

# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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

Hello Everybody, lots of things happening this Summer. I hope you can join in on some of the activities or all. Either way, I hope you enjoy.

- 1) Campout: June 7-9. Camp or just come for the day on Saturday.
- 2) BOARD MEETING, JUNE 6 AT 5:45PM ALL ARE WELCOME
- 3) *There* will not be any Jam Sessions on Thursdays during the month of July. Due to the Holiday July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Evart Funfest. So, you better come to the June Jams to get your music fix.
- 4) There will not be a board meeting in July.
- 5) I have t-shirts in size small and medium. If you would like one let me know. We are currently looking into ordering some more t-shirts and or possibly sweat shirts. If you are thinking you would like either, I will have a sign- up sheet for an estimate of what sizes you may need.
- 6) August – Picnic

Whew... fun in the sun!

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

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

Hello everyone, the month of May was a good month for us. The Northville Library outreach program had a large turnout with our members. I believe the crowd really enjoyed us and after our show we broke up into groups and demonstrated the Dulcimer. Some people talked about taking lesson in the near future.

Even though the weather was miserable we had a good show at the Commerce United Methodist Church in Commerce. I have heard that they would like to have us back in the future. **Thank you to all who showed up.** We had some last minute cancelations, but our members stepped up at the last minute and filled in the vacancies and helped make a great show.

As I write this note, our playdate at the Kensington Metro Park has not happened yet. I'm sure that it turned out nice. Other than the rain that we had to

dodge, it was a good time. I'm not a prognosticator, but historically it rains on the holiday weekend.

The month of June is a slow month for us. We only have two playdates.

1. Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> 3pm to 4pm. at the Heartland Health Care 7025 Lilley Rd., Canton.
2. Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 7pm. at the Allen Park Adult Library. 8100 Allen Rd.

.....Bob..... [silverstring14@gmail.com](mailto:silverstring14@gmail.com)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### JUNE

- 4... Playdate - Heartland Health Care, Canton... 3:00-4:00
- 6.... **SSDS Board Meeting**..... **5:45-6:45**
- 6... Slow Jam with Linda Osgood..... 6:00-6:45
- 6... **SSDS MEETING & JAM**..... **7:00 - ??**
- 20.. "Heavy Breathers" Harmonica Jam..... 6:00-6:45
- 20... **SSDS MEETING & JAM**..... **7:00 - ??**
- 25... Playdate - Allen Park Library..... 6:00-7:00

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



The SSDS annual campout is almost here... June 7 and 8. We are excited about the response for camping. 17 sites are reserved, along with cabins & yurts. There are 5 more sites left, as we write this. We are allowed to put a tent on a site with an RV. Let us know ASAP, if you want a site. Remember, you may arrive as early as Wed. before, and stay as late as Tues. after the 'official weekend campout'. Several of us are extending our stay for more jamming & socializing. When you arrive at the campground, identify yourself as Silver Strings. They will log you in and you can request a 2<sup>nd</sup> car pass if needed. We revisited the campground to do some final planning and discovered that the showers are pay showers (25 cents). **Bring your quarters !!!** Thank you Terry Koz and Bob

Patterson for coming on the final 'prep' trip. It turned from rain to a beautiful sunny day.

The Saturday **pancake & sausage breakfast opens at 9:00 am.** Bring your coffee mug. The **potluck will start at 5:00 pm.** Chicken, tableware. Iced tea, coffee, lemonade, and water will be provided. We ask for a \$2 donation per person, to cover costs. For the potluck, please bring a dish to share that will feed at least 10. If your last name begins with A-O please consider a vegetable, salad, or side dish. If your last name begins with P-Z please bring a dessert to share.

We have some unique workshops this year that have been requested. "**Tuning tips for Hammered Dulcimer**" will cover the most efficient way to tune, & tricks to use when you can't get both sides (or certain strings) in tune. The **Bones workshop** will teach the techniques needed to play rhythm. Bring a set of "bones", if you have them. You might be able to find some at a music store, or bring beef rib bones, which was the origin of this 'instrument'. A few pair might be available to try. For the **Spoons workshop**, you may bring a matched pair of kitchen spoons. There will be a variety of spoons provided that you can play with. You will learn how to hold them & rhythm techniques to coordinate with the music. The **Singing workshop** will teach some fun songs for a group. We will be jamming in the tent or pavilion Friday and Saturday night. Informal jams may spring up anywhere. Other workshops have not been confirmed yet. We are trying to provide some fun, new things to make you smile. We will also have an informal classical jam led by Marsha Kozlowski. She will provide sheet music.

### 🎵 THANK YOU NOTES 🎵

We offer **HUGE THANKS** to all who have been bringing the wonderful variety of munchies to our meetings. We have some excellent bakers in our club, & it's nice to have some fruits, veggies & savory snacks to balance out the sugar. Keep up the good work. It's **MUCH appreciated by all !!! THANK YOU** also to **Bill Smith**, for being our May Variety Night Master of Ceremonies. He really knows how to bring on the giggles. and...**MANY THANKS** to **Carol Ann Matthews** for preparing the beautiful salads we enjoyed with our pizza. She has been bringing the Variety Night salads for many years, with little recognition. Please take time to tell her how much you enjoy them.

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

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

#### Birthdays

18...Tom Koppin  
25...Bob Patterson  
30...Roger Davis



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

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

See the two playlists:

- April-July playlist (we will use for Heartland). For the playdates that are background, the lists will be modified – take out God Bless America, O Beautiful, and Armed Services Salute and add Tick Tock Polka, Saro Waltz and Over the Waterfall/Mississippi Sawyer.
- August-September playlist. Tunes rotated in: Orange and Blue, Five Foot Two, Down Yonder, Sandy Boys/Over the Waterfall, Red Wing, Prairie Flower, Single Footin' Horse on a Happy Trail

CMU Grandparents U – thank you for your support of this special outreach program. We will be doing two classes on June 19. It is a first musical offering for this camp and the first time we are doing a class geared to 9-12 year old kids. How often have you heard we need to introduce this to young people? Well, we are.....yeah!

Classical Jam – one of the activities at the SSDS campout is going to be a classical jam (time to be determined), i.e., tunes that have specific harmony parts written out. We will try playing 3 or 4 tunes. All instruments are welcome, but it is preferable if you read music. If you are interested in participating, let me know. I will email the music to you. Past experience has been the fiddles and whistles play the top part (generally the melody), mountain dulcimers play the 2<sup>nd</sup> part, HDs split up and play 1, 2 or 3. And sometimes there is a 4<sup>th</sup> part that may be written in bass (or not) which HDs can also do.

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

### SECRETARY \_\_\_\_ Gloria Tapper

Good day, it seems that time is flying at a faster pace than usual, I hope everyone enjoyed the Memorial day weekend.

Hopefully everyone is healing well? We have had several persons with surgeries lately, and others are recovering!

Silver Strings has a lot going on during the next few months with the campout, Evart and picnic. Mark your calendars. I mark mine, now I just have to remember to check my calendar.

I have sympathy and get well cards to send, if you know someone who could use one, please let me know.

The sun is out, so I will take my coffee and book outside. I am going to enjoy my day, you should too.

Oh, don't forget, board meetings are open to everyone. If you would like to join us, or have any ideas or concerns, please stop in.

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

### JULY 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> MEETINGS CANCELLED

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

### 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.

### 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
	<b>Extras</b>	
G	Girl I Left Behind Me	3
D	Hey Polka	4
G	March of St. Timothy	4*

\*2<sup>nd</sup> time: If instruments are available-- take it with  
backup; HD's softly \*\* If available, singer can lead  
audience. \*\*\* pause/rest on B part of 4<sup>th</sup> time

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*Silver Strings Dulcimer Society  
welcomes you into our musical family*

- **JoAnne Hafele**
- **Ann Ho**
- **Jim Newton**





Silver Strings completed another "Library Outreach Program" at the Northville Library on May 6th, performing a mini concert, Q & A, and hands on Hammered Dulcimer lessons for audience participants. *photos courtesy of Karen Turner*



On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 12 Silver Stringers made the long drive to the Commerce United Methodist Church. The concert was well received by an enthusiastic audience. *photos courtesy of Bob Niemczewski*



An outdoor performance for the "Integrity Art Show" took place at Kensington Metropark on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The weather report was chancy, but fortunately the rain held out until the end of the day. *photos courtesy of Bob Patterson*





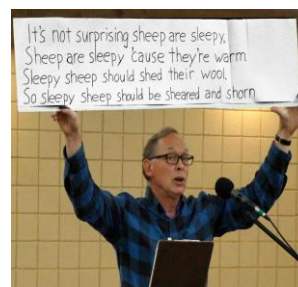
Another lively jam took place at our May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at Holy Cross Church. We were surprised with a visit by former members Jane and Rich who were visiting from New Mexico and by longtime members Alice and Terry.

*photos courtesy of Theresa Smith*



Our first "Variety Night" of 2019 took place on May 30<sup>th</sup>. We had pizza, salad, yummy desserts and were notably entertained by a potpourri of 11 different acts. Our next Variety Night will take place on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

*photos courtesy of David Smith*



## 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, ukulele and harmonica.

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

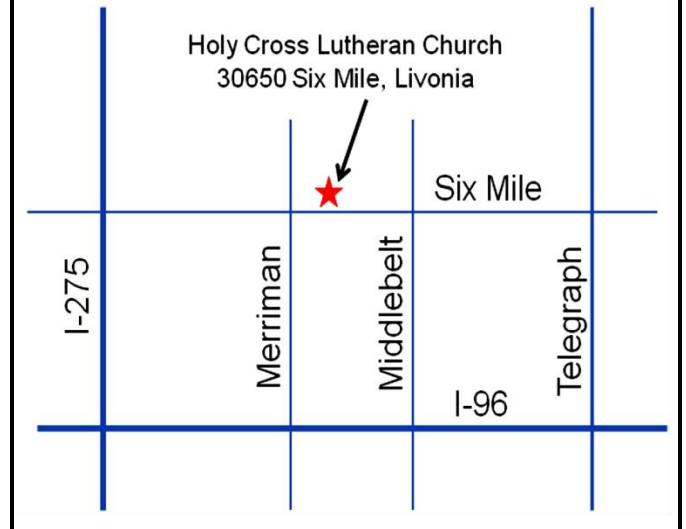
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,  
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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**<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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