

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS _____ Peggy Kustra

Hello Everyone,

We had a lovely jam on Thursday April 18. It seemed Waltz's were the order of the night. Every song was absolutely Beeeautiful!

It was delightful to be back the group and playing music. It was great to see all your wonderful faces.

I also met the two pastors for Holy Cross. They heard our music from afar that evening. They truly enjoyed our music and wanted to come to our jams just to listen. I told them they would be most welcome.

It was brought to our attention that we only rent the room we jam in, which includes the kitchen. We are not allowed to use any other room. Please keep that in mind on jam nights.

Our next meeting is May 2, 2019. Hope to see you all then. I'll be there.

THERE IS A BOARD MEETING MAY 2 AT 5:45pm

As always, let us know your ideas or concerns.

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Take care and enjoy the warmer weather for however long it lasts....Perky Peggy Kustra

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Bob Patterson

Hidey ho folks.

Can you believe it's May already? This month we have two performances. On **Monday May 6th we have the Northville Library** Outreach program at 7pm. The playlist will be the same Library Outreach playlist. If you are performing, please wear your green club shirt. If you do not have a SSDS shirt you can wear a dark green shirt in the shade of "Hunter Green".

As mentioned before, if you are a newbie to performing in front of others, this is a good place to gain "stage presence". The audience is encouraged to come up after and ask questions about your instruments and possibly play them.

Northville Library

212 West Cady St, Northville, Michigan

<https://www.northville.lib.mi.us/>

Our second performance will be **Saturday, May 25th at Kensington Metro Park** for the Integrity Art Show. This will be a gratis performance. We will use

our April/July playlist. At this time they have not confirmed the location/time at the park yet. If you sign up, I will send you the updated information.

For this show, we will also wear our colors. **Free parking** for us. Parking passes will be at the guard shack.

Thoughts to consider:

- A. Bring a hat.
- B. Pack a lunch and water.
- C. Pack rain gear.
- D. Pack a cooler if you want to have a picnic after.

<https://www.metroparks.com/parks/kensington-metropark/>

.....Bob silverstring14@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY

2.... **SSDS Board Meeting**..... 5:45-6:45

2.... **Slow Jam with Linda Osgood**..... 6:00

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

6.... Northville Library Outreach..... 7:00

16.. **"Heavy Breathers" Harmonica Jam**... 6:00

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

25... Playdate - Kensington Metro Park..... ??

30... **VARIETY NIGHT/PIZZA PARTY**..... 7:00 - ??

VP- PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Bob & Sandi Hlavacek

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE !!!!

We had a taste of spring in our trip to see family in Missouri, and came home to find brown grass, no flowers but crocuses, and cold, cold cold. It's amazing what a couple of days of rain will do! Grass is green & trees are budding!

There is a **Variety Night** at the end of this month, so if you worked up an act for the one in January, you've had lots of time to polish it to perfection. Weather should not be an issue this time. We look forward to seeing and hearing what you have to share.

Silver Strings Campout ~ June 7 - 9



Our SSDS annual campout is only 6 weeks away!!!! Campout reservations are slowly coming in. If you plan to camp, please tell us, so we can get you on the list. Groveland Oaks appears to

be a perfect fit for our needs, and we are really excited about the new venue, but the campground has asked us to be "wagon masters" and handle all of the reservations & payments. **We need a camping site count** to insure our group site & see if we need additional spots from the group site next door. You can wait to pay, but **we DO need a campsite count**. Please tell us if you will be **arriving early and/or staying past** the weekend, so we can chart that, too.

We also need a **head count for people coming for the day**, to plan food for the Saturday pancake & sausage breakfast & meat for dinner. The rate for driving in for the day is **\$5 per car** for Oakland residents, **\$12 per car** for non-residents, **or free** for a car with a Huron Metropark sticker. That's a GREAT reason for car-pooling.

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

IT'S MAY...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

5....Dave Matthews
13...Carol Dick
19...Shirley Keyser
26...Peggy Kustra
27...Dawn Hayes
27...Terry Kozlowski



Anniversaries

15...Chris & Mike Hurt.....48th-2019
17...Ron & Dawn Hayes.....

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

May 2019 Newsletter items:

May Tune of the Month: This is the last "Tune of the Month" for a while. Suggested by Linda Osgood, Adirondack Cascade is a jig written in 1992 by Stan Ransom, known as the Connecticut Peddler. Mr. Ransom has given us permission to play this tune. He writes: "You may teach, copy or use these as you wish.....At 91 I am happy to learn of new teachers on the hammered dulcimer....Best for the future..... Regards, Stan Ransom"

Music Revisions: Correction to **Green Green Grass of Home**. In the first measure of the last line, the first note is a dotted quarter note. Revision to **Out on Lake Michigan**: the chord in measures 3 and 7 should be Am, not A. Corrected music will be in Dropbox.

Notes from here and there:

A nice note from member **Shirley Keyser** included a page from a 1994 SSDS Newsletter that included the following poem.

"Silver Strings Melody."

by Ethel M. Adams

We're Silver Strings, we're on our way

We'll do a show, here today

You'll enjoy, when you hear us play

We'll be starting very soon.

We're gonna have some fun today.

When you hear those Silver Strings

You're gonna know just what I mean..

You're gonna love the music that they play....

Play those fiddles loud and clear..

So they'll know we are here.

The Silver Strings are playing here today.



Evart Update: So far about 25 people have signed up to play. Since we will be set up on in front of the stage (*not going to use a stage that is bottlenecked with one entrance/exit and multiple steps*) we will not be so crowded. Hope you are practicing the tunes and call for them at a jam. Because of the set time limitations – try to memorize the tunes so set-up/exit time is minimized.

Tunes:

Green, Green Grass of Home (2X)

Orange & Blue/Yellow Bird (2/2)

Red Haired Boy/Black Cat Schottische (2/2) or Black Velvet Waltz/Red Apple Rag (1/2) (a group consensus needs to be made on which Black/Red pair to play)

Sweet Georgia Brown (3)

The Purple Song (1)

Attire: Fedora Hats, VARIOUS COLORED T-SHIRTS: Green (HD players), Blue (MD/Autoharp) Purple (Theresa S., Red (Fiddlers), Orange (Bones), Yellow (Whistles), Black (guitars), Brown (Percussion)

From **Shirley Becker**, whose husband Fred Becker passed away in March. Appreciative of Silver Strings friendships, she wrote: "I was amazed at the number of people who expressed their joy and comfort from

hearing the Silver Strings Group play at Fred's visitation. It was so nice to see so many other Silver Strings people come to pay their respects. What a nice group of people they are."

From **S. Maiké**: "I was forwarded an email about a Silver Strings performance...I wasn't able to go. Do you have an update list you could add me to? I would love another chance to see Silver Strings perform."

DID YOU KNOW?

- When you sign up for a gig you are helping the club in more than one way. Besides helping to spread our music, your presence enhances the gig and the gigs help the club financially. Its half of the performance fee goes toward meeting its expenses - paying the rent, funding special events and miscellaneous costs (the other 1/2 is distributed to the players).
- SSDS has a "fan club." The librarian at Baldwin Library was surprised to discover there were "SSDS Groupies" in the audience. For a while now, I have been collecting names/contact information of the people who attend our performances and love our music. As public gigs come up, I send out an email invitation to almost 140 people. If you meet someone new at a gig, ask if they would like to be notified of future performances and get their name/contact info (or send them to me and I will add them to the list).

Here is the slow jam tune line-up, support it if you can. It is a good time to work on SSDS tunes on a secondary instruments. It is also a good time to practice tunes at different tempos, adding dynamics, etc.

Slow Jam - May 2nd 6:00 - 6:45pm

Have fun practicing these tunes and I'll see you at 6 pm on May 2nd.....Linda Osgood

- 1 Apple Peaches pumpkin Pie
- 2 Angelina Baker
- 3 Black Nag
- 4 Cello

After the regular jam at the beginning of the After Hours jam, we will run through the Evart tunes and decide on which Black/Red medley we will use. Even if you are not going to Evart, you may want to stay and run through these. Typically they find their way on future playlist. Plus, I know you are wondering what "The Purple Song" is and why you don't have it.

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

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Gloria Tapper

HAPPY SPRING! The weather in early April hasn't been cooperating. The flowers and birds are trying their best. Things will soon change and I've been trying to be patient. Silver Strings activities are moving forward with the Camp Out, Summer Picnic, and working on several others.

It's nice that Peggy came back at our April 18 meeting. She was missed. (*Peggy, don't overdo it too soon.*) I'm hoping Shirley Becker will be also be able to return soon. I enjoy seeing everyone at the jams. So, on that note, if you hear of anyone who may need a pick-me-up card or note from SSDS, please let me know. See everyone soon.

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

Library Outreach 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>	
C	Tennessee Waltz	3
G	Five Foot Two	3
	<i>Tunes that change tempo</i>	
Em	Tamlin	4

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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**
	Extras	
G	Girl I Left Behind Me	3
D	Hey Polka	3
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Battle Hymn of the Republic	3*

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

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MUSIC JAMS

UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2nd Saturday of month, Sept thru May, 12:30-4:30pm

For information visit <http://www.unclecarls.org>

NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

1st Saturday of Month, Sept thru May, 6pm

For info contact Jack & Marilyn Mullins: 517-270-2870

MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

2nd Saturday of the month Sept thru May, 6pm

For info. Contact:

Jack & Marilyn Mullins: 517-270-2870

Or Larry Roper: 248-437-5403

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 mthaleymfsm@gmail.com

GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

1st 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

Pittsfield Open Band - POB

1st and 3rd 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

3rd 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

2nd 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

*If anyone knows of a good jam that should be on this list,
please let me know. David Smith*

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

Sherry Humecky 248-348-0066



39 musicians attended our April 4th Jam



After our regular jam, the "After Hours Jam" starts up at about 9 pm

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Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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

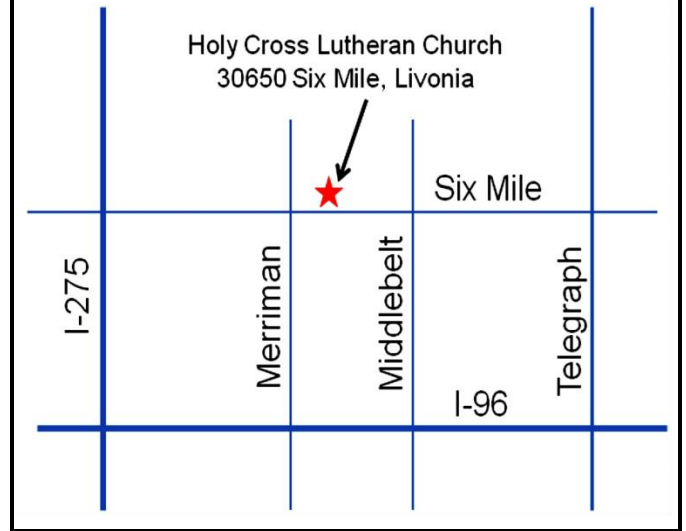
Meeting at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**
In Livonia, Michigan

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, 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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