

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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WEBSITE: www.ssdociety.org

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

September has come and gone. During the month we did 6 play dates and 2 holiday music workshops. At the St Patrick's Church Festival, we were treated to a performance by the Golden Griffins before we played, and the Blackthorn Irish group after. We were very well received and invited back for next year. The Northville Victorian Festival was a fun dress-up event. Our ladies looked beautiful and the men were handsome. It would be fun to do that more often for playdates. Please join us.

Autumn is here, bringing some special events. We will conduct Christmas music practices on the 3rd Thursdays at 6:pm and the 4th Thursdays at 7:pm in October and November.

The fall banquet will be held October 4th at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. It is very easy to find. From West bound M-14, exit at Gotfredson Rd., turn right (north), go ½ mile to North Territorial Rd., turn left (west) for about a mile, and Fox Hills is on the left (south) side of the road. Our banquet room is in the Golden Fox, which is the second club house on the right.

Then on October 18 (3rd Thursday), we will have a holiday tune workshop 6-7:pm (before the jam), and conduct the "Annual Meeting" during the break. The by-laws state that only items on the agenda published in the preceding newsletter (this one) will be covered.

Our election of officers for the year 2008 will be held at the November 2nd meeting. If you are interested in running for office, contact any board or nominating committee member. **Remember... to be eligible to vote, your 2008 membership dues must be paid before the election. If you need an absentee ballot, contact any board or nominating committee member.**

SSDS Annual Meeting Agenda October 18, 2007

Secretary Report,	Bonnie Ream
Treasurer Report,	George Gonyo
Business VP Report,	Karen Turner
Programs VP Report,	Linda Losse
Present candidates for Election, Nominating Committee	

PLAYDATE CHATTER _____ V.P. BUSINESS

September held some really fun playdates for Silver Strings. When we played for St. Patrick's Church Labor Day Festival, it was a lot of fun to see the children and adults dancing and enjoying themselves while listening to our music.

The Northville Victorian Festival was especially fun because we were in costume. We had 2 beautiful sunny days, and next year they will have a canopy to shade us. We got to see some familiar faces in the audience, which is always a treat. After we played, many of us wandered down the street to listen to Pix N Stix and dance to their lively music. Great fun was had by all !

V.P. PROGRAMS _____

We've been having a great turn-out for our jam sessions and many goodies accompanied them.

Thank you, thank you, thank you ! We're so lucky to have so many generous folks bringing in such tasty treats. Also, a **BIG THANK YOU** to those of you who have helped clean up in the kitchen.

It's so great to see so many new faces on Thursday nights. See you at Strings! Linda Losse

BANKER OURS

NEW MEMBERS:

Sean O'Reilly..... 248-426-8212
35875 Smithfield..... Farmington, Mi. 48335
Guitar

Jeff Provost..... 248-880-8678
29368 Tonester Circle, New Hudson, Mi 48165.
Ukulele

Christopher Schroeder..... 313-633-5348
14621 Agnes..... Southgate, Mi. 48195
Hammered Dulcimer

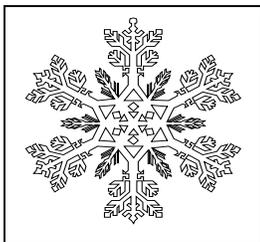
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct. 4.....SSDS Annual Banquet....6:pm-midnight
Fox Hills Country Club.....Plymouth
Oct. 5.....SSDS Playdate.....7:15 pm
Oak Leaves Red Hat Society.....Woodhaven
Oct. 7.....SSDS PLayerdate.....1- 4:00pm
Northville Girl Scouts.....Northville
Oct. 14.....SSDS Playdate2:30-3:30pm
American House.....Rochester Hills

Holiday playdates...

Dec.1.....Dearborn
Dec.6.....Good Hope Church
Dec. 7.....Dearborn
Dec.11....Dearborn Heights
Dec.12....Livonia
Dec.16....Westland
Dec.19....Riverview



SSDS 25th Anniversary

In July of 2008, Silver Strings Dulcimer Society will celebrate 25 years of fun music. If you would like to help the committee, please contact Sandi Hlavacek, 734-663-7974, or datadoc@sbcglobal.net.

If you are an "old-timer", we need your help in finding past members (especially past officers) and points of history. If you are newer to Silver Strings, here's a perfect way for you to get involved and learn more about the club. Do you know how to "scrapbook" on a computer? You can be a **BIG** help with a 25 year history booklet.

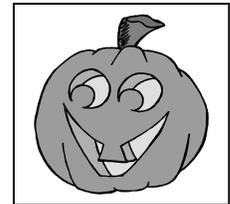
We have some very good people who have come forward to help, but can always use more. Each person will have their own piece of the pie to work on. We won't have a lot of meetings... only occasionally to compare notes and help each other with snags.

25 years is a great milestone !

IT'S OCTOBER. . .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1....Ernie Stewart
17...Carol Anne Matthews
20...Sharon Meggason
21...Kathy Harrison
23...Larry Allen
26...Ben Catt
27...Marilyn Catt
28...Valerie Karhu



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

19...Bob & Sally Niemczewski...(33rd)
22...David & Theresa Smith...(14th)
29...Walt & Pat Jablonski...(58th)

During the holiday workshops, we have decided to make some changes. Silent Night will be played in both D&G, and Joy to the World will be played in G. Angels We Have Heard on High will be paired with Ode to Joy. The music for "Ode" will be available at the meetings. They make a lovely medley. Practice so you will be prepared to play them. The complete holiday repertoire packet is available for anyone who signs up for holiday playdates. Holiday practices will be held on the 3rd Thursday workshop time (6:pm before jam) and the 4th Thursday at 7:pm during October and November.

S.S.D.S. 2007 Holiday Play List

Key	Tune	Play
G	Jingle Bells	Ch+ 2
G	Red Wing	3x
G	Away In The Manger	3x
G	Deck The Halls	3x
G	Red Apple Rag	3x
G	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	3x
C	Winter Wonderland	2x
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3x
C	Silver Bells	3x
G	Joy To The World	3x
Em	We Three Kings	3x
D	Angleworm Wiggle	3x
G	Let It Snow	2x
D	Festival Rag	3x
D	Rudolph Red Nosed Reindeer	3x
G	O Come, All Ye Faithful	3x
G	Westphalia Waltz	2x
G	Up On The Housetop	3x
D	Simple Gifts	3x
D	Frosty The Snowman	2+end
G/G	Angels We Have Heard - High / Ode to Joy	An/O/An
G	Silver And Gold Two-Step	3x
D/G	Silent Night	2D/2G
G	We Wish You A Merry Christmas	Ch,V,Ch

FREE CONCERT

Rick Thum will be in Jackson for a Friday evening concert Nov. 2nd at 7pm. at the Sandstone Congregational Church, with a love offering during the concert. Come, bring the family, and have a great evening!

For further information, contact:

Bus11ph@comcast.net. Pat Hesselgrave

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Linda Losse... V.P. Programs

I was born and raised in Detroit, and moved to Plymouth when Val and I were married. We moved to Ann Arbor so Val could be closer to U of M while I went to Washtenaw Community College, then Concordia, and graduated from EMU in education. I was a Montessori teacher for some time before staying home with our two kids. We live close to U of M campus where Val rode a bicycle to work. I rode everywhere with the kids in a bike trailer. We went frog and turtle hunting regularly, and enjoyed muddy ponds as well as museums. There used to be entertainment on the "diag" (a central park area) on U of M campus, and the kids loved seeing tight rope walkers, musicians and jugglers. We've had a lot of fun with all the activities going on in Ann Arbor that we just happened upon while on our bikes. We've loved hiking, camping and exploring out west and out east. To this day, our kids love back-packing and nature. Our daughter lives in California and our son, his wife, and new grandchild live in Ann Arbor.



As our kids grew up, I went back to work. I found working with autistic children very rewarding. I enjoy exercise walks with girlfriends, usually walking four to five miles every morning. We've had the same route for about 20 years, which is a great way to meet people who are somewhat in your neighborhood. We also are like volunteer guides since we're often stopped and asked how to get to U of M hospital. (Karen will laugh at that one, since she knows I am directionally challenged, but we get the people where they want to go.)

We enjoy living in the heart of a busy and bustling town with all the activities we can take advantage of. I also enjoy sewing, decorating "Victorian hats", and playing with my grandson. Recently, Val and I joined the Wheelmen (an antique bicycle club) and really get a kick out of being in parades. We can't wait for our grandson to come to a parade.

TABLE MUSIC

By Gerry Hermans

Stream of sunlight charged with dust notes
Delft blue teapot spouting steam
Plate of cranberry scones wafting fragrance
Afternoon tea in good measure.

S.S.D.S. Oct. 2007 Play List

KeyTunePlayed

G	Westphalia Waltz	2x
G	Red Wing	3x
D	Peek-A-Boo Waltz	3x
D	Over The Waterfall	3x
G	Southwind	3x
D	Festival Rag	3x
G	Down Yonder	3x
Em	Road To Lisdoonvarna	3x
D	Hey Polka	4x
D	Viola's Schottische	3x
D	Angleworm Wiggle	3x
C	Tennessee Waltz	3x
Am	Katushka	5x
D	Midnight On The Water	2x
Em	Missouri	3x
G	Maggie	4x
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3x
C	Five Foot Two	4x
	Endless Medley	
D	Ragtime Annie	2x
D	Soldier's Joy	2x
D/G	Golden Slippers	2D/2G
	Extras	
D	John Ryan's Polka	5x
G	Turkey In The Straw	3x
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3x
G	Tick Tock Polka	3x

H.D. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Judi Morningstar..... (248-889-3013)

212 Reid Rd, Highland, MI 48357

"Variations, Deviations & Harmonies" intermediate class the 5 Mondays in October. A new song each week, so if you miss one there is still much to learn.

October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th 7-9 pm

7-7:30 Review previous tune (first night we'll just dig in)

7:30-9 Learn a tune, variations, embellishments, harmony

9-9:15 Refreshment Break

9:15-10pm Continue working OR Jam & relax . We can vote!

All of this for \$100 for 5 weeks, paid at the first session.

Sat, Nov.3 Rick Thum classes at the V.F.W. Hall

4195 13 Mile Rd. in Rockford

Workshops : 10am-noon for beginners

2-4pm for intermediate/advanced.

Pot luck at 5pm with Jim Rathbun's deep-fried turkey.

Rick's concert at 7pm with a great jam to follow

It will be a fun day!

Classes @ \$25.00 each or \$45.00 both

Concert \$15 at the door

Contact: **Jim Rathbun after 6pm at: 616-866-9103**

or at dulcitude@gmail.com / or WWW.rthum.com



While we played at the Old St. Patrick's Labor Day Festival, adults and children danced to the tunes. A good time was had by all, and we were invited back for next year.



"Dressing up" in old time costumes was such fun for the Victorian Festival in Northville, some suggested we do it for other playdates. Linda Losse has become a master at decorating "vintage" hats. The weather was perfect, and we enjoyed some real followers in the audience.



Entertaining the retired nuns at a convent in Monroe brought lots of smiles and participation.



We had a good turn-out for Border's book store. We played well together while enjoying our unique surroundings.