

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS__ Peggy Kustra

Hello Everyone, Gobble Till You Wobble! Happy Thanksgiving. Many blessings to you, all your family, and your friends.

1) Christmas Music Practice is November 14. The practice sessions begin at 6:00pm

2) We need someone to run for **Secretary for the 2020 Board**. Please help us stay active and continue to grow.

3) Due to the hacking of my yahoo email account, I have changed my email address. My new email address is **peggyakustra54@gmail.com**. I will be able to contact all of you from now on. If you receive an email from my yahoo address asking for money..... IT IS NOT ME. Messages from my gmail account are the only ones that are legitimate.

4) Our Banquet was a total success. We shared good food, good friends and good music. A Big Thank you to Bob and Sandi and all their helpers for making it a wonderful evening.

5) There will be a Board Meeting on November 7th at 5:45 pm. All are welcome to attend.

6) We have many playdates for the Christmas Season. We do spread a lot of delightful Christmas Cheer. Remember to wear holiday clothing, (red or green or a Christmas tree) decorate your instrument or music stand. Come to as many playdates as your are able. We realize that no one is able to be at all of them.

7) Continue to practice our Christmas music on your own as well. *Jingle Bells....*

If you have any questions, ideas or concerns call me at 313-570-7844 or email at peggyakustra54@gmail.com.... Perky Peggy Kustra

VP- PROGRAMS NOTES__ Bob & Sandi Hlavacek

In the harmony of life, we are all but single notes, but together we can make beautiful music!

The SSDS annual banquet was a huge success, according to many people. The food was great, the mood was upbeat, the hobby displays were FABULOUS ! Who would have known we had all of those other talents in our midst? And it's so good to be able to relate to each other on other levels. I feel better,

knowing there are MANY other quilts out there that have been YEARS in the making, LOL. And it is always good to take time to recognize & thank those people who work diligently throughout the year, to make the club activities run smoothly. We have many wonderfully supportive people in our club, who work & play together to keep things running. Our banquet committee is a shining example...THANK YOU!

Nobody can do it all, but if everyone does what they can, SSDS will continue to flourish. If you can't commit to holding an office this year, think about assisting or shadowing one of the current officers, to find out what is involved and perhaps be able to step up next year.

Our **Halloween Variety Night** offers an opportunity for a FRIGHTFULLY good time, with more surprises, which you will all know about by the posting of this newsletter. November will be a month to gear up for the holidays. Keep practicing !!!

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 7.... SSDS Board Meeting 5:45
- 7.... Slow Jam with Linda Osgood..... 6:00-6:45
- 7.... **SSDS MEETING AND JAM** 7:00 - ??
- 14.... Christmas Practice #3..... 6:00
- 21.... "Heavy Breathers", Harmonica..... 6:00
- 21... **SSDS MEETING AND JAM** 7:00 - ??

VP - BUSINESS NOTES__ Bob Patterson

Yikes. It's hard to believe that it is November already. This month we only have two playdates. I guess that is good. Now will be a good time to catch up on your holiday shopping. December will be very busy for us. From the 1st to the 22nd we have 15 playdates.

This month we perform on the 12th in Berkley at the Farina's Banquet Center for the S.A.R.S.P. (Suburban Area Retired Support Personnel). Next, on Monday the 25th we will perform at the Dearborn Community Performing Arts Center for the Festival of Trees. This is a benefit for the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. Bob..... silverstring14@gmail.com

SECRETARY _____ Gloria Tapper

Good morning, I don't have much to discuss this time, mostly trying to get some people to think about taking over the secretary position. It really is a very easy position to fill, take notes at board meetings, type them up and make copies for each board member, send out cards to the recovering members, and pick up the mail, the post office box will be changed to a closer location to Holy Cross for convenience, you can pick up the mail on the way to the jams, so, think about joining the board. If you have any questions or concerns, let me know, hopefully I can answer them.Gloria
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MARSHA'S MUSINGS _____ Marsha Kozlowski

Thank you to all those who generously shared their hobbies and interests at the Banquet. The display was great and made for wonderful conversation. Here is what was displayed:

- Judy Pyrkosz - macrame pieces
- Laurie Patterson - stained glass/mosaic creation
- Chris Hurt - two quilts
- Carol Ann Matthews - art quilts and photo album of her creations
- Dave Matthews - unicycle, juggling pins and drones
- Bob Hlavacek - woodcarving
- Sandi Hlavacek - woodcarving and poetry
- Bob Niemczewski - therapy/meditation zithers he made, one carved out of a walnut block
- Sally Niemczewski - jewelry & pendants
- Penny Cook - quilt/zentangle art/photography
- Kay Rowe - painting, one of a series depicting biblical scenes
- Linda Lloyd - stained glass, hand drawn notecards, book
- Gloria Tapper - quilt
- Alice Avery - cross stitched ornaments and MD Strap
- Mick Mastal - tambourine art
- Carole Mueller - knitting and felting
- Luke Kaweck - antique hammered dulcimer
- Emily Smith - trumpet & EMU marching band items
- Terry Kozlowski - competitive archery
- David Smith - ocarina collection from around the world
- Janis Kibat - quilting and knitting.
- Cathy Smith - victorian memorability – accessories
- Jeff Despard - ethnic shoe cobbling, samples/equipment

Summarizing 2019 from Music Coordination perspective, we have many things to celebrate!

- Our playlists have reflected changes of season and the variety of talent we have. Because of this variety, we are invited back to venues for seasonal events.

- We have added new tunes (6 tunes of the month and 2 holiday selections).
- The slow jam and afterhours jam allow us to improve and broaden our playing.
- More people are participating in playdates and starting the tunes.

~Wishes and hopes for 2020 ~

- A way to restart a classical group to improve our musicality.
- A few more fiddles – our numbers are down in that section and I just love the sound of fiddles and HD. We are so much better together.
- Improved acoustics at Holy Cross .
- More opportunities to do Library Outreach Programs.
.....Marsha mt.koz@hotmail.com

TREASURER _____ George Gonyo

Just a quick note to inform you that **DUES are DUE** for the coming year - 2020. Only \$15 for the entire year. You can mail or see me at the meeting. Checks are much appreciated.

Make checks payable to Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

George Gonyo - Treasurer

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IT'S NOVEMBER...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

6...Bill Smith

10...Terry Treppa



Anniversaries

9...Ed Konstal.....51st - 2019

9...John & Sharon McAuliffe

~ Welcome New Member ~

Herbert Strickler

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Theresa Smith - tsmithuke@yahoo.com

Sally Niemczewski - bsnemo@yahoo.com

Nominations for the coming year include:

Peggy Kustra - President

V.P. Business - Stephen Beck

V. P. Programs - Bob & Sandi Hlavacek

Treasurer - Judith Pyrkosz

Secretary - *This could be YOU!*

It's not too late to volunteer to be on the Silver Strings board as **SECRETARY**. You will be with wonderful people and help our club continue its success for year 37. The election will take place at our club meeting on November 7th. Term starts in January, try it for a year!

Please contact us and help support your club!

Hammered Dulcimer - Repair/Rebuild
Hammers, Strings, Lessons, Loaners
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Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
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Linda Osgood

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Mountain Dulcimer

I'm looking for a used MD in decent shape, preferably with a case, for a student.

If you have one please contact me.

Linda Osgood

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Master Works 15/14 Hammered Dulcimer For Sale!

This beautiful Master Works dulcimer is like new. The soundboard is Mahogany and the end rails are walnut with an overall natural finish.

In addition to the dulcimer there are several accessories, including 3 sets of hammers, tuning wrench, metronome, auto-tuner, adjustable stand and a padded carrying case. The asking price for the dulcimer and all the accessories is \$750 or best offer.

contact Pam Sarlitto 734-459-3075 Canton, MI

Xylophones Wanted

I am seeking some toddler "pull toy xylophones" to do some workshops for next spring's campout & possibly Eart or Midland. I need 6 - 12 instruments. If you have access to one you would donate to the cause, I would appreciate it a LOT. If you see one at a rummage sale, garage sale, Salvation Army, Good Will or other thrift store, PLEASE pick it up for me and I will gladly reimburse you. I figure they might be out there for about \$5 or less. I can't be everywhere, so I REALLY need the extra eyes.

Thank you to anyone who will help look.

Sandi Hlavacek datadoc@charter.net 734-663-7974

Slow Jam November 7 at 6:00

I've included a few Christmas Songs this time as, tis the season, as they say.

- 1 Oh Christmas Tree
- 2 Ding Dong Merrily on High
- 3 Good King Wenceslaus
- 4 Adirondac Cascade
- 5 Davy Davy Knick Knack

Have fun practicing.....Linda Osgood

October-November 2019 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast/ Mississippi Sawyer	3/3
D	Over the Waterfall	3
D	Spanish Two Step	3
Em	Dancing Bear/Missouri (2 nd Time of DB, play A part softer /B part louder)	2/2
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
G	Maggie	3
C	Green Green Grass of Home	2
C	Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie	3
D	Turkey in the Straw	3**
D	Flight of the Haggis	3
Em	Tamlin (start slow, each time a little faster)	4
G	Muss I Denn	3*
Em	Drunken Sailor	4*
Am	Black Cat Schottische	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn/ Schottische du Stockfish	2/2
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
G	South Wind	3*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on a Load	3/3
A	Hangman's Reel	3
	Extras	
G	Grandfather's Clock	3
D	Hey Polka	4
G	Red Apple Rag	3
*2 nd time: HD's soft – feature other instruments ** 2 nd time – feature whistles		

2019 Holiday Play list – Second Draft 10-25-19

Starter	Key	Tune	Play
	G	Over The River/Jingle Bells - Santa Stick	2/2
	G	Deck the Halls Tag End by Starter. *during start – “decorate”	3***
	G/C	Let It Snow/Winter Wonderland	2/2
	C	Silver Bells Ritard End. HD – walk up C Chord,	3
	G	Christmas Waltz – 2 nd time – soften and feature fiddles	3***
	C	Parade of the Wooden Soldiers – 4 measure start- Slide Whistle accents. Time to wear Toy Soldier headbands.	2
	C	Santa Claus is Coming to Town – multiple instrument start: triangles, jingle bells, wood clackers, slide whistle. All join in - beginning at second line after 4 beat lead-in	3
	D	Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer – Santa Stick	2
	G	I Saw Three Ships/Christmas is in the Air	As written
	G/A	Do You Hear What I Hear – 2 measure start. Fiddles highlighted the second time in G.	1
	D	Jolly Old St. Nicholas/ Pachelbel -8 measure start; 1 play soft/slow! 2 nd time whistles/psaltery featured. 3 rd time more volume Whistles play, 4 th time – HD use soft sides 8 measure Tag end by Starter	4
	G	O Come All Ye Faithful - at chorus, start soft, increase volume every 2 measures. End loud. Rit. End	3***
	G	Angels We Have Heard on High (Feature harmonicas 2 nd time) Ritard End	3***
	G	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Ritard end.	3 ***
	G	Manger Medley 1 time in traditional tune – feature other instruments (depending on who is there), HDs soft, at repeat, play a little louder. Ritard Measures 16-19 at end.	1
	Am	What Child is This – 2 nd time, HDs soft. Play w/ expression Ritard end.	3***
	G	Joy to the World – 4 measure start. 3 bongs between each verse. Tag end by Bass	3
	Em	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen –. guitar start Play <u>upbeat</u> tempo; all <u>end abruptly on last note.</u>	4
	Am	We Three Kings/Carol of the Bells 45-46 – play softly. All rest at 76-77 except for MK, Edie, CA & PT Ritard last line.	1
	D/G	Simple Gifts 2 nd time feature harmonicas	2/1***
	D/G	Silent Night Ritard End (Sandi sings 2 nd time in D and 1 st time in G)	2/2***
	D/G	Here We Come/We Wish You a Merry Christmas – 3 beat transition to We Wish. Ritard last 2 measures. All sing the last chorus. Hand out jingle bells for audience to jingle with us.	2/1 1/2
Tunes marked with *** -HD/s soften up second time so other instruments can be featured (depending on who is there).			

Invite your friends and family... here are 12 public performances!

SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER SOCIETY

2019 Holiday Performances

Date	Time	Place
Monday, Nov. 25	2:00 P.M.	Children's Hospital Festival of Trees (1) Ford Performing Arts Ctr 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn
Sunday, Dec. 1	3:00 P.M.	Commerce United Methodist Church 1155 N. Commerce, Commerce Twp.
Wednesday, Dec. 4	7:00 p.m.	Littlefield Presbyterian Church (2) 7560 Littlefield Blvd., Dearborn
Friday, Dec. 6	7:00 P.M.	Good Hope Lutheran Church 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Saturday, Dec. 7	2:00 P.M.	Mt. Hope Congregational Church 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia (2)
Sunday, Dec. 8	2:00 P.M.	Commerce Township Library 180 E. Commerce Rd., Commerce Twp.
Monday, Dec. 9	1:30 P.M.	Plymouth Community Center 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth
Wednesday, Dec. 11	7:00 P.M.	Southgate Veterans Memorial Library 14680 Dix-Toledo Rd., Southgate
Sunday, Dec. 15	3:00 P.M.	Plymouth Public Library 223 S. Main St., Plymouth
Tuesday, Dec. 17	7:00 P.M.	St. Richards Catholic Church 35851 Cherry Hill Rd., Westland
Thursday, Dec. 19	12:15 P.M.	Livonia Public Library 32777 Five Mile, Livonia
Sunday, Dec. 22	7:00 P.M.	Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

(1) \$5 adult admission/\$3 child – Children's Hospital Benefit

(2) Free will offering to be taken

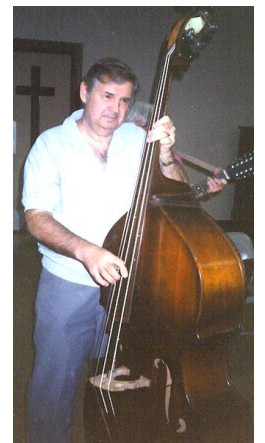
Silver Strings 36th Annual Banquet



71 members and guests were treated to socializing with friends and family, great food, an array of member hobbies, gifts, a 50/50 raffle, award presentations and a well attended jam to round out a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Eight Silver Strings presidents attended our banquet. Can you name them? (Answers at bottom of page 7)



Bob Ewald was presented with an Honorary Membership at our 2019 SSDS Banquet. We have all enjoyed his guitar & singing in countless Variety Night performances, and his expertise with his bass. He steals the show every time he spins his 200 year old bass at playdates & jams. He has been a dedicated member for many years, and his steady beat is the glue that keeps us together.



Practice and Performance



A well attended Christmas practice on October 10



Heartland Healthcare in Canton on October 1



Library Outreach at Salem/South Lyon Library on October 13



Brookhaven Manor in Ann Arbor Oct. 17

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(Answers) SSDS Presidents attending 2019 banquet

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| 1. Peggy Kustra 1999-2000 & 2019-2020 | 5. Bob Niemczewski 2012-2013 |
| 2. Sharon McAuliff 2003 | 6. Marsha Kozlowski 2014 |
| 3. George Gonyo 2005-2006 | 7. Harold Crane 2015-2016 |
| 4. Bob Hlavacek 2008-2009 & 2011 | 8. Terry Kozlowski 2017-2018 |

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.

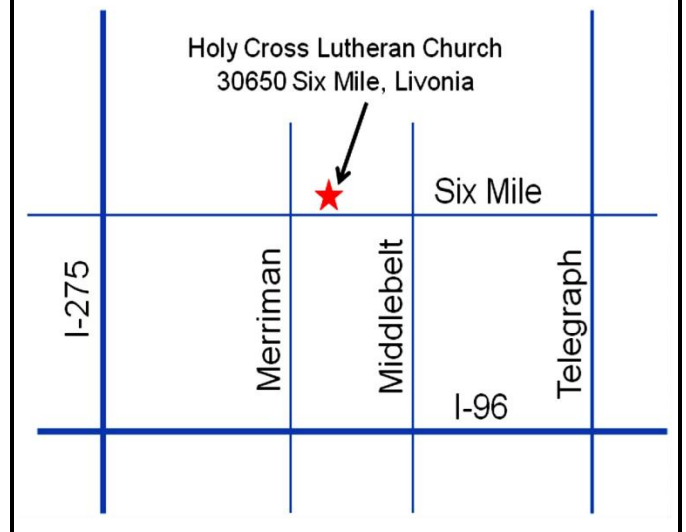
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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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