



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society



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PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS___ Peggy Kustra

Hello everyone!

I was on my way to Silver Strings, packing up my things when I tripped and fell. I fell full force on my dulcimer stand. My stand is just fine, HOWEVER, my knee cap split in two. OUCH! The next day I had surgery and now I'm on my way to healing. I miss playing music with you all. I have to keep my leg immobilized. Of course it is my driving leg, so it will be a while before I can come to a meeting.

I want to thank everyone for all the calls, cards, texts or emails sent my way. They are truly appreciated. God Bless You All.

I want you all to know that I'm staying in contact with the board and am aware of everything that is going on and happening.

My Dear Friends keep playing music and making beautiful noise. Play Southwind for me!

If you have concerns or ideas, there will be a Board Meeting on March 7th at 5:45., or as always you can contact me. See ya soon.

Peggy.... kustras1976@yahoo.com 313-570-7844

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH

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

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

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

12..... Playdate - Compelled Church, Temperance.... noon - 2pm

15..... Playdate - Oakmont Senior Center, Livonia... 2:00 - 3:00pm

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

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

VP - BUSINESS NOTES___ Bob Patterson

Hello everyone. February has been a quiet month with our cancelled performance in Temperance. But we haven't lost our touch. I think we sounded wonderful at our last jam. I also noticed younger players in attendance. That's nice to see.

Our next performance is the rescheduled gig at the Compelled Church on **Tuesday March 12th. 8970 Jackman Road, Temperance, Mi.** It is the same requirement as last time. Be set up by 11:30, lunch at noon and then perform at 1pm. They will provide chairs without arms. We will be using the March play list for this performance. Marsha has picked out some great Irish themed tunes for this month.

Here is a link with directions to the church.

<https://goo.gl/maps/8aY5KzANL212>

The next performance will be **Friday March 15th** at the Oakmont Senior Community at 14265 Middlebelt Road in Livonia. We start at 2pm and play until 3pm. This will be a St. Paddy's day theme. Wear your green SSDS t-shirt or other items. Again, we will use our March playlist.

And now a little Irish Blessing.... *Do not resent growing old.... For many are denied the privilege.*

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me Bob... silverstring14@gmail.com or call 734-953-0438

VP- PROGRAMS NOTES___ Bob & Sandi Hlavacek

Hi y'all! Most of you have heard that Meyer's Lake Campground is closed for this year, and possibly permanently. We have had our Silver Strings campout there for about 25 years. It has been a GREAT place for our families to camp, because they have a lake for fishing & swimming, a nice playground, TERRIFIC restrooms & showers, cabins to rent, THE BARN for jamming & entertaining other campers (especially valued in inclement weather), a Sunday morning service we have enjoyed playing hymns for, and many other conveniences most campgrounds don't offer. They have always been very clean & well maintained, with VERY good staff to work with. Their facility has set the bar pretty high, for finding another place for our annual campouts.

Our SSDS board has been scurrying to find a replacement. Bob & I have visited a few campgrounds found on line. We have found only ONE that has potential (Hell Creek Ranch, a mile from Hell, Michigan, south of Pinkney) & we met Terry Koz. there for his input. It lacks some of the qualities we are accustomed to, but it **could** work for this year.

PLEASE... if you know of a good campground within

1½ hours of the west Detroit suburbs, **CALL US (734-663-7974) so we can check it out !!!!** We need all the help we can get, so we can lock in a reservation before campers wake up from hibernation & we can't reserve "blocks" of camp sites.

Our next Variety Night is May 30th....**START GETTING YOUR ACT TOGETHER !!!**
... Bob & Sandi datadoc@charter.net 734-663-7974

MUSIC COORDINATOR ____ Marsha Kozlowski



Grandparents University: Central Michigan University, June 18-19. I have been invited to teach an Introduction to Hammered Dulcimer at this summer camp hosted by the CMU Alumni Association for grandparents with grandchildren between the ages of 9 and 12. It will be the first time that any music class is being offered at this event.

It involves our doing two 90 minute classes on Wednesday afternoon, June 19 and an opportunity to have an open performance jam in the dorm lounge that evening. There is no pay for this "gig" – merely the change to introduce the HD to new generations that are interested in learning. Grandparents who bring their grandchild are invested in their development. They would like to be able to accommodate 30 students (1 grandchild/1 grandparent per dulcimer).

Parking: We will be given parking passes.

Lodging: Camping at Isabella County Fairgrounds to the north of town. If not a camper, there are several motels, including the Soaring Eagle Casino.

Meals: On our own. Will try to organize at least one communal meal. TBD.

Players: Back-up players are welcome and needed. Could use 2-3 more HD players.

Format: Much the same as our library outreach program: 20-25 minutes performance demonstration, followed by Q&A, then 45 minutes to teach "Brother John (Frere Jacques)" which they then would perform. (This is likely to be recorded.)

March Tune of the Month:

"Green Green Grass of Home." This is a familiar tune written by Claude "Curly" Putman, Jr. and recorded in 1965 by Porter Wagoner. Other recordings were done by Jerry Lee Lewis, Joan Baez and Tom Jones. The tune is not difficult and chosen for its "Green" theme as one of the colors for the Evart performance. A parody of the lyrics changing the setting to Evart will go with this tune.

Play lists:

March –The playlist features some our favorites Celtic/Irish tunes.

April- July: Along with favorite tunes, the last set is a Patriotic sendoff.

Evart – Tentative list. The red/black medley to be played will be chosen by consensus of which sounds better. If you are thinking of going to Evart, please sign the interest sheet on the table at the jams.

Library Outreach Playlist: If you have not performed yet, this is a good venue to start. There are fewer tunes to learn. Our first program of the year is May 6 at the Northville Public Library.

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

IT'S MARCH...LET'S CELEBRATE !

BIRTHDAYS

- 1....Shayla Rachelle
- 3....Kay Rowe
- 12...David Smith
- 24...Stephen Beck
- 30...Bob Niemczewski



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

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

Silver Strings March 2019 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over the Waterfall	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Rosin the Beau	3*
Em	Drunken Sailor	4
G	Cockles & Mussels - S	3
D	Young Roddy McCorley	4
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Dusty Bob's Jig	3
G	Southwind	3*
D	John Ryan's Polka	4
C	When Irish Eyes	3*
D/G	Eagan's Polka/ Mari's Wedding	3/2
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast - C	3
D	Danny Boy	3*
Em	Scolley's Reel	3
G	Bellman's Jig	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn/ Schottische du Stockfish	3/3
Am	Star of the County Down	3*
G	Irish Washerwoman - C	3
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3
G	March of St. Timothy	4
*2 nd time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's softly		
** last time thru – take the 4 ct pause in chorus		

ARE MICHIGAN WINTERS TOO LONG ?

by Sandi Hlavacek

"Spring is just around the corner."

That's what the lyrics say.

But tell me which darned corner !

I'm less patient every day.

I'm tired of shoveling "white stuff".

Just give me nice warm earth.

I can do without the fireplace...

I'll swap for flowers' birth.

I want to feel the sunshine !

I long for summer breezes !

I'd like to sleep the whole night through

without the coughs and sneezes.

Give me some heat... 90 degrees...

(I predict I will complain.)

But then it will be softened by

the summer's gentle rain.

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 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**
	Extras	
G	Girl I Left Behind Me	3
D	Hey Polka	3
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Battle Hymn of the Republic	3*
*2 nd time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistles take melody; HD's softly backup		
** Tempo should be singable – not too fast.		

Evart 2019 Tentative Playlist

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

**28th Annual
Buckeye Dulcimer Festival**
held at Recreation Unlimited, Ashley, Ohio

- Need a break from the winter blues for 4 days (March 6 - 10 2019)
- Want 10 hours of intensive instruction on your mountain or hammered dulcimer at the beginner, past beginner, early intermediate 1, intermediate 2 or advanced level by professional instructors or take a Band-It Class if you have any other acoustic instrument
- Eat, sleep at an outdoor campus with nightly JAMS, Friday & Saturday evening
- Instructors Concerts, Sunday morning devotions, Gospel Sing, Brunch, & Raffle drawings
- Saturday Three - 1/2 hour beginner sessions to try a new instrument
- Vendor and instrument builders - you can purchase musical instruments, supplies, books, CD's and even get your instrument tuned up

Registration or any other questions: Shari Wolf
937-295-5253 or buckeyedulcimer@yahoo.com
updates at buckeyedulcimerfestival.com

This is a fun experience where you will meet new friends, have expert instruction, & welcome Spring!

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 - 3 octaves with chromatics
 - 3 strings per treble course
 - Beautiful hand-carved Celtic sound holes
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Sherry Humecky 248-348-0066

UKE JAM



Great Lakes Ukulele Gathering...

invites ukulele players of all abilities to join us for monthly meetings where we will strum and sing. All music will be projected onto a screen so that we can all follow the lyrics and chords. So bring your Ukulele and your Voice for a good time.

Our monthly meetings take place from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on the **first Wednesday of each month**. Refreshments and snacks will be provided and you are welcome to bring snacks to share. A donation of \$3.00 is requested. **Your first visit is FREE.**

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We had a great Jam at our February 21st Silver Strings meeting. Over 40 musicians entertained with 17 Hammered Dulcimers, 8 Guitars, 4 Harmonicas, 3 Fiddles, 2 Banjos, 2 Basses, 2 Pennywhistles, Recorder, Banjola, Mountain Dulcimer, Autoharp, Concertina, Bowed Psaltery, Ukulele, and Cajon.



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Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month
7:00 - 9:00 pm.... with jamming till ...?

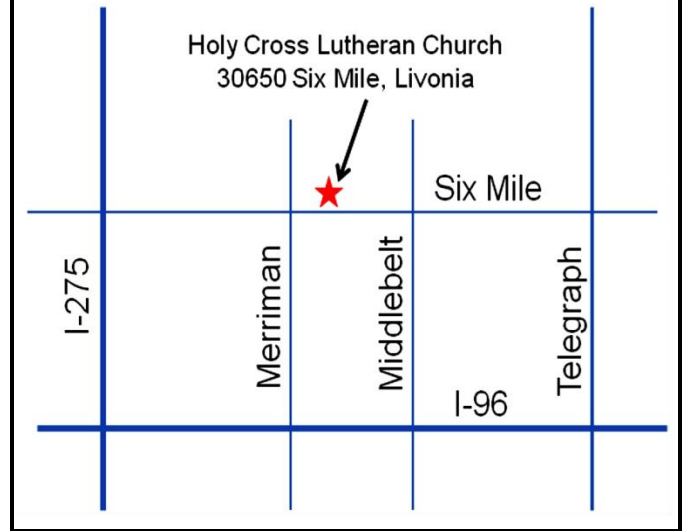
Meeting at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**
In Livonia, Michigan

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

