



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER ~ Terry Kozlowski

March 21 marked the beginning of spring, but it looked and felt like the last breath of winter as April refused to let go of the cold, windy, wet, and cloudy weather. As I write this article, it's nice to finally enjoy a few sunny days and 70-degree temperatures.

Easter has come and gone. I trust all had an enjoyable day with family and friends. We're at the doorstep of another great day and that is Mother's Day on May 8. It's great to spend time with loved ones, enjoying warm temperatures, and the fragrance of blooming flowers. Oh yes, let's not forget those allergies!

On April 21, SSDS jam had approximately 35 players, and 3 visitors. Two Wisconsin SSDS members made the trip to Detroit; Mary Jenson and her mother, Evie Belland. They attended the Jam and participated in the Waltonwood - Cherry Hill performance. Thanks Pat and Chris Wolschon for providing lodging and acting as their Detroit tour guide during their stay.

Speaking of hospitality, several members of our club have volunteered to host popup jams. In the past, Marsha has scheduled "Popup Jams" during spring, summer, and fall. They're called popup jams because they're arranged based on a favorable weather window. As Michiganders, we know the weather changes rather quickly. These little jams are held at parks, local shelters or at members' homes. Popup jams have been held at Linda Osgood's home, Pat and Chris Wolschon's home, Marsha and Terry Kozlowski's home, George Gonyo (German Park), Mick Mastel (Elizabeth Park). Recently Chris Hurt, and Laurie and Bob Patterson have joined the list of hospitality givers. Thank you for donating time and facilities to support these little jams. If a member wishes to host one of these, contact Marsha at, mt.koz72@gmail.com.

SSDS membership is at 128 with 15 out of state members. Thanks to the recent renewal memberships. Welcome new members, Eileen Kiernan and Denise Harris-Fiems.

SSDS June camp out reservations is now at 18. Two sites remain to fill our quota of 20. If a member

wishes to help at the camp out, attend the next board meeting, May 5, Holy Cross at 5:30 p.m.

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MARK YOUR MAY CALENDAR!

05 - SSDS Board Meeting ----- 5:30
Evart tune review ----- 6:00
SSDS EVENING JAM ----- 7:00 - 9:00

19 - SSDS EVENING JAM ----- 7:00 - 9:00

VP- PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Gloria Tapper

Hello everyone, I hope you are enjoying all the sunshine, and that it continues for awhile.

Our Campout is getting closer. Are you ready for fun and music? We still have a couple sites available for camping, if you are interested, let me book your reservation. There is still quite a bit to do, and I can use help, especially with transporting the things needed for Saturday. I will have a list if things that need to be transported at our next jam session, if you have a little extra room in your vehicle or camper

I also could use a few more people on the breakfast team, please let me know. There will be a sign up sheet for that also. I am currently making the schedule for the workshops, we have some very talented volunteers. All instruments are invited at any workshop.

Our next Variety night will be on June 30. There were quite a few wonderful performances at the last one, so now is a good time to think about performing in June. There is a lot going on with Silver Strings, I will keep you informed as these events get closer.

.....Gloria Tapper getapper@yahoo.com
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TREASURER ~ Gerry Kustra

We have left winter behind for spring and the promise of campouts, picnics, pop-up jams as well as our traditional jams. There is about \$6,800 in the bank as we await warmer temps and sunnier skies. Enjoy the spring and the serenades of the birds.

....Gerry gkustra@hotmail.com 313-570-7843

MARSHA'S MUSINGS ~ Marsha Kozlowski

Practice Tune Videos – Check out the new tunes in the YouTube Video Library. There are over 80 now and we on our way to having 100 by year end. If you play a different instrument and want to share a “practice video” of an SSDS tune, let me know. We will open a “new section.”

EVART!!! –The playlist will be narrowed down at Evert Tune review jam on May 6 at 6:00 pm. If you plan to play at Evert and have not already ordered your Pure Michigan T-shirt. You will get an email confirming your size so I can place the order soon.

PLAYLISTS – The April-July playlist was debuted at the Waltonwood gig in Canton. The audience loved us “Hey Girl” Ann Wassell did a fine job of leading the crowd in enthusiastic “HEYs!” They enjoyed singing the Armed Services anthems and patriotic tunes. The best was saved for last, Edie “Ethel Merman” Swanberg revved everyone up with a fine rendition of “You’re A Grand Old Flag.”

August playdates are providing background music for several hours at the Belle Isle Art Fest and the Taylor Michigan 175th birthday event. Therefore, the list is longer, mostly favorite jam tunes. Depending on who is there, there is some flexibility on what is played or skipped over.

POP-up Jams –If you haven’t already let me know but are interested in coming to one of these, contact me to be on the contact list. Unless Mother Nature interferes, there are two in May. The first one will be the week of May 9-13, hosted by Chris and Pat Wolschon at their home in Redford Twp. The time will be 1:00 – 3:30. Day to be determined. Watch your emails the beginning of the week. Terry and I will host the second one the week of May 23-27 at our home in Plymouth. The time will be 1:00- 3:30. Bring your own chairs, if you use them.

How much do you enjoy Silver Strings? A lot? - Playing our music brings us joy – help us share that with others. Spread the word about our club. There is still little awareness in the area of our club, its music, and unusual instruments. You can share SSDS Facebook posts, take a brochure to a library, organization, club, or church.

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MAY BIRTHDAY'S..LET'S CELEBRATE !

- 5...Dave Matthews
- 7...Susan Diehl
- 13...Carol Dick
- 19...Shirley Keyser
- 20...Cyndi O'Brien
- 21...Emily Smith
- 26...Peggy Kustra
- 26...Ken Kaiser
- 27...Dawn Hayes
- 27...Terry Kozlowski



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

Attention Mountain Dulcimer Players



Hi Folks

Meetings this month will take place on May 10 & 24.
Our Mountaineer meetings with come to a close
after our May 24th meeting and will resume in the
fall.

We have had a fun and successful first season in
Mountaineers and I encourage anyone who would like
to participate that plays Mountain Dulcimer to do so!
Contact me if you have questions and all are welcome!
Linda Osgood : losgood10424@comcast.net

or text at 734 649 3843

GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING



1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:00pm

Good Hope Lutheran Church,
28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City, MI

A donation of \$3.00 is requested for the church.

---- Your first visit is free! ----

For further information contact :

Bob: bsnemo@yahoo.com

Check our website:

<https://ukulelegathering.weebly.com/>

Silver Strings April - July 2022 Playlist

| Key | Tune | Play |
|-----|--|------------|
| D | Whiskey Before Breakfast | 4 |
| D | Angleworm Wiggle | 3 |
| D | Bucket Man Blues | 3 |
| D | Black Mountain Rag | 3 |
| G | Nail That Catfish to a Tree | 3 |
| G | Westphalia Waltz | 2* |
| Em | Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay | 3/3 |
| G | Red Apple Rag | 3 |
| G | Girl I Left Behind Me | 3 |
| G | Southwind | 3* |
| A | Pickin' the Berries | 3 |
| A | Hangman's Reel | 3 |
| D | John Ryan's Polka | 5* |
| D | Ashokan Farewell | 3* |
| D | Liberty | 2 |
| D | Armed Services Salute | 1 |
| G | America the Beautiful | 3** |
| G | God Bless America <i>repeat Pt B 2nd time thru</i> | 2 1/2** |
| G | Yankee Doodle Boy/ You're A Grand Old Flag | 2/2** |
| | Extras | |
| D | Hey Polka | 3 |
| Em | Tamlan | 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.

Festivals 2022

Berkeley Dulcimer Gathering
 May 13 - 15
Online!
<https://berkeleydulcimergathering.com/>

QuaranTUNE Dulcimer Festival
 June 2 - 5
Online!
<https://www.virtualdulcimerfest.com/>

Mighty Uke Day (MUD)
 June 24-26
 East Lansing, MI
<http://mightyukeday.com>

Indiana Fiddler's Gathering
 June 24 - 26
 Battle Ground, IN
<https://www.indianafiddlersgathering.org/>

ODPC Funfest
 July 14 - 16
 Evart, MI
<http://evartdulcimerfest.org>

Gateway Dulcimer Festival
 August 5 - 7
 Fairview Heights, IL
<http://gatewaydulcimer.org>

Midland Folk Music Festival
 August 25 - 27
 Midland, MI
<http://www.folkmusicsociety.org>

Dulcimer Chautauqua on the Wabash
 October 13 - 16
 New Harmony, IN
<https://dulcimerchautauquaonthewabash.com/>





2022 SILVER STRINGS CAMPOUT

@ Groveland Oaks County Park
14555 Dixie Hwy, Holly MI

- Camping at group sites 10 and 11 from June 8-to the 14th.
- Come for all days or just weekend.
- If you are not a camper, you can come for just a day.
- Camping cost is approximately \$30/night.
- Casual jamming every day.
- Workshops on Saturday.
- Pancake breakfast and Potluck dinner (Club will provide chicken) on Saturday.
- Reserve a spot by contacting Gloria Tapper @ getapper@yahoo.com or call 734-427-1142.

If you come for just a day there is a daily pass fee, unless you are an Oakland County resident. The park has a lot of amenities, including swimming, fishing, kayak rental, trails, miniature golf, etc. for non-musicians.

**JOIN US IN KICKING OFF THE SUMMER MUSIC SEASON.
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!**



Our Silver Strings April 7 Jam was a big success. Two hours of musical fun from 7 - 9pm with 31 members in attendance.



After the main jam broke up, the "After Hours" jam started up at 9pm with 13 musicians.



Our April 21st meeting began at 6 pm with a slow jam and was followed by our big jam from 7-9pm. 38 members and 3 guests attended and members Mary Jensen and her mom, Evie Belland came all the way from Wisconsin to join in!



After a break, 12 musicians closed out the evening with an " After Hours" jam. What fun!



A lively performance took place at Waltonwood Senior Living on April 22nd with 13 musicians. The audience loved us "Hey Girl" Ann Wassell did a fine job of leading the crowd in enthusiastic "HEYs!" They enjoyed singing the Armed Services anthems and patriotic tunes. The best was saved for last, Edie "Ethel Merman" Swanberg revved everyone up with a fine rendition of "You're A Grand Old Flag."

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

Meeting at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

30650 Six Mile, 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:

<https://www.silverstrings.org/>

Everyone is welcome!

Come to listen or come to play.

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