



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS__ Peggy Kustra

Hello Everyone,

It is September already. I Can't believe it. Time is moving quickly during this Virus outbreak. It has been since February that we have seen each other in person. It looks like it's going to be a long while before we do so again. Missing everyone.

Mark you Calendar for September 17, 2020 7:00 p.m.. We will have a Spirit Jam. Tune up and be ready. We will all be listening for you.

I sent out an email on August 20, 2020 Basically stating that the current board is willing to continue serving SSDS. We are not able to be together. This makes it difficult to vote for a new board. The response from SSDS members was in total agreement to let the board continue in their current positions.

I want to thank everyone for your responses. Also, I want to thank you for your vote of confidence in all of us.

Therefor the following will be the Board for SSDS

President - Peggy Kustra

Vice President Business - Stephen Beck

Vice President Programs - Bob and Sandi Hlavacek

Treasurer - Judy Pyrkosz

Secretary - Julie Kafcas

A really Big THANK YOU to the Board for stepping up to the plate.

There will not be a SSDS Banquet in October.. There are no facilities available and we are in the middle of a pandemic. Hopefully next year.

I would like everyone to thoroughly read Marsha's September article. There is a lot of information to absorb.

Again , Thank you for your responses. The Board is working hard to keep SSDS a vibrant and active club, during these very difficult times.

If you have any questions, ideas or concerns please contact me at peggyakustra54@gmail.com or call me at 313-570-7844.

Please stay safe and healthy.....Perky Peggy still Perky

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, Sep. 17 at 7:00 - Live SPIRIT JAM

All 13 previous Spirit Jams are available for viewing on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SilverStringsClub/playlists>

VP- PROGRAMS NOTES__ Bob & Sandi Hlavacek

**Congratulations to
Marsha & Terry Kozlowski
for your SSDS
Honorary Membership Award**

We thank you for all of your time & talents shared with Silver Strings over the years as Board members, Music coordinator, helping hands wherever needed, and especially the many hours of hard work you gave to provide Spirit Jams to hold us together during the 2020 pandemic. They have, indeed, kept the spirit of our music flowing around the world. You have brought honor to our club, and inspired new members to join in the fun when our musical family can finally meet again. Marsha & Terry are the youngest members ever given this SSDS honor.

We all look forward to the next Spirit Jam on September 17 @ 7:00pm

The hall we have been holding our banquets at is not taking reservations for a group of 50 or more until the crisis is over. Perhaps we can have a banquet in celebration when it becomes legal. We would like to hear from you about how you have filled your extra hours during this time of isolation at datadoc@charter.net. I used to think I didn't have time to deep clean my house. Now I realize it wasn't for lack of time. LOL

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

SECRETARY _____ Julie Kafkas

Greetings Silver Strings Friends! I hope you are all doing well. This is getting old staying home and staying safe, but the alternative is less exciting to me personally. I am keeping busy and looking forward to seeing any of you that can come out to an outdoor rehearsal soon. Yes, at the board meeting last month some plans are in the works for this late summer and early fall. Baby steps to get there. Send me a note about how you are doing. We as a club and board members miss hearing the news of our members. I have heard a few folks have met to play in their yard, on patio, at the campsite. So keep playing its good for the soul!

Highlights of the board meeting:

- Christmas playdates - we most likely won't be physically participating at a location.
- Senior Living places are asking for mini outdoor gigs. Yes GIG, but the limit is 6 people. If these get set up, only those who are on the "LIST" can perform. Watch for news, it would be outside no entry to facility.
- The board is looking into some upgrades for the technical aspects we are faced with because of the pandemic.
- Our Annual Banquet is cancelled. The hall is currently closed, as most are.
- We are planning once a month Spirit Jams and also a Tune of the Month to learn a new tune.

Wear a mask. Watch your distance. Wash your hands.
Stay healthy folks,

.....Julie juliekafcas1@msn.com 734-552-7326



MARSHA'S MUSINGS _____ Marsha Kozlowski

Music Coordination Notes: Hope you have had a good summer, stayed healthy and found a new tune you like. Now that fall is around the corner and COVID is still with us, we are all trying to figure out how to still be a club and how to make use of technology to do that. The goal is to keep music alive, to stay connected and still play together.

Spirit Jam – will resume on FB Live, Thursday, September 17 at 7:00. The tune list will be out by September 10. Everyone enjoyed the photo collages from the spring spirit jams, so we will continue that. Fall is a time of harvest, so start planning a selfie-photo of you with fall flowers or harvest type theme. The photos

should be sent to David Smith, our newsletter editor and collage master. His email address is dtsmithnet@yahoo.com. The latest issue of Dulcimer Player News features an article about our Spirit jams, including a copy of one of the collages.

Slow Jam – Linda Osgood will be resuming the SSDS Slow Jam via ZOOM in the near future. Let her know if you are interested in participating. Her email is losgood10424@comcast.net. There will registration/sign up of some kind in order to manage the group. Participation is for any instrument, not limited to hammered dulcimers. The slow jams are a great way to work on specific tunes. Thank you, Linda for continuing this.

TUNE VIDEO LESSONS – Another project that is just beginning is the creation of tune video lessons of the tunes in our repertoire, starting with some of the tunes of the month. While the video will show where on the dulcimer a tune is played, it is also useful for other instruments to play along. The first one "The Girl I Left Behind Me" is available on the SSDS YouTube channel.

Performance – Thank you to those who have informed me they are willing to perform in the few playdates coming up. We are restricted to 6 players. This presents several challenges in terms of music coordination, including the balance of sound, the right mix of instruments and being able to produce the necessary volume for the age level of our audience and for us to hear each other. Some modifications will be made to accommodate these requirements. Then there is the weather – all performances will be outside so are subject to cancellation if the weather is not cooperative. Sigh! We will use the same playlist through November. The Board is working on creating a concert via ZOOM (there has been a request for this). Its goal is to figure out if and how we can do it. Assuming we can, it will happen for a NOVEMBER GIG. It may require we review and adapt our "arrangements." Stay tuned as this moves forward.

JAMS - As weather permits, we will try to arrange for some "pop-up" jams in the next 6-7 weeks. These will be short notice and kept to small group size. The place will be the Livonia Rotary Park (on Six Mile, a mile west of Holy Cross where we usually meet). The time will be during the afternoon – or could be early evening if people prefer that. If you are interested in jamming in this way, let me know and which time works best for you. It makes notification process much easier. No snacks will be provided but you can bring your own beverage/snack if you want. We will be socially distanced.

CONNECTIONS – Thanks to all who responded to my last mass email. It was very nice to hear what you have been doing, what is coming up for you, and just generally how you are. It shows that life goes on, albeit differently, that there is much to be thankful for, and that regardless of distance, we can stay connected. Do stay in touch. If you have a new favorite tune, a suggestion, a question, something to share – let me know.

..... Marsha mtkoz72@gmail.com 734-239-4190

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Stephen Beck

One of my projects is to try to get Zoom meetings or Google Meet to work properly so we can practice for playdates/events together. We will be testing it this month in hopes of getting as many Silver Strings members (members only please) logged on. If you would like to be part of this project, please send me an email slbeck@beck-enterprise.com. We will be testing both systems to see how they work and which is best to use. I have been talking to some colleges and businesses, getting their input about their ups and downs of each system. Please be patient with me when we go through the testing process. We are testing an avenue for our club to practice for playdates/events during this pandemic.

Please stay safe, healthy, and busy.

.....Steve slbeck@beck-enterprise.com 313-701-7539



On August 26th, representatives of Silver Strings Dulcimer Society arrived at the home of Marsha and Terry Koslowski. We presented them with certificates of Honorary Membership in SSDS. They have gone above and beyond the call of duty during this pandemic. *Their **Spirit Jams** are truly wonderful!* They have given peace to our musical hearts. Hence, we presented them with a beautiful Peace Lily.

Thank you Marsha and Terry for all your hard work.



September-October-November 2020 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast/Mississippi Sawyer	3/3
D	Flop Eared Mule	3 ½
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	Grandfather's Clock	3
D	Angeline the Baker	4*
C	Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie	3
D	Turkey in the Straw	3**
D	Flight of the Haggis	3
D	Midnight on the Water	3*
Em	Tamlin (<i>start slow, each time a little faster</i>)	4
G	Muss I Denn	3*
G	Bellman's Jig	
Am	Black Cat Schottische	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
D	Saro Waltz	3*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/Riding on a Load	3/3
A	Hangman's Reel	3
	Extras	
G	Grandfather's Clock	3
D	Over the Waterfall	
D	Young Roddy McCorley	3*
	*2 nd time: HD's soft – feature other instruments	
	** 2 nd time – feature whistles	

Southern California Dulcimer Heritage

**Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, All Day
26th Annual**

**Harvest Festival of Dulcimers
ALL ONLINE for 2020**



Neal Hellman
Mountain Dulcimer



Tina Bergmann
Hammered Dulcimer

WORKSHOPS - All Levels of Hammered & Mountain Dulcimers

OTHER WORKSHOPS: Bodhran, Tinwhistle, Ten Songs-Same Chord Changes,
Ukulele, Sing Along

- SPECIALIZED JAMS / PLAYING CIRCLES VIA ZOOM 9/25 & 9/26
- CONCERT - Tina Bergmann & Bryan Thomas // Neal Hellman 9/26
- FOCUS WORKSHOPS with Tina and Neal - Sunday, 9/27

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:

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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

30650 Six Mile, Livonia, MI

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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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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