



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

I heard a lot of nice compliments on our Annual Banquet, held October 6th at the Fox Hills Country Club. The weather even cooperated. It was beautiful, and the leaves were just starting to turn color as we approached the banquet center. We had some hors d'oeuvres, followed by an icebreaker, where we had to complete a list of things about ourselves, then find someone who had the same answer on their list. I was still looking for someone who liked winter, when I ran out of time. I never did find anyone who likes winter. Then the food was brought out and everything got quiet, as we proceeded to eat. The food was great and so was the music that followed. I give a big **THANK YOU** to Evie and Jim Bain and their committee, for a job well done in planning this event.

If any of you are interested in running for a board position, please contact Dorothy Ewald or a member of her committee to submit your name for the ballot. We will be voting at the first meeting in November.

See you there!

George

Webster defines a **sawyer** as "a log or tree caught in a river so that its branches saw back and forth with the water". Picture that, as you play the song, "**Mississippi Sawyer**". It's a catchy little ditty which is easily (and often) played fast. But the fact is, the only time a sawyer might go that fast, is during a hurricane. A more pleasant picture, is a sunny day, canoeing down the Mississippi River, watching the logs bob gently along the bank. Take time to hear the melody.

YOU CAN BANK ON THIS . . . \$\$\$

This year has slipped by rapidly. October was a busy month, with preparation for, and attendance at the 2006 banquet. What a great jam session we had after the tasty dinner we all enjoyed. The jam session was really up beat (and fast). My vote is to have it at Fox Hills again next year. Preparations are also under way for the annual election of officers. October 20th was the day of our annual meeting. I presented the financial state of Silver Strings. To date, the treasury has \$1234.65 more income, than we have spent. Our balance on October 20th is \$6,096. This does not include the banquet finances. I met with Evie and Jim Bain on Friday to finalize the income and expense. We should break even with these and the newsletter expenses rolled in. With six more play dates scheduled, we should finish the year very much on the plus side of the balance sheet. We have added 24 new members this year, bringing our total to 149.

I would like two non-board member volunteers to work with one board member and me, to perform an audit of the treasury, in early January. We will spend 2 to 3 hours maximum, reviewing receipts, deposits, and checking account statements, to verify the year-end balance. It's not heavy or tedious work. I'll make sure it's fun.
Bob Hlavacek, Treasurer

Rick Thum.... Concert & workshops...

Nov. 5th, at Rockford VFW Hall
4195 13 Mile Rd., Rockford, Mi.

Workshops \$25 each or \$40 for both

11:00am – 1:00pm...Beginner
"Technique & a fiddle tune"

2 - 4:00pm.....Int / Adv

"Chords, how to find them &
how to use them"

Concert 7:00 pm. \$15 at the door

What's the difference between a violin and a fiddle?
A fiddle is fun to listen to.

V. P. OF BUSINESS.

Have a little time to spare this holiday season ? Then, consider joining your fellow SSDS musicians at an upcoming playdate. We have accepted bookings for 9 engagements. There is still room for a few more people for each date. Highlighted below are the NEW dates that have been added since the October newsletter. REMEMBER: You must sign up because some of the booking groups have specified the number of musicians they can accommodate. Also, if you have to cancel, let me know.

Playdate Attire: All of the November and December playdates will be holiday/dressy casual. That means no jeans, tee shirts, sweatshirts, sneakers, etc. Slacks, skirts, shirt, blouse, sweater or some holiday attire is appropriate.

All times listed for playdates are the actual performance times. Plan to arrive at least 1/2 hour early for set up.

Thank you to all who have already signed up. You will receive an e-mail from me in a few days, so that you can mark your calendars. Of course, you'll receive the usual detailed notification just before the playdate.

See you at practice and at the playdates.

Ramona

Here's what's coming up:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

- Nov. 8 SSDS playdate, 7-8:00 pm
@ Ward Church, Northville
- Nov. 12 Uncle Carl's Jam. 12:30 pm
- Nov. 18 SSDS playdate 6:30-7:30 pm
@ Coogan Terrace, Melvindale
- Nov. 26 West Adrian Music jam 6:30 pm
- Dec. 3 SSDS playdate 2-3:00 pm
@ Comerica Bank, Dearborn
- Dec. 5 SSDS playdate. 6:30-7:15 pm
@ Cherry Hill Presbyterian, Dbn.
- Dec. 9 SSDS playdate 7:30-8:30 pm
@ Gibraltar Community Center
- Dec. 13 SSDS playdate, 7 -8:00 pm
@ Northville Library, Northville
- Dec. 15 SSDS playdate 2:15-1:00 pm
@ Livonia Public Library
- Dec. 15 SSDS Holiday Potluck 6:45 pm
@ Good Hope Church
- Dec 16 SSDS playdate 1- 2:30 pm
@ Northville Presbyterian Church
- Dec. 18 SSDS playdate, 10- 11:00 am
@ Franklin Community Church, Franklin

ROSIN THE BEAU... This is the Irish tune for a ballad called 'Men of the West'. It first came to America in 1838. This song has been used in several Presidential campaigns-to sing the praises of Lincoln and Grant. As 'Acres of Clams', it became the state song of Washington in 1889."

NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY..

Hello everyone. We're back from our cruise in Hawaii and had a marvelous time. It was a little cool on the ocean, though, as we had a northeast wind and the captain had to go around a couple of hurricanes. Here is a notice I received :

Lindsay Haisley, from Texas... Autoharp Concert & workshop

Concert.....Nov.4th, 8:00pm,\$10 entrance
Nov. 5th at the Pittsfield Grange
3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd.,
Ann Arbor,(1/2 mile south of I-94)

Workshops 10-11:30am..."The chromatic autoharp and how to take advantage of its unique properties"
(POTLUCK LUNCH)
1-2:30pm..."Rhythms workshop", suitable for all stringed instruments
(\$15 fee per workshop)

The annual membership meeting was held during the break at our regular jam night on Oct. 20th.

Ramona has dated several playdates for Nov. & Dec.. She also announced that on Dec 15th we will have a pot luck dinner, followed by a concert & dessert for our host church, Good Hope Lutheran.

Bob gave a 3rd quarter treasurer's report, and has copies available at the business table.

The nominating committee consists of Dorothy Ewald (chair), Theresa Smith, Peggy Kustra, and Bob Hlavacek (board representative).

The nominations for the 2006 board officers were: George Gonyo for President, Ramona Hadley for Vice President of Business, Marlin Harmon for Vice president of Programs, Bob Hlavacek for Treasurer, and Carol Harmon for Secretary.

All nominations at that meeting will be placed on the ballot. Anyone else who wants to run for office may be nominated from the floor, on the day of the election.

Absentee ballots may be requested at any time, but must be received by November 3rd, the day of the election.

All membership dues of \$10.00 must be in by the day of elections, to be eligible to vote.

Carol



Taylor Historical Society's Sunday Concert Series features Silver Strings

Submitted by David Smith

The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society was featured in performance on Sunday, September 25 at Heritage West Mound Church in Taylor's Heritage Park. This performance was part of the Taylor Historical Society's Sunday Concert Series. A photo and article advertising the event appeared in the Downriver Heritage Newspaper and the Downriver Metro section of the Free Press. 18 Silver Strings members performed to a full house of 200+. During the Hey Polka, the enthusiastic audience joined in the loudest "HEY!" we have ever heard and also clapped along with many of the tunes. Afterwards, many in the audience eagerly came forward to find out about our club, our instruments and many bought CD's and tapes.

MORE DEFINITIONS

arpeggio: "Ain't he that storybook kid with the big nose that grows?"

bass: the things you run around in softball.

clef: what you try never to fall off of.

bass clef: where you wind up if you do fall off.

cut time: when everyone else is playing twice as fast as you are.

diatonic: low-calorie Schweppes.

major scale: what you say after chasing wild game up a mountain: "Damn! That was a major scale!"

metronome: a city-dwelling dwarf.

order of sharps: what a wimp gets at the bar.

perfect pitch: the smooth coating on a freshly paved road.

tempo: good choice for a used car

FROM THE MUSIC MAN

**SILVER STRINGS
Holiday Play List**

		first note	
1 G	Jingle Bells	chor+2	B
2 G	Red Wing	3X	
3 G	Away in a Manger	3X	D
4 G	Deck the Halls	3X	D
5 G	Red Apple Rag	3X	D
6 C	Winter Wonderland	2X	G
7 C	Silver Bells	3X	C
8 EM	We Three Kings	3X	B
9 D	Angle Worm Wiggle	3X	A
10 C	Tennessee Waltz	2X	C
11 G	Joy To the World	3X	G
12 G	Let It Snow	2X	D
13 D	Festival Rag	3X	A
14 D	Rudolph	3X	A
15 DM	What Child is This(Greensleeves)	3x	D
16 G	Whiskey (Eggnog) B4 Brkfst.	3X	D
17 D	Frosty the Snowman	2+ end	A
18 D	Simple Gifts	3X	A
19 G	Silver and Gold Two Step	3X	B
20 G	Angels We Have Heard	3X	B
21 DG	Silent Night	2,g chrd,2	A&D
22 G	We Wish You a Merry Ch-mas	chor,vrs,D	chor

During November add :
 "Turkey in the Straw"(D)
 "Apples, Peaches...."

THINK ABOUT THIS

If you have an idea for a trip, a workshop (guest leader, perhaps ?) or any special "happening" you would like to see Silver Strings Dulcimer Society sponsor, talk to a board member. Offer your wish ! You have phone and E-mail information, and we have a suggestion box at the "business table" at each meeting. Let's use money in the treasury for education and enlightenment...expand our horizons.

HUNDRED PIPERS This song is from the 1745 Jacobite Rising, when Scotland's Bonnie Prince Charlie led his army, accompanied by a hundred pipers, into Edinburgh and occupied the Castle.

If you have changed your address, phone number, or E-mail address, please notify Bob Hlavacek, treasurer. An updated membership list will be available by election time. Your E-mail will absolutely NOT be shared outside our membership.

Silver Strings Annual Banquet

Submitted by David Smith



A large and happy crowd of members and guests shared a full evening of socializing, food, fun and music at the beautiful Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. This annual event celebrated **Silver Strings Dulcimer Society's 22nd** year of music.



After our delicious meal and lots of socializing, there was plenty of room for music making and we all jammed the night away. Thanks goes to Evie and Jim Bain and others on the committee who helped arrange all the evenings' activities. This year's gift was a fountain pen and license plate holder, both with a Silver Strings logo. It was a full and fun evening for all. Many additional photos will appear soon in the *Photo Gallery* on our club website at <http://ssdsociety.org>

On Saturday October 8th at Eastern Michigan University's "Family Day" event, 21 Silver Strings members shared their music as a large and enthusiastic audience enjoyed their meals in the casual dining area of McKinney Hall. 14 of the musicians played Hammered Dulcimers, WOW! It was a fun performance and the audience loved us.

Family Day 2005

McKENNY UNION
DINING COMMONS
FIRST FLOOR

SILVER STRINGS
PULCIMER SOCIETY

12:30 - 2 pm



The 3rd Annual Midwest UkeFest by David Smith



14 Silver Strings made the 5 hour trip to the 3rd Annual Midwest UkeFest in Indianapolis, Indiana on Oct. 27 - 30. All had an exciting time in a preview get together, with duckpin bowling, intense workshops, vendors, 2 evening concerts, jamming late at night, and lots of socializing. In the above photo, 10 of us gave an enthusiastic performance on Saturday with our rendition of "Bye Bye Love", "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and "Monster Mash" (our Halloween tune). Our group came home with several new Ukuleles, and heads filled with lots of new tunes and techniques to try. What a fun-filled, inspiring time! So, dust off your Ukulele, start strumming and join us at next year's 4th Annual Ukefest on the last weekend in October.

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POT LUCK DINNER

THURS., DECEMBER 15, 2005, 6:45 PM

Get out your favorite recipe. It's almost time for the SSDS holiday potluck. The club will provide baked ham. We'll have a sign up sheet at the next couple of meetings, so you can indicate what you'd like to bring, (salads, veggies, desserts, etc.).

We'll be starting just a bit earlier that day. Our host church, Good Hope Lutheran, has requested that we do a short concert for their members. So, after our dinner, we will clean up the hall, and they will join us for music and desserts.

Ramona

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Autumn Glory

By Sandi Hlavacek

Lime green Grape vines cascade down,
o'er golden Oak and Oaks of brown
Copper leaves, without a name,
foliage Bronze, no two the same.
Crimson Maple, sun-yellow true...
flaming, orange and all shades too,
Sage green Willow, turning yellow,
Pampas fluff to fill a pillow.
Lemon Aspen, and Tamarack...
their breathless splendor sets me back
Chartreuse Locust, burgundy bush...
endless shades, so bright and lush.
Cedar & Fir in varied greens...
can you tell me what it means ?
Chocolate Cat-tails, standing tall,
by Virginia Creeper's scarlet shawl
on amber Hickory waiting there,
to catch attention... can't help but stare.
Deep green Pines of every hue,
and there is Spruce of dusty blue
Textured grasses, plumes of tan,
could not be designed by man.
None of this is mortal made...
this pallet filled with every shade.
Amidst this Glory, I view and feel...
I know God's here... and He is real

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From time to time, people have asked, "Why can't we have something besides pizza to eat on variety night ?" So... the last time we tried something different. We had half pizza, and half Subway sandwiches.

Did you like the change ? Do you have any other ideas ? Would you be interested in a "chili cook-off" ? We could do it for a prize, or do it for a charity. How about a "soup bar" this winter ?

. This is YOUR CLUB ! Give us some ideas ! We want your input. Please... talk to a board member or use the suggestion box. Editor