

# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

## Soundboard

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

When you are reading this newsletter we will have hosted the ODPC meeting and I hope it was a success. It is always nice to showcase our club to other dulcimer players and musicians from across the state.

At our club meetings we have been starting off the sessions by playing "Pig Ankle Rag", "Larry's Waltz", and "Washington Square". These are the songs that we will be playing on stage at the ODPC Funfest in Evart. We may be adding another song in case we have more time, or the stage directors ask us to stretch out our performance. So, let's all practice these tunes. I am looking for SSDS to be hot and sharp for the event.

Our thanks go out to John McAuliffe for conducting the ukulele workshop before the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. As usual John did a great job demonstrating different ukulele techniques, and also threw in a bit of humor to make it fun. I would like to invite anyone who is interested to let me or a Board member know that you would like to conduct a workshop. We schedule the workshops at 6pm before the second meeting of the month.

On a sad note, my deepest condolences go out to Marsha and Terry Kozlowski on the passing of Marsha's sister, Alicia. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Well, I'm looking forward to May as I suspect it will stop snowing by then haha...

Peace Through Music . . . . . Bob

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

Hello Folks,

I'm just watching the weather change from minute to minute. Is Spring really here? Just had a little rain mixed with hail mixed with sunshine.....Yeah, it's Michigan. You would think I'd get used to it as I've lived here forever!!! Always a good conversation starter though!

We have played four times this month. We have had amazing interest and praise from our audiences, and yet another standing ovation at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. People really love our acoustic instruments and we sold 19 CD's at that gig. Whew!

As we look forward to May we have two dates to sign up for.

As always, we look forward to more musical fun. Welcome newbees.....learn the playlist and when you're ready give it a try!!

Happy Jammin' . . . . . Linda

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

Hello Everyone,

We have paid for another year of our PO Box. We paid \$54.00 for the year, an increase of \$2.00. We are still in good standing with the bank.

I'm hoping that the weather changes soon so we will have nice weather for our campout. . . . . Sally

### Webmaster 🎵 Notes 🎵

All went well with our website migration to a new hosting provider. By the time you read this, even our photo gallery should be up and running! The migration did not affect our YouTube videos or Dropbox. Thank you again for your patience as pages were down for several days as I tweaked them to run on the new server. Karen

### Welcome New Members

**Robert Braunstein**, Westland  
plays the guitar

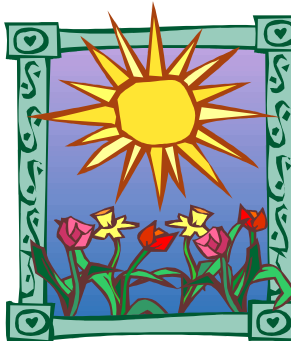
**Andrea Dumasius**, Grosse Ile  
plays the fiddle

**Carol Rausch**, Ann Arbor  
is learning the  
hammered dulcimer

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

### BIRTHDAYS

- 5...Dave Matthews
- 7...Ron O'Dell
- 17...Tim Murphy
- 19...Shirley Kaiser
- 26...Ken Kaiser
- 26...Peggy Kustra
- 27...Dawn Hayes
- 27...Terry Kozlowski
- 28...Lyle Thompson



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 15...Ron & Ida O'Dell
- 15...Chris & Mike Hurt.....42<sup>nd</sup>
- 17...Ron & Dawn Hayes
- 26...Kaye Hemmerline

### MUSIC COORDINATOR \_\_\_\_\_ Sharon McAuliffe

There will be one, Spring/Summer, playlist for April through June. Please remove "Red Haired Boy" from this list.

If you plan on joining us on stage at the Evert Dulcimer Funfest you will need to practice "Larry's Waltz", "Pig Ankle Rag" and "Washington Square". Remember to practice the "tag ending" on "Washington Square". The music is sounding good and I'm sure that our stage performance is going to be a success.

### NOTABLE NOTES \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary April 4, 2013 Board Meeting

\* Good Hope Church approved the use of the activity room for the ODPC meeting on April 27th. Silver Strings will provide plates, cups, plastic tableware, coffee and ice water. Members will bring dishes to pass for the potluck luncheon.

\* The committee working on the club's by-laws has completed their revisions and will present their work to the board.

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

**\*\*We will have a Whistle Workshop May 16 at 6p.m. before our Jam. Bring Whistles, music questions and ideas. Kay**

### Ann Wassell's Group

#### Hammered dulcimer practice

2nd and 4th Wed. from 1 to 3 p.m.

Just beginning, or just want to brush up on some tunes

Call **734-744-4255** or

Email: **ann.wassell@yahoo.com**

There will be two more meetings of beginner hammered dulcimer players before we stop for the summer. They will be Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Thanks! Ann

### VP PROGRAMS \_\_\_\_\_ George Gonyo

Just a reminder, Variety Night is coming up this month, May 30<sup>th</sup> to be exact. So if you would like to be an MC for this evening, please see me. If you or your group would like to perform, then get your act together and sign up with the MC.

Don't forget the upcoming campout at beautiful Myers Lake Campground, June 7, 8, and 9th. This is the weekend before Father's Day. We're looking for fantastic weather, plenty of sunshine, with water temps in the 70's, so don't forget to bring your swimsuits. We will be having our usual Friday night potluck and jam, Saturday morning breakfast, various workshops, jams during the day on along with a catered meal that evening, and a jam to follow dinner. Campers usually perform for the church service on Sunday. A good time should be had by all. So, if you like food, music, swimming, fishing, boating, etc., come on out and join us for the day, or for the weekend. Myers Lake Campground is located in Byron Mich, about 30 minutes Northwest of Brighton, Mich. Hope to see you all there!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### MAY

- 2...**SSDS meeting and jam** . . . . . 7:00-?  
\*Slow jam with Mary Colgan . . . . . 6:00-6:50
- 10...**Playdate** . . . . . **BC** . . . . . 2:30-3:30  
Baldwin House . . . . . Birmingham
- 15...**Playdate** . . . . . **BC** . . . . . 1:30-2:30  
Heartland Health Care . . . . . Dearborn Hgts.
- 16...**SSDS meeting and jam** . . . . . 7:00-?  
\*\*Whistle workshop with Kay Rowe . . . . 6:00-6:50
- 30...**SSDS Variety Night** . . . . . 7:00-?

#### JUNE

- 4...**Playdate** . . . . . **BC** . . . . . 3:00-4:00  
Heartland Health Care . . . . . Canton
- 7-9...**Annual SSDS Campout**  
Myers Lake Campground . . . . . Byron, MI

#### JULY

- 18-21..**Evert Dulcimer Funfest**  
Osceola County Fairgrounds . . . . . Evert  
**BC=Business Casual, C=Casual**

**\*Slow Jam tunes will be: "Riding on a Load of Hay", "Road to Lisdoonvarna", "Snake River Reel" and "Ragtime Annie"**

### Evert 2013 Pre-Show Tunes

- Golden Slippers (2xD/2xG)
- Red Wing (G)
- Scotland the Brave (D)
- Prairie Flower (G)
- Peters Kick (G) - Dee Dee Tibbits
- Old Joe Clark (D)
- Sophrina (G) - Les Raber
- Spider on the Bedpost (D) - Rick Thum
- Maple Sugar (D/A)
- Hey Polka (D)
- Star Spangled Banner

## To print the May play list,

please click on our website or this link :

<http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/pdf/2013/may13.pdf>

### April, May and June Play List

Key	Tune	Play
G	Redwing	3
D	Viola's Schottische	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
D	Coleman's March	3
D	Beaumont Rag	3
D/A	Maple Sugar	3 1/2
G	March of St. Timothy	3
D	Midnight on the Water	2
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	4
D	Possum up a Gum Stump	3
G	Silver and Gold Two Step	3
D	Over The Waterfall/ Mississippi Sawyer	3/2
D	Young Roddy McCorly	4
D	Hey Polka	4
Em	Road To Lisdoonvarna/Riding on a Load of Hay	3/2
D	Painter's Polka	3
G	Rosin The Beau	3
D	Chinese Breakdown/Nelly Bly	2/3
D	Old Joe Clark	3
G	Down Yonder	4
	* Check with Linda or on sign-up sheets for dress code & if chairs are needed	

### 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.

## PREMIUM PRE-EVART WORKSHOPS

### Stephen Seifert Dulcimer Class

July 15-17, 2013 - Evart, Michigan  
3 days and 3 nights of work, laughter,  
and a great learning experience.

Information is on his website:

[www.stephenseifert.com](http://www.stephenseifert.com)

Or, you can call Paula Brawdy: 616-240 0445.

### Rick Thum Dulcimer Class

July 15-17, 2013 - Evart, Michigan  
A to Z of Hammered Dulcimer  
Day one we start at the beginning,  
then build from there.

[www.rthum.com](http://www.rthum.com) Ph: 314-406-0690

## FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

### UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month 12:30-4:30pm (next is May 11<sup>th</sup>)

For info. call Pennye 517-547-7448

### NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

First Saturday of Month - 6pm (next is May 4<sup>th</sup>)

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

### MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

(formerly called West Adrian Jam)

Forth Saturday of the month - 6pm (May 25<sup>th</sup>)

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 (May 4<sup>th</sup>)

Now at Sullivan's Restaurant on Gratiot in Saginaw, MI

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 (May 31<sup>st</sup>)

Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County

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

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

Clubs and individuals are welcome.

Come to play or listen. Admission is free but donations to the Metamora Historical Society are appreciated. Metamora's 1888

Old Town Hall is part of an historic community.

For info. Call Alice Gajewski at 248-628-5287 or go to [FolkJam.com](http://FolkJam.com)

### GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

First Wednesday of the month 7:00 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Ukulele players of all abilities can strum and sing.

A donation of \$3.00 is requested for the church.

Contact: Bob at [bsnemo@yahoo.com](mailto:bsnemo@yahoo.com) or

David at [musicalcraft@yahoo.com](mailto:musicalcraft@yahoo.com)

### PITTSFIELD OPEN BAND

Pittsfield Grange 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor,

First and third Saturday from 3-6pm.

Our jam sessions are free and open to all interested musicians.

We play jigs, reels, and waltzes as played for contra dancing.

The goals are to have fun, learn more tunes, and develop our contra dance musician skills.

<http://www.aactmad.org/sa/pob.html>

### LAMS - Livingston Acoustic Musical Society

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month (May 18<sup>th</sup>)

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive, Fowlerville

Share musical talents and appreciation for music, song and

other forms of joyful noise on the 7:00-11:00

Contact: Tony Miceli 517-223-9590

## Midwest Banjo Camp

June 7-9, 2013 at the Olivet College Campus

Study old-time or bluegrass banjo with some of today's best players and teachers in both styles with additional tracks for bass, fiddle, guitar, and mandolin.

email: [info@midwestbanjocamp.com](mailto:info@midwestbanjocamp.com)

**Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Campout**

**Send registration forms & payment to :**

**Myers Lake United Methodist Campground  
10575 Silver Lake Road, Byron, Mi. 48418**

**You will need to include your group confirmation number G1201501, and the name of your group. Designate Silver Strings !**

**Check-in Fri. June 7th, Check-out June 9th**

In order to get all sites grouped close together, reservations are due by **MAY 15th, 2013**

**Cabin reserve by MAY 1<sup>st</sup> (or call for availability)**

**Rates \$28.75 per night . . \$32.75 per night with A/C**

(2 adults are included, each added is \$2 per night)

**Cabin rental (sleeps 4-6) \$71.50 per night**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Type & size of camper \_\_\_\_\_

Slide-outs? . . . . . yes . . . . .no

Air conditioner? . . yes . . . . .no

# adults (18+) \_\_\_\_\_ #children \_\_\_\_\_ # pets \_\_\_\_\_

Type of vehicle (1 per site) \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_

Late arrival or extended departure ? \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum deposit \$25,  
Full payment gets curbside check-in and no long line.

Payment.....CHECK . . .VISA . . . MC . . . DISCOVER  
Account # \_\_\_\_\_ exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:**

**Myers Lake UMC Campground**

**You may phone reservations at 1-(810) 266-4511**

**With questions or dinner reservations,**

**Contact: George Gonyo 734-996-0089**

*ggonyo@peoplepc.com or*

**Larry Roper/Janelle Pacic 248-437-5403**

*larry-janelle@ameritech.net*

**Potluck dinner Friday**

**Pancake breakfast Saturday morning**

**FABULOUS catered dinner Saturday night (\$10 per)**

**Non-member guests are WELCOME !!!**



## Great Lakes Ukulele Gathering

invites ukulele players of all abilities to join us for monthly meetings where we will strum and sing. All music will be projected onto a screen so that we can all follow the lyrics and chords. So bring your Ukulele and your Voice for a good time. Our monthly meetings will begin at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month beginning in January 2013. A donation of \$3.00 is requested for the use of the church. Refreshments and snacks will be provided and you are welcome to bring snacks to share.

**GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH , 28680 CHERRY HILL, GARDEN CITY, MI.**  
between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads

For further information contact  
**Bob: bsnemo@yahoo.com** or **David: musicalcraft@yahoo.com**  
 Join us on Facebook, search under *Great Lakes Ukulele Gathering*

## Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays every month  
7-9p.m .... with jamming till ...?

Meeting at **Good Hope Lutheran Church**  
In Garden City, Michigan

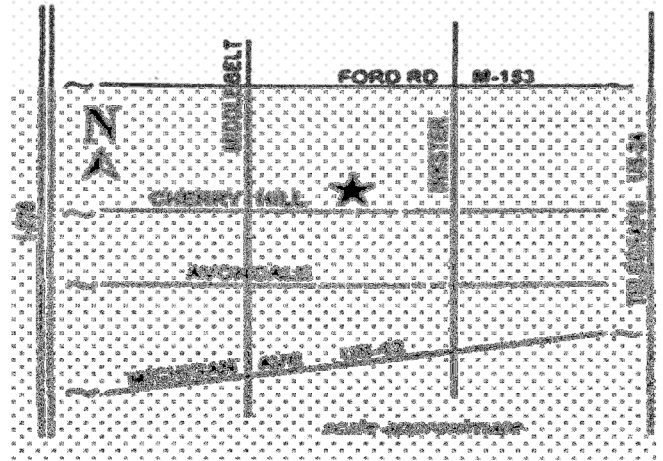
Featuring the hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer,  
and other acoustic band instruments :  
banjo, guitar, autoharp, fiddle, string bass, washtub  
bass, mandolin, folk harp, recorder, tin penny whistle,  
and harmonica.

Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together  
with other players, receive new music  
and a monthly newsletter.

Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,  
picnics, fun and fellowship.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT :**  
<http://www.silverstrings.org>

**Everyone is welcome !**  
Come to listen, or come to play.



### Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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**IT'S MAY...!**  
**THINK SPRING**

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