

# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

## Soundboard

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### PRESIDENTS RAMBLINGS \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Niemczewski

Hello Fellow Members,

By the time you read this article we will have had our club "garage sale". I hope it is a success, you were all able to sell some items that you no longer need, and pick up some goodies that you must have.

We have had a few wonderful play dates, and I don't know who had more fun... we or the audience. Also, the camping/gathering at Myers Lake Campground was a good time. The music, workshops, food, and folks were wonderful. **A big thank you goes out** to all of you who volunteered your time for workshops, helping set up, preparing and helping with the food, making phone calls, helping take everything down, and the list goes on and on... Without your help, these events would not be possible.

The month of July will be a busy one for us. **We will not be having a Board meeting July 5<sup>th</sup>**, due to holidays and vacations. Is everyone getting ready for Evert this year? I have talked to quite a few folks who have never been to Evert, and I urge them to come on up and join in the fun and music. Evert is like no other festival, with the music going day and night, workshops all day from 9 to 5, and the fellowship and new friends that come your way. Speaking of Evert, **there will NO club meeting July 19<sup>th</sup>**, as almost everyone will be at the festival. I hope this newsletter will find you all in good health and happiness.

Peace Through Music .....Bob

### NOTEifications \_\_\_\_\_ V.P. Business

Hello Everyone,

It's Sum-Sum-Summertime and the Livin' is easy!!! It's a time for fun, festivals and lots of jammin'! I don't know about you, but in the middle of winter I dream of these days. Getting together with our musical friends, where and whenever, during the summer, is the best!

Our SSDS campout was a **huge** success, and I would like to thank all those who put it together.

Our one and only play date in June, at the Southgate Senior Co-Op, was one of the most fun I've ever attended! We had our audience literally dancing in the isles. We just had a blast! What a dedicated group of musicians we have! It certainly makes my job easier, knowing I can count on them to put on a wonderful performance.

We have three playdates coming up for July, and our **August is FREE !!!** Look for the lineup in the SSDS Calendar. If you signed up, you will be receiving a reminder from me.

We will have our annual "Osgood Jam" on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars. As usual, we will provide Sloppy Joes, beverages and place settings. Just bring a dish to pass. A campfire at dusk will follow the jam. Things get a little crazy sometimes at campfires, especially when those dances and the hootin' and hollerin' starts. (Good thing I don't have neighbors)!! **Don't miss the fun!!**

Linda Osgood ..... VP Business

### PURSE STRINGS \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer

Hello Everyone,

All the bills are paid for our camp out. We have also paid the members who played for our play dates in the second quarter.

I'm asking everyone to keep in mind that when you write a check for an SSDS function, dues or whatever, be sure to write the check out to Silver Strings, and not to an individual. It is a lot easier at the bank when it's made out to the club. .... Sally

### SAVE THE DATE !

**SSDS Banquet Thursday, Oct. 4th.**

Committee members:

Chairperson, Theresa Smith with Peggy Kustra and Ramona Hadley.

More information to follow in future Soundboards.

## VP PROGRAMS George Gonyo

The SSDS Myers Lake Campout was held this past weekend. Those who attended enjoyed great weather, friendship, food, workshops, and jams, not to mention the music that was enjoyed by everyone in the campground. A little bit of history; Marie started this camping weekend for Silver Strings at Myers Lake ten years ago.

Larry brought up the canopies so we'd be able to jam and hold our workshops, in case of inclement weather. **A big thank you** to all those who helped set up the two big canopies. We did have a small issue with the new tarps, but we were able to utilize them after we tied everything together so the tubes wouldn't separate.

The weekend started with a potluck and jam Friday night. Saturday morning got off to great start with a pancake and sausage breakfast hosted by Linda Osgood, with plenty of coffee and orange juice. Janelle picked up the supplies for breakfast, and located the caterer for the Saturday evening meal. Great job, Janelle.

Karen led a harmonica jam in the morning. After lunch, we had two dulcimer workshops led by Penny and Sharon. These workshops were enjoyed by all those who attended. We learned two new songs; Pig Ankle Rag and Green Willis. Don't be surprised to hear these songs requested at the next meeting. A ukulele jam led by Theresa, and a mountain dulcimer jam led by Marie, rounded out the afternoon.

We then moved the picnic tables back under the canopy and got ready for the Saturday night dinner of turkey, pot roast, vegetables, mashed potatoes, salad, bread, and cake for dessert.

The Saturday evening jam, held in the big barn, was led by Penny. She did a fantastic job !!!

On Sunday morning, we gathered down by the lake for church service, where we played some of our hymns. Lunch followed, and it was time for some of us to pack up. **A big thank you** to those who were able to stay and help take down the two canopies.

We reserved the second weekend in June of 2013, so plan to be there with us, to join in on the activities. One **final big thank you to Jon and his staff at Myers Lake**. They provided us with help getting into our campsite, with picnic tables, refuse cans, the barn to jam in, and transportation to and from the lake for our instruments for the church service. . . . .George

As of this newsletter it appears that the German Park picnic will be cancelled this year due to too many conflicting plans. We want to thank George for all his efforts and we'll try it again next year.

### Evart Kids Program

Do you have any small cookie tins, 8" or smaller, that you would be willing to donate for the Evart Kids' program? It's the kind of thing we sometimes receive Christmas cookies in. We need them to make canjos with the kids, that they can learn to play and take home. If you can find some at home or garage sales, call 734-663-7974 and bring them to Sandi Hlavacek at Evart.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### JULY

- 5....SSDS Jam..... 7:00-?  
8....Afternoon Concert ..... BC ..... 3-4pm  
Pine Ridge of Hayes Ret. Comm. . . . . Sterling Heights  
17...Afternoon Concert ..... BC ..... 2:30-3:30  
Heartland Health Care ..... Canton  
19-22... **Evart Dulcimer Funfest** ..... Evart  
25...Afternoon Concert ..... BC ..... 2:30-3:30  
Heartland Health Care ..... Dearborn Heights

### AUGUST

- 10-11...Fiddlers' Convention..... Hillsdale  
23-26...**Midland Folk Music Festival** . . . . . Midland

### SEPTEMBER

- 15.....**Annual Osgood Jam** ..... Canton

BC=Business Casual, V= Victorian  
BW=Black & white, H=Holiday

## IT'S JULY...LET'S CELEBRATE !

### BIRTHDAYS

- 4....Regis Proulx  
5....Karen Turner  
9....Janelle Pacic  
10...Frank Surhigh  
14...Sally Niemczewski  
14...Richard Rowe  
14...Ellie White  
17...John McAuliffe  
18...Charlie Feigel  
20...Ramona Hadley  
26....Pat Jablonski



### ANNIVERSARYS

- 11.... Roger & Barb Davis.....53<sup>rd</sup>

## 2012 Big Lake Jam & Potluck

If you get to Evart by July 15th, (the Sunday before the Funfest begins) plan to attend the **annual pre-fest Big Lake Jam**. It will again be led by Rick Thum in the pavilion at Crittenden County Park, about 6 miles east of Evart. Paper plates, silverware, lemonade and unsweetened iced tea are provided. Musicians, bring your family to enjoy the lake, while you play with your friends. Flyers will be at the meetings and on the website, or call Pat D. at 231-734-3593.

5:pm socializing  
6:pm dinner

7:pm jamming at the lakefront

**To print the JULY Play list,**  
 please click on our website or this link :  
<http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/pdf/2011/jul11.pdf>

**JULY PLAY LIST 2012**

| Key | Tune   | Play          |
|-----|--|---------------|
|     | <b>List of tunes for 1 hour gigs</b>   |               |
| D   | Whiskey Before Breakfast   | 3             |
| G   | Maggie   | 3             |
| G   | Westphalia Waltz   | 2             |
| D   | Over The Waterfall   | 3             |
| Am  | Cold Frosty Morn   | 3             |
| D   | Smash The Windows  | 3             |
| D   | The Ashgrove   | 3*            |
| G   | Battle Hymn of the Republic  | 3             |
| G   | America The Beautiful  | 3**           |
| G   | You're a Grand Old Flag  | 3             |
| D   | Liberty  | 3             |
| D   | Simple Gifts   | 3***          |
| G   | Flowers of Edinburgh   | 3             |
| G   | Redwing  | 3*            |
| D   | Harvest Home   | 3             |
| D   | Southwind  | 3*            |
| G   | Red Apple Rag  | 3             |
| D   | John Ryan's Polka  | Karen Decides |
| D   | Hey Polka  | Bob Decides   |
| D   | Coleman's March  | 3             |
| D/D | Endless Medley: Ragtime Annie/   | 2/2/2/2       |
| D/G | Soldier's Joy/Golden Slippers  |               |
|     | <b>Extra Tunes</b>   |               |
| Em  | Tamlin   | 3             |
| D   | Festival Rag   | 3             |
| G   | Old Joe Clark  |               |
| G   | Larry's Waltz  | 3*            |
|     | * <b>2<sup>nd</sup> time:</b> fiddles, harmonicas, backup (HDs play softly)<br>** possible vocal<br>*** <b>1<sup>st</sup> A</b> (1) MD or HD,<br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> A &amp; B</b> add (1)fiddle, (1)guitar<br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> time:</b> add harmonicas<br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> time:</b> everybody plays<br><b>4<sup>th</sup> time:</b> (1)MD or HD, (1)fiddle (1)guitar |               |

**MUSIC COORDINATOR** \_\_\_\_\_ Sharon McAuliffe

**Corrected Music:**

As I get the SSDS music corrected, I will be sending it as a PDF file to Karen, and she will send them out in the Drop Box as she gets a few on hand.

**Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Music.**

We have been given permission, by several composers, to play their music in our club. We also pay for a license that allows us to play some of our favorite tunes. We want to protect our Silver Strings members and respect the composers who have generously shared their music with us. In consideration of the composers and SSDS, do not sell, copy, give away or share any of our Silver Strings music.

**FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS**

**NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM**

**First Saturday of Month – 6pm (Jul 7<sup>th</sup>)**

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

**SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Gurus and Rookies)**

**First Saturday of the month 10:30-Noon (Jul 7<sup>th</sup>)**

Magic Bean Café, 5789 State St, Suite 3, Saginaw. MI

All are welcome from curious to virtuosos

Songs are posted beforehand on the internet

For info email: [muzyka2007@yahoo.com](mailto:muzyka2007@yahoo.com)

**MT. HALEY JAMBOREE**

**Last Friday of every month (Jul 27<sup>th</sup>)**

Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County

For Info contact Alice Perry at: [mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com](mailto:mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com)

**SALINE CELTIC FESTIVAL**

**Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>: 6-12:00, Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>: 8:30-**

**12:00 at Millpond Park, Saline, MI**

For info: <http://www.salineceltic.org>

**BUCKLEY OLD ENGINE SHOW**

**August 16-19 in Buckley, MI,**

**between Cadillac and Traverse City**

Step back in time with old time music, arts and machines

Info @ <http://www.buckleyoldengineshow.org>

**A to Z's of Hammered Dulcimer**

**with Rick Thum**

Intensive three day workshop for all levels

July 16-18

9:00-11-30AM and 12:30-4:00PM

Evert United Methodist Church, Downtown Evert

\$165.00 Includes a learning jam Mon. and Tues.

and open jam Wed. to close out the class.

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**Pre-registration is necessary**

**WANTED: MOUNTAIN DULCIMER PLAYERS**

The youth program at the Evert Funfest has 20 mountain dulcimers. The kids have a lot of fun learning how to play them, but we need lots of helpers to work with one or two at a time on Thursday afternoon, 2-3:00, and possibly same time Friday. The kids like to perform on stage for an audience.

We are asking for people willing to help introduce the kids to this fine instrument. **If you are willing** to volunteer an hour or two of your time, would you please let us know ahead, so we know how many we might have to work with ? And if you decide at the last minute that you are free, please drop in any time at the rabbit barn to tell us. **Bob & Sandi Hlavacek, (734) 663-7974**

**A note from the editor:** The August edition of this newsletter will be about a week late as I will be out of town until the end of July and it takes a few days to put it all together. Lee Lack

## Only in America.....

...can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

....do people order double cheese burgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

....do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

....do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

....do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.

....but we wouldn't want to live anywhere else.



## The 17th Annual Saline Celtic Festival

kicks off on Thursday, July 12th. Friday night, July 13th, is Pub in the Park starting at 5:30 p.m. and promises food,

drinks and music for a \$5.00 gate fee into the Red Dragon tent. Great music and fun workshops, for dance and music, offer a full night of fun.

Saturday, July 14, the festivities begin after opening ceremonies to celebrate Welsh, Irish, and Scottish traditions. Great activities for families to enjoy include Highland games, Millie the Mill Pond Monster, the Wee Folk Area, Sheep Dog Demonstrations, Jousting Knights on Horseback, Dark Ages Living History Viking Encampment and much more. And what would the festival be without the Highland Pipe Bands?

There will be food and merchant vendors selling authentic Celtic food and great merchandise.

Saturday's stage events will begin at noon with live entertainment throughout the day. A group of our SSDS members called Village Strings will be hosting a jam in the acoustic tent from 3:15 to 4:15. Everyone is welcome to bring an instrument and join in!

This festival has had a few hard years, due mostly to the weather, it's an outdoor festival after all. So if you'd like to see it continue for many more years bring the family and have a perfectly enjoyable day!

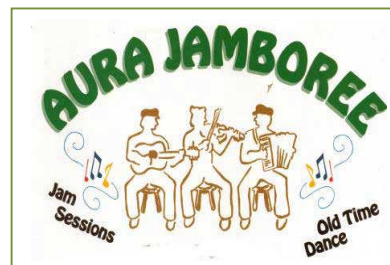
## Statue of Liberty

Yes, she's elegant, strong and forever promoting her agenda, though once I saw her disjointed arm in a photo reclining in Central Park, shades of Gulliver, before she was fully formed in New York Harbor.

I visited her once on an evening. Our boat sidled up to the island in a misty rain. Her image softened and hinted of animation. I willed her to speak, felt a shiver in my spine, moisture in my eyes, and if I tell you more, you'll be disquieted with thoughts ever so maudlin.

So you must see for yourself the gift that reaches out, the welcome site.

Gerry Hermans



There is a little known but very nice festival that has taken place up near Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula in the tiny town of Aura, MI, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of July for nearly forty years.

The Aura Jamboree is a two day festival and has more than 50 musicians that play throughout Friday and Saturday. Many travel from all over the country, and there is a friendly, open attitude toward all. The jamboree has grown in popularity due to the great community which organizes and hosts it.

The music begins at 5 pm on Friday and runs until 12 am. On Saturday the music begins again at 10 am. The day's festivities include an Old Time Dance which begins at eight and closes the event at midnight. Food is served both days.

No auditions are required and the depth of your repertoire is not important. The grounds around the hall are set with small tents and folding chairs. Groups of musicians jam as experienced musicians accompany the most novice. The Aura Jamboree is a must see event for all shade tree musicians, come for the day and don't forget to bring your instruments !

**Festivals are fun !!**





## Myers Lake Campout 2012

Pennye lead a hammered dulcimer workshop (above). Karen lead the harmonica workshop (below). Marie headed up a mountain dulcimer jam (right center). Guitarists played along. And then everybody ate their fill. The campout was a great success, and good fun was had by everyone.



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