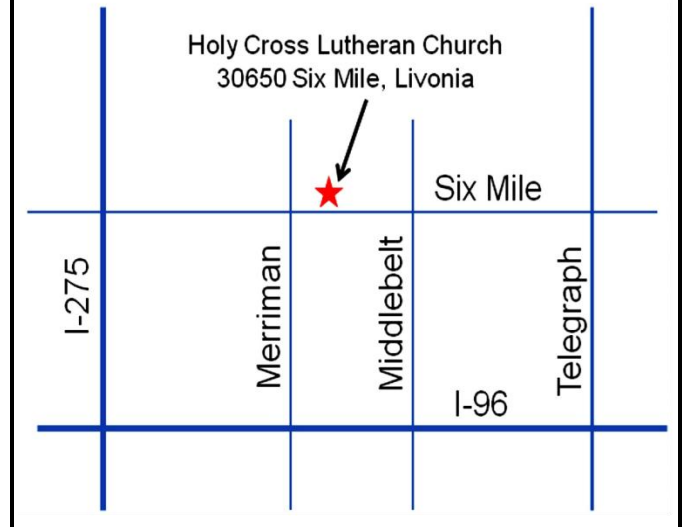
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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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your name would be here.

