

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS _____ Bob Niemczewski

Well, we are starting to get back into our play dates again, after having the month of February off. As always, when we play at Maple Heights, we get a good crowd and a good time to go with it. They had a couple of young girls who skipped and danced throughout our entire performance (wow what energy).

I would like to thank Kaye Rowe for doing a whistle workshop before our last club meeting, on Mar 15th. She had a packed room, and everyone was excited about the new knowledge they gained from her. I was wondering where everyone was for my autoharp workshop. Actually, we did have a nice workshop on the autoharps, and our players are learning some new things to compliment the SSDS repertoire. Marie Naster will be teaching a mountain dulcimer workshop before our April 18th meeting, at 6pm in the basement of the church. Thanks Marie, and again to Kaye for sharing your talent and knowledge with our members. If anyone else would like to conduct a workshop, please contact any of our Board members, and we will make the arrangements for you.

On a sadder note, Karen Turner's mother passed away at the end of February. Her family and many friends will miss her. Many of us met Karen's mother over the years. She was a classy lady. Our condolences go out Karen and her family.

I don't like to fill up space by talking about the weather, but how can I not say thank you Lord for the beautiful days here in March we have been given. Makes me want to start packing for Evart...

Peace Through Music Bob

NOTEifications _____ V.P. Business

As I'm writing this article, (3/20) I'm enjoying our unusually early spring weather, and wondering when reality will come crashing back!

I'm settling into this V.P. position, and am only forgetting minute things, like attachments off my emails. HA... I've managed to get the playlists announced in their proper order, and haven't caused too much panic among the musicians!!

We last performed at Maple Heights wearing our St. Patrick's Day Greenery, and once again were a hit with the residents. We are getting to know some by name, which makes what we do even more personal. It really warms my heart to see how our audiences respond to our music. Their interaction with us is oh so rewarding! Thank you all who give of their time and talent to make our play dates a success.

On that note, I'd like to encourage you to sign up for a play date. We have 3 scheduled for April. We do request that you are up to speed, and familiar with the tunes on the playlist for the month. Those of us who are "veteran" players will help you settle in, and get over those first time "jitters". After all, we've all been there!!! So see me anytime for more information.

"Happy Jammin"! Linda Osgood

PURSE STRINGS _____ Treasurer

Our 2011 income tax return has been completed. We owed \$233.00 dollars which has been paid. Over the last several years we have had to pay the government taxes. Ideally, we would like our income not to exceed our expenses, so that we wouldn't owe any taxes. We were thinking of giving extra money to Good Hope. If anyone has a different idea please talk to any of the board members.

We will be publishing a new roster. If you have any changes to your information, let me know by April 15. We are still receiving undeliverable emails, so please make your changes promptly Sally

Welcome new members

Stephen Beck from Allen Park
He plays HD, MD, Guitar and Indian Flute

Marjorie Meinzinger from Canton
She plays MD, The Comb and Autoharp

Sherry Schooley from Garden City
She is learning the Hammered Dulcimer

NOTABLE NOTES _____ Secretary
Board Minutes March 1, 2012

Old Business

* Sharon reported that ten cards; Get Well, Sympathy & Thinking of You, were sent out to members in the month of February.

New Business

* Sharon requested that we include names of the board and their email and/or phone numbers in every newsletter.

* Linda has scheduled 2 playdates in March, and 2 in April with a third date pending. The monthly playlist will be changed as needed and new music added occasionally.

* George will keep the music events current in the newsletter.

* Linda and Eddie Osgood will take care of setting up and cooking breakfast for the SSDS campout.

* George checked with the Meyers Lake Campground. He was informed that their barn has been fully restored, and can be used for jam sessions at the June campout.

* Sally stated that the 2012 SSDS Directory is nearly ready to go out.

* She requested that we make some time to clean and organize the storage areas in the basement. A date and time will be set up.

* Bob picked up the corrected Christmas CDs, and will store them at his house for the present time.

Respectfully submitted Sharon McAuliffe
This is a synopsis. Full board minutes are available from Sec.

VP PROGRAM NOTES _____ George Gonyo

Dates to keep in mind:

*Myers Lake is scheduled for June 8th, 9th & 10th

*Evert Fun Festival is July 19th, 20th, 21st, & 22nd

*Midland Festival is August 23rd, 24th, and 25th

The above festivals have been attended by many of our SSDS members over the years. If you have other festivals that our SSDS members would be interested in, please let me know. Thanks again for the help in cleaning up at our meetings. Many hands make light work for everyone.

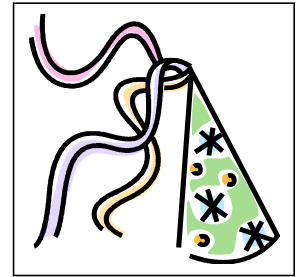
MEDIC - ALERT CARDS

If you have not filled out an emergency information card yet, PLEASE DO. They are the green cards in the brown recipe box at the business table at all meetings. These go with us to all SSDS activities (social or business). They are kept for family contact in case you have a medical emergency when you are with us. If you have new medical info since you filled yours out, please update it with a new card.

IT'S APRIL...LET'S CELEBRATE !

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1....Alice Avery
- 1....Larry Roper
- 2....Levi White
- 7....Jack Mullins
- 10...Luke Kawecki
- 13...Bill Deighton
- 23...Harold Crane
- 28...Marsha Kozlowski



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 9...Marlin & Carol Harmon

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

- 5...**Board meeting @ 6:00** **Jam @ 7:00**
- 10...**Afternoon Concert*** BC 1:00pm-1:45
 Farina's Banquet Hall Berkley
- 19...**Mtn Dulcimer Workshop, Whistle Workshop, and Slow Jam @6:00** **Jam @ 7:00**
- 20...**Afternoon Concert**** BC :2:00-3:00
 Rivergate Terrace Riverview
- 26...**Breakfast Music***** BC 8:30 am to 10am
 Belleville

MAY

- 2... **Afternoon Concert** BC 1:05-1:55
 Nardin Park United Methodist Church . . . Farmington
- 3...**Board meeting @ 6:00** **Jam @ 7:00**
- 15...**Afternoon Concert** BC 2:30-3:30
 Heartland Health care Canton
- 17...**Afternoon Concert** BC 2:30-3:00
 Cleary University Ann Arbor
- 17...**SSDS Jam** 7:00-?
- 31...**SSDS Variety Night** 7:00-9:00

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

* This is a new gig, and I only have 4 people signed up. It is a retired teacher's luncheon. Please see me as soon as possible, as we can not do this without more players.

** This is a request from the widow of a deceased resident. According to Janet Pounds, her husband, Leonard, so enjoyed our group, that in his honor she hired us, and is providing the funds to have us back for the present residents.

*** April 26th 8:30am to 10am in Belleville for background music for a volunteer breakfast. I still need 8 more players...

If you want to sign up by email please do so...
loggood10424@comcast.net or phone **734-487-4543**.
 Thanks in advance. Linda Osgood

To print the **APRIL Play list**,
 please click on our website or this link :
<http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/pdf/2012/apr12.pdf>

APRIL PLAY LIST 2012

KEY	TUNE	PLAYED
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
G	Maggie	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
D	Smash the Windows	3
D	Mississippi Sawyer	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
G	Larry's Waltz	3*
D	Over the Waterfall	3
A	Red Haired Boy	3
Em	Tamlin	3
D	Flop Eared Mule (End on Part A)	3/12
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarnia/ Riding on a Load of Hay	3/3
D	John Ryan's Polka	Karen Decides
D	Hey Polka	? Decides
G	Young Jane	3
G	Down Yonder	3
Em	Drunken Sailor	3
D	Coleman's March	3
D/D	Endless Medley: Ragtime Annie/ D/G Soldiers Joy/Golden Slippers	2/2/2/2
	EXTRA TUNES	
G	Red Apple Rag	3
D	Simple Gifts	3*
D	Midnight on the Water	3*
D	Smash the Windows	3
	*2nd Time: Fiddles, Harmonica, Back-up, HDs Softly	

FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2nd Saturday of month 12:30-4:30pm (next is Apr 14th)
 For info. call Penny 517-547-7448

NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

First Saturday of Month – 6pm (Apr 7th)
 For info contact Jack & Marilyn Mullins 517-270-2870

MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

(formerly called West Adrian Jam)

Fourth Saturday of the month – 6pm (Apr 28th)
 For info. contact
 Jack & Marilyn Mullins 517-270-2870
 Or Larry Roper 248-437-5403

SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Gurus and Rookies)

First Saturday of the month 10:30-Noon (Apr 7th)
 Magic Bean Café, 5789 State St, Suite 3, Saginaw. MI
 Songs are posted beforehand on the internet
 For info email: muzyka2007@yahoo.com

MT. HALEY JAMBOREE

Monthly jams held the last Friday of every month
 Apr 27th Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County
 For Info contact Alice Perry at: mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com

MUSIC AMONG THE HILLS

Saturday April 21, 2012

Metamora Old Town Hall, 26 E. High Street., Metamora, MI
10:30-11:00-Meet the music, "Petting zoo for instruments"
11:00-12:00-Slow Jam With the Mountain Dulcimer Troupe.
 Beginner and intermediate players will be comfortable.

12:00-1:00-Drum Circle with Joe Chila

A professional percussionist, Joe, will bring an assortment of
 percussion instruments to share.

Questions- Joe at **248-601-3786** or **248-601-0044**.

1:00-4:00-Folk and Traditional Music Jam

Clubs and individuals are welcome.

Admission is free but donations to the Metamora Historical
 Society will be appreciated. Metamora's Old Town Hall was
 built in 1888 and is part of an historic community.

**For info. Call Alice Gajewski at 248-628-5287 or go to
 FolkJam.com**

Original Michigan Fiddlers Association

FIDDLER'S JAMBOREE

Old Fashioned Square Dance - Hastings, Mi.

Sat. April 21st ...COA Senior Center

320 West Woodlawn Street

Fiddlers play 1-5:pm, Open microphone 5-6:30 pm
 Dancing 6:30-9:00pm. Refreshments & dinner available
 Bring your non-electric instrument & join the fun !
 For info. contact Paula : (616) 240-0445

Concert and Workshop with Ted Yoder

Midland Folk Society, May 19th. Workshop at 1:00
 concert and the day cost is \$25.00
 for info: Shirley Kaiser keysers54@hotmail.com

RAINTREE MUSIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

May 11, 12, we are having the first in Spiceland, IN.

Some of the advanced workshops will be:

Ted Yoder - Hammered Dulcimer

Tull Glazener – Mnt. Dulcimer

Les Gustafson-Zook - Autoharp

Guy George will teach hammered dulcimer,
 steel drums and pennywhistle.

In addition, there will be introductory classes on: harp, guitar,
 mandolin, banjo, harmonica, fiddle, spoons, bodhran, mountain
 dulcimer, hurdy gurdy and childrens workshops.

Registrations are already coming in daily, as there are cut off
 sizes on the workshops. The intro fiddle one is almost full
 already! See details at website:

raintreemusicheritagefestival.weebly.com

And do register soon if you hope to attend.

We can only take 200 registrations!

KENTUCKY MUSIC WEEK...

JUNE 17 - 22, in Bardstown, Kentucky

Over 150 class choices are available, including many free
 extras, with 45 instructors teaching a variety of levels. Classes
 include mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, bowed
 dulcimer, ukulele, harmonica, autoharp, folk harp, bowed
 psaltery, penny whistle, guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, Native
 American flute, steel drum, vocal, stained glass, basketry, and
 much more!

Instructors this year include: Janita Baker, Tull Glazener,
 Dave Haas, Mark Gilston, Lorinda Jones, Joellen Lapidus,
 Molly McCormack, Sarah Morgan, Karen Mueller, Aaron
 O'Rourke, Don Pedi, Jerry Rockwell, Butch Ross, Stephen
 Seifert, Wayne Seymour, Nina Zanetti, Jackie Armstrong,
 Karen Ashbrook, Stephen Humphries, Ken Kolodner, Ruth
 Smith, Rick Thum, Andy Young, Peter MADCAT Ruth, Sue
 Masek, David Wilson, Paul Oorts, Jim Miller, Sharrie George,
 and many more!

Info@ kentuckymusicweek.com or, call 502-348-5237. You
 can ask our Carol Ann Matthews, too. She LOVED it !



Elderly Instruments has decided to carry SSDS member Bert Stein's music book "**Tunes from the Woods**" in their Lansing store, and advertise it in their catalogs and online:

<http://elderly.com/books/items/158-80.htm>

You may enjoy seeing the one tune (note its title) from inside the book that they chose to show.

At the last meeting (Mar 15) I mentioned the button/badge pins that I make and offered to make them for the cost of parts for people who would like one with their name and a picture of their instruments, and the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society around the edge. So far I have pin back and bulldog clips that I can use, but I will be ordering some key chain and magnetic attach style. I will try to make up a little chart so I'll know what to ask for the parts. I'm not doing this for a profit. It's just a fun thing I like to do. I can make 3' and 2 1/4". I also will do them for other things like charities, causes, churches, families, etc.



All buttoned up Margie Meinzinger

CALLING MOUNTAIN DULCIMERS...

I am so excited to tell you that Stephen Seifert is coming to Evert for the first time ever!! For you mountain dulcimer players, you know what a great teacher he is already. He teaches mountain dulcimer on dulcimerschool.com, and he is known around the country for his performances and skill with the dulcimer. He is a full time musician, and supports his family on his earnings from playing and doing workshops. In addition, we are looking for a place to set up a pre-festival one day workshop, so, more exciting news to follow on that venue. He has a good website if you want to take a look at his books and CD's. stephenseifert.com.

Paula Brawdy

NOTICE from the Osceola Fair Board (Evert)

2012 Camping Policy for events held on the Osceola 4-H/FFA Fairgrounds:

Campsites are assigned on a first come basis with cash, credit card or check. As a courtesy, we will accept payment with a credit card by phone, but you cannot call in advance to purchase a campsite. If you want to purchase a campsite with your credit card, you must do it on the day you want to start paying for that campsite. There will be no pre-payments accepted ahead of time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the fair office at 231-734-5481 - leave a message, and someone will return your call.

BUCKEYE NEWS

I was the only Silver Strings member to attend this year's Buckeye Festival in Ashley, Ohio. I told everyone about some of the new changes that have taken place since last year, like the new paint job and bathrooms in the dorm I stayed in, the new updated kitchen area in the main lodge, and of the new classes offered this year at the festival.

I decided to take the class called "Band It". The class goal was to take a bunch of people at various levels of playing ability, along with different kinds of instruments, and orchestrate a tune for a live performance using no music, and include harmony parts, lead-ins, bridges, vamps, etc. The group included one harp, three mountain dulcimers, a cello, two guitars, a banjo, and a fiddle. Three members were classically trained, three played only by ear, and the rest played only for fun. The tune they selected was "Angeline the Baker", and would you believe, two full days later, after intensive instruction and trial and error, we brought down the house with our tune! We started with a slow harp, followed by a fast and loud banjo and fiddle, then a three part harmony descant, a rhythm part by the three mountain dulcimers, followed by a fast part again with the guitars and banjo with one member dancing, and we ended with a classical rendition with the harp and cello-WOW!

This is what Buckeye is all about; excellent teachers, willing players, and working together to make better music for everyone.

For any questions, or just to see what happens at Buckeye, go to www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com or their facebook page. The festival is open to all acoustic folk instruments, with classes for almost all of them.

Mark your calendars for next year, March 6-10th. If you need a ride, let me know, I'll be going again!

Submitted by Ernie Stewart

2012 Evert Pre-Show Tunes For the WORLD's BIGGEST hammered dulcimer band.

Red Wing (G)
Old Joe Clark (D)
Prairie Flower (G)
Headin' To Evert (D) - Bill Robinson
Sophrinia (G) - Les Raber
Scotland the Brave (D)
Trillium Twirl (C) - Judi Morningstar (2008)
Maple Sugar (D/A)
Hey Polka (G)
I'll Fly Away (G) (if time permits)
Star Spangled Banner - for the opening

Hammered Dulcimer Mentoring

The dulcimer mentoring program is becoming very popular. We now have four beginners actively involved; Sherry Schooly, Sharon Schalk, Gloria Tapper, and Phyllis Tillapaugh. They are all excited about learning to play the hammered dulcimer. They are all in the beginning phase with from 1 to 5 songs in their repertoire, and working very hard. Please give them any encouragement you can. They are also learning the start of a tune, so please honor their speed.

We have three more people who have expressed an interest. However, I don't have any more dulcimers to loan or rent. If you have a spare dulcimer that you would like to loan or rent for a few weeks, let me know. We also need help with the program. If you would be willing to mentor a student, please let me know. We typically meet once a week with the student, start with the basic things that we are all familiar with, and progress to some of the less complex songs (Nelly Bly, Amazing Grace, Simple Gifts, Colman's March, Columbus Stockade Blues). Sandi is also teaching those who want it, how to read music.

Call us for details (734-663-7974) Bob Hlavacek



Two sides of the same room show a good turnout for a late winter jam.



WANT TO READ MUSIC ???

Many of you know that Bob Hlavacek has been mentoring new hammered dulcimer players. Within that process, it is noted that not everyone who wants to **play** music can actually **read** music. While reading printed music is not absolutely essential, there are some real advantages to learning that skill. If you cannot read music from a page, you are dependant on "playing by ear", (which is a special gift not everyone has), or finding someone who will show you the fingering or hammering patterns. If you can read music, your access to playing any song (on any instrument) is endless.

Sandi Hlavacek has been tutoring some of "Bob's kids" in that area. If there are others in the club who would like to learn to read music, please tell Linda Osgood, President Bob Niemczewski or contact Sandi at 734-663-7974. If there is an interest out there, perhaps a workshop (or series) can be arranged.



Karen shared her expertise on the iPad with other members interested in learning how to store music on a device instead of carrying heavy books around.

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