



# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The 2006 ODPC Funfest held in Evart, Michigan is in the record books now. It was a hot one! Everyone I saw up there seemed to be having a good time in spite of all the heat. The fairgrounds are still in the process of being upgraded for electrical and renovating the restroom facilities. They are not quite complete, but are definitely making progress. Some of the camping trailers were able to utilize the partially upgraded electrical and made good use of their A/C systems in their trailers, which provided relief and a place to stop in and cool off for a while. A big thank you to those SSDS members who provided an oasis for instruments, beverage's, and use of your air conditioning for survival. In case you didn't locate our SSDS bench, I found it at the ODPC pavilion. The pig roast held Thursday night was excellent.

Don't forget our own SSDS pig roast coming up on August 6th. Also, there are five Thursday in the month of August and that means variety night, so plan accordingly.

If you would like to run for the SSDS board for the 2007 season, please contact Dorothy Ewald or anyone on her nominating committee.  
George

### V.P. Programs

I hope you who went all had a good time at Evart. The weather was hot and it rained a couple of times but all went well and we all had a good time. By the way another variety night will be here on August 31 and we still need a host or hostess for that night... a volunteer?

If you would like to do this please contact George Gonyo or one of the officers. We will be leaving on August 23rd. Our phone number is 313-537-6290  
Marlin

### V.P. Business

Despite the extremely hot, humid conditions at this year's Evart Festival, Steve and I had loads of fun and even learned a few new things. Hope the rest of you did, too.

Not too much to add to our calendar right now, but summer is traditionally our slow season. There are a couple of events coming up that you may want to consider. We can still add a two or three more people to the Friday, August 11 playdate at Grand Court, at 7:00 pm.

We have been booked by Eastern Michigan University for their Family Day again this year. The date is Saturday, October 7, 2006. Exact time and location will be available shortly. Their committee was meeting at the end of the month, and they will advise us after they meet.

The playdate for the volunteers at the Botanical Gardens and Arboretum in Ann Arbor has been re-booked for Sunday, October 22. Those SSDS members, who signed up for the original date that was canceled, will be given first consideration for this playdate.

Watch this space for upcoming holiday bookings. In the meantime, dust off your holiday tunes so we can start practicing. Roger will advise which tunes we'll be performing this year.

Try to stay cool. And, thanks again for all of your support.  
Ramona

**SSDS ANNUAL BANQUET**      **October 5, 2006**  
**at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth**  
Hors d'ouvres at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00, Jam till ???

## Notes From the Music Man \_\_\_\_\_

Since we didn't use last month's play list, why not use it for August. The tune of the month will be 'The Old Spinning Wheel' written by Billy Hill in 1930. I will have copies at the first meeting in August.

I have a tentative Holiday play list that we can start practice in late August. We usually have play dates starting mid November, so there's not too much time left to practice and perfect.

A couple of songs to practice at the jams in August are "Metsakukkia and Star of the County Down".

Roger

SSDS August Play List		first	note
key			
G	Westphalia Waltz	2X	D
C	Apple, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie	3X	G
C	Black Velvet Waltz	2x	G
G	Bellman's Jig	3x	G
D	Hey Polka	4x	A
D	Chinese Breakdown	3x	A
G	Hundred Pipers	3x	G
G	Silver and Gold	3X	B
G	Eddie's Reel	3x	D
G	Down Yonder.	3X	B
AM	Katushka	5X	A
G	Jamie Allen	3x	G
C	Tennessee Waltz	2x	C
G	Red Wing	3x	D
G	Rosin the Beau	3X	D
G	Tick Tock Polka	3X	D
DA	Maple Sugar	3 1/2	F#
EM	Missouri	3x	E
G	Nail That Catfish	4x	B
G	Southwind	3x	D
	Endless Medley:	2 ea	
D	Ragtime Annie		F#
D	Soldiers Joy		F#
D&G	Golden Slippers		D

### Emergency telephone number for Midland Musicfest.

The office at the fairgrounds is only open during regular business hours, and closed on the weekends. If you have an emergency and it is necessary to contact someone during the festival, it is suggested you call the Midland County Sheriff Department at (989).839-4600

## Holidays are coming . . . . .

Here is last year's Holiday play list. Some new suggestions: Dreydle Song, Good King Wenceslaus, Oh Christmas Tree, Up On the Housetop, Bells of St. Mary, and Snow Deer. Let me know your comments. Roger

### SSDS 2006 HOLIDAY PLAY LIST

(Key)			(1 <sup>st</sup> note)
1. G	Jingle Bells	chor+2	B
2. G	Red Wing	3x	D
3. G	Away in a Manger	3x	D
4. D	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. D	Angleworm Wiggle	3x	A
9. Em	We Three Kings	3x	B
10. G	I'll Remember You, Love	2x	B
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	Greensleeves		
	(What Child is This?)	3x	D
16. G	Westphalia Waltz	2x	D
17. D	Frosty the Snowman	2x +end	A
18. D	Simple Gifts	3x	A
19. G	Angels We Have Heard	3x	B
20. G	Silver & Gold 2-Step	3x	B
21. D/G	Silent Night	2x ea	A/D
22. G	Wish You a Merry C-mas	Chor.	D

For Nov. add : Turkey in the Straw (D)  
Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

Aug. 5 . . . . .	Happy Birthday	George Gonyo
<b>Aug. 6 . . . . .</b>	<b>SSDS Picnic . . . . .</b>	<b>noon- ?</b>
	<b>German Park . . . . .</b>	<b>Ann Arbor</b>
Aug. 7 . . . . .	.Happy Birthday	Dawn Sorento
Aug. 8 . . . . .	..Happy Birthday	Carol Mueller
<b>Aug. 11 . . . . .</b>	<b>.SSDS Playdate . . . . .</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
	<b>Grand Court . . . . .</b>	<b>Farmington</b>
Aug. 12 . . . . .	Uncle Carl's Jam,	Spring Arbor
Aug. 16 . . . . .	Happy Birthday	Merrilene Bollmann
Aug. 25-27. . . . .	Midland Musicfest . . . . .	Midland, Mi
Aug. 30 . . . . .	Happy Birthday	Bob Hlavacek
<b>Aug. 31 . . . . .</b>	<b>.SSDS Variety Night</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Sep. 21. . . . .</b>	<b>.BOARD MEETING</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
	<b>Before regular jam at Good Hope</b>	
<b>Oct. 5 . . . . .</b>	<b>SSDS .. Elections for new board</b>	
<b>Oct. 7 . . . . .</b>	<b>.SSDS Playdate . . . . .</b>	<b>afternoon</b>
	<b>EMU family day . . . . .</b>	<b>.Ann Arbor</b>
<b>Oct. 22 . . . . .</b>	<b>.SSDS Playdate . . . . .</b>	<b>? ? ? ? ?</b>
	<b>Nichols Arboretum . . . .</b>	<b>Ann Arbor</b>

## Secretary's Notes \_\_\_\_\_

Another Evert has come and gone, and another wonderful time, as well. We sure had a wonderful time at the workshops, jams, listening to music or just having fellowship with friends. Whatever we were doing we had fun !!!

By the way, if anyone is interested in running for office, please let the nominating committee know--They are George, Theresa, Dorothy, and Sally. It is not too early to be thinking about this.

Also, don't forget about our picnic at German Park August 6th. We'll have a good time there, too. Carol

## You Can Bank on This \_\_\_\_\_ treasurer

Summer is speeding by rapidly. We are already into August, and starting to practice the Christmas tune list. The pig roast picnic, Midland music festival, and our variety night on the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday are all happening this month.

It is also time to starting thinking about replacement of club officers. The treasurer's position requires paying bills, receiving/depositing money, maintaining a current list of members and producing a financial report from time to time. It helps to have a computer with Quicken software installed to help with the financial records. It requires about an hour and a half per month to update the financial data and produce reports. The club can help with the software cost, if needed. I will train and assist the new treasurer as much as needed. Our bank is TCF, with several convenient branches in the area. Please consider serving the club this year. If you have questions call me at (734) 663-7974. Bob



A group of ten entertained at the Garden Club Walk in Northville, Michigan. on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The sun was shining and fun music filled the air.

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Pat Altpeter, for the loss of her very dear friend. The loss is great, for a friend who is as chosen family.

## New Members

(Add them to your roster)

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Uke

**A to Z's of Hammered Dulcimer**...and that's exactly what it was for anyone lucky enough to attend the 3 day class by Rick Thum before the Evert Funfest. It was a wonderful mix of learning, humor, and fun. We learned about parallel scales, chromatic scales, pentatonic and diatonic scales. We also learned about tune structure, syncopation, chording, and creating embellishments through rhythm changes, tune dynamics and chord arpeggios. I loved working with droning within the tune. Yes, it was a lot to absorb in 3 days, but as LynnEllen said, "It was just what we needed".

My sister, Pat Deschamps, (who coordinated this great class for us), and I were happy to see other faces from Silver Strings. Also attending were Dawn Sorento, LynnEllen, Greg, and Kelly Kaiser, Ben Catt, Sharon (Dickson?), Merrilene Bollmann and Sid Holmes.

On Sunday, Pat & Frenchy Deschamps hosted a potluck and jam at their Hicks Lake Home. About 85 people attended, and Silver Strings was very well represented. Rick Thum and Jim Rathbunn led the musical mania, nobody went hungry, and a great time was had by all. Jim also coordinates a 1 day concert & jam for Rick in Rockford Michigan. The next one will be at the Rockford VFW Hall on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Get more information at [www.rthum.com](http://www.rthum.com) Flyers will also be available at the meetings. Donna Mayer

# ODPC FUNFEST 2006

submitted by David Smith



Eleven Silver Stringers played at this big Dulcimer Jam on Thursday evening



Eleven of our members attended this big Uke Jam on Friday evening



Wednesday breakfast started it off



Uke 'n Sing perform at the Saturday Open Stage



Sharon and Steve lead the Children's Mountain Dulcimer Performance

Wow! Can you believe it, close to **60 members of our club attended the 2006 Evert Funfest** on July 13 – 16. Although it was hot, the workshops, concerts, jams and vendors were well attended with great enthusiasm. Several of our members also taught some of the 226 workshops. With so many activities going on, the photos above represent just a small glimpse of all that happens at this annual musical event.

The Midland Dulcimer Festival is coming up next on August 24 – 27 with more workshops, jams, concerts and fun. See you there! The workshop schedule is now online at <http://www.dulcimers.com>