

# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER ~ Terry Kozlowski

The SSDS board met via Zoom on January 11 and established dates for annual club events and upcoming performances. I'll let each board member describe their events in detail.

**FOR SALE!** Let's bring back "For Sale" and a "Free" table for musical instruments, and music related items. If you have music stuff you want to recycle, bring them to the next jam event. **A volunteer is needed to oversee this project (set up a table and any required follow up)?**

Look at the updated membership roster in Dropbox! Open Dropbox and locate and select the "membership directory". Select the membership roster. Please review and notify the treasurer of any corrections to your information. The other file within that directory is the "SSDS Calendar" which is currently going through changes.

On January 20, (third Thursday), SSDS held an afternoon jam, 1:00-3:00. This was an experiment. The goal of the afternoon jam was to address some of the barriers that would otherwise prevent members from attending our jams. The response was positive, with many indicating they would like the afternoon jam to continue at least for the winter months. Twenty-five members and four visitors were present. The club signed three new members.

**To determine the best course of action, I need input from the members who normally attend but are reluctant to attend due to various issues, (health, distance, fear of night driving, covid, inclement weather, etc.).** Please email me your comments. This topic will be discussed further at the first Thursday jam, 7:00 p.m., February 3, 2022.

Currently SSDS has 100 members, with 13 members out of state, and approximately 32-36 are located too far within Michigan to make it to the jam. So out of the 100 members, approximately 50 are probably able to jam on any certain day. Before Covid, the club jams averaged about 45 members. During Covid, we are averaging about 25 members per jam.

**Membership (just a reminder) 1.) To participate in performances, one must be a current member. 2.) Only current members have access to Dropbox.**

Renewal memberships are \$15.00 and new members are \$20.00, payable to the treasurer.

CD Status: To date we have 100 Traditional and 375 Christmas CDs. If needed, we have a source to reproduce CDs in small lot quantities.

At our last jam I noticed several of our members reaching out to welcome our guests, sharing music, inviting them to sit next to each other, and explaining dropbox to the new members. This is what makes a great club! Truly believe we are the best club in Michigan!

....Terry [ssdspresident@gmail.com](mailto:ssdspresident@gmail.com) (new email address)  
734-560-8204

*"Music has healing power. It has the ability to take people out of themselves for a few hours." — Elton John*

### MARK YOUR FEBRUARY CALENDAR!

**03 - SSDS REGULAR JAM - - - - 7:00 - 9:00**

**08 - Facebook SPIRIT JAM #26 - 7:00 - 8:30**

**17 - SSDS REGULAR JAM - - - - 1:00 - 3:00**

### VP - BUSINESS NOTES ~ Harold Crane

Greetings, I hope your all well, staying warm and playing some music. This year is starting off slow with only one play date this month. It's a Valentine's Day performance with Victorian dress and tunes from our February playlist.

Event: "Victorian Tea Time"

Date: February 14, 2022 - Monday from 2:30 to 3:30  
(arrive early to set up)

Location: American House of Dearborn Heights  
26600 Ann Arbor Trail  
Dearborn Heights, MI

Take care and I'll see ya soon, Harold

.....Harold 810-356-2842 [hcrane45@yahoo.com](mailto:hcrane45@yahoo.com)

## TREASURER ~ Gerry Kustra

As January is nearing its end, I call on those members who have yet to renew to send in their dues so that they will be able to enjoy the upcoming jam sessions, picnics, and campouts that are being planned during the upcoming months of 2022. Stay tuned for news briefs to catch the dates for these get-togethers, as well as our spirit jams.

We welcome the following new members of Silver Strings: Judy Fiegel, Joe Betro and Mary Tompsett. Currently our bank balance is \$6,960 and our membership is in the 90s. Let's see if we can push our numbers up to 100!

Stay warm, stay healthy and I look forward to seeing you at the next jam.

....Gerry [gbkustra@hotmail.com](mailto:gbkustra@hotmail.com) 313-570-7843

## MARSHA'S MUSINGS ~ Marsha Kozlowski

**Spirit Jam** – Our next Spirit Jam is Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 pm EST. The theme is, "All About Love." To answer some Spirit Jam questions: **Why are we doing it on Tuesday?** Partly it is because SSDS has returned to in-person jamming. We had hoped we could do the FB Live the hour before the regular jam on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, but it appears we lack the expertise to do this. **Why are there always new tunes?** Because to date, we have not been able to have the AFTER HOURS jams which was a time of tune sharing. Trying new tunes during the Spirit Jam allows everyone to hear, try and not worry about mistakes. Who knows? One might become the new favorite. **How long will Spirit Jams continue?** We will break for the summer. How long we do this depends on several factors – support for the jam, when and whether the club is able to get back to a "normal" routine and then the X? factor. The Spirit Jam has broadened our musical community and benefited musicians in ways unexpected.

One of the February tunes, "Love Less Than True" is by SSDS Alumnus, Lee Lack. A great fiddle player, she was the SSDS Soundboard Editor for about 5 years. This is one of 20 tunes in her tunebook, "A Meadow Serenade." One of her tunes, "Sundogs in the Morning" is on the Village Strings CD, "Timeless Traditions" To purchase the tunebook, email her at [leelack@att.net](mailto:leelack@att.net). It costs \$15. These days she and husband Tom divide their time between Florida and Oscoda, Michigan.

**JAM Notes** – It was great to see various people do the start for the tune they called. THANK YOU! It is much appreciated and makes us all listen better to come in. Keep it up!

**Practice Tune Videos** – Calling for "HELP!!" in building this club resource with a few more people willing to "show and tell" how to play their favorite jam tune. There are 70 tunes in the "library" with many more to be done. I am willing to help you help. What is holding you back. 1. Is it technical, i.e., you do not have the right equipment, don't have techie know-how or can do it but don't understand that part of the process? 2. Is it lack of confidence? 3. Is it that you don't know

which tune to do? 4. Would another meeting help to discuss the process and answer questions? The goal is to reach 100 videos by the end of 2022. This is doable.

**EVART ALERT!!!!** – The 2022 Funfest is in the planning. SSDS has been asked to play a 20 minute set at 6:30 PM Friday, July 15 after the Next Gen Dulcimer Showcase and before the main show. I have been informed the stage will have an on and off ramp so that satisfies our safety concerns. Our theme will be "Pure Michigan" - all tunes will be either about Michigan or written by a Michigander. The preliminary list has more tunes than needed, but as the time comes closer, we will refine and narrow it down. If you plan to be at Evart, want to play or will consider playing, let me know. An interest sheet will be out to sign up. This is not a commitment, but allows me to see who and what mix of instruments we will have.

### Evart 2022

This is the "first draft" of tunes to consider for our Evart performance. This list will be whittled down as we work on them to determine a final list of probably 5 tunes.

- Viola's Schottische (Early favorite at the Evart Festival)
- Angleworm Wiggle (Considered a Michigan tune)
- Jam at St. James (by Judi Morningstar regarding Beaver Island)
- Out on Lake Michigan (by Jenni Burke)
- Walkin' Branwyn (by SSDS Alum – Pat Tait)
- Sophrinia (by Les Raber a Michigan Hall of Fame fiddler)
- Detroit Schottische (part A and B) /Flop-eared Mule medley

**PLAYLISTS** – Check out all the playlists: February and March gigs, February Spirit Jam and preliminary list for Evart.

..... Marsha [mt.koz72@gmail.com](mailto:mt.koz72@gmail.com) 734-239-4190

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

### February Birthdays

- 10...Bob Ewald
- 10...Christine Hurt
- 10...Edie Swanberg
- 13...Ed Konstal
- 14...Barb Davis
- 15...Maureen Treppa
- 15...Cynthia Merenbloom
- 18...Jocelyn Shaw
- 19...Susan Monroe
- 25...Nancy Sullivan



If you don't see your name here for your birthday please let me know. David [dtsmithnet@yahoo.com](mailto:dtsmithnet@yahoo.com)

## SECRETARY ~ Sally Kilkullen

Hello! This is Sally Kilkullen, your new SSDS secretary. I hope that 2022 has gotten off to a positive start for everyone. May this year bring good health and good fortune to all of us!

Please let me know if anyone in our club is in need of good cheer due to an illness or other misfortune. I will be happy to send a card out from all of us in the SSDS.

I'm looking forward to working with the new board: Terry, Gerry, Gloria, Harold (and of course, Marsha). We had our first meeting of the new year on Jan. 11. We discussed new gigs (sign-up sheets and a calendar are available in Drop Box), the June campout, possibly performing at Evert and experimenting with an afternoon jam on the 3rd Thursday of the month. January 20th was our first afternoon jam and by all indications, it was very well attended. The first Thursday jam will still be in the evening.

I know we have lots of good times ahead!

.....Sally [salkil1@aol.com](mailto:salkil1@aol.com) 313 689-4893

## VP- PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Gloria Tapper

Good morning, it's way too cold, but the sunny days are great. We have three activities in the works.

### **SSDS Annual Camp Out on June, 10 - 11 - 12.**

Groveland Oaks County Park  
14555 Dixie Highway  
Holly Mi. 248-693-2432

Campers can come as early as Wednesday June 8, and stay until Tuesday June 14. At this time we have reserved camping area #10, which accommodates 12 rigs, a tent and 2 vehicles. If we should need more lots, we can get them. Cabins, 2 person, 4 person and 6 person can be rented. Yurts, are available also.

There is a \$50.00 security deposit requirement for these rentals. There is a lot to do, rowboats, pedalboats, kayaks, paddle boards, and swimming. For those coming on Saturday, one day only, there is a day pass fee of \$5 per car, for Oakland County residents or \$12 per car non-Oakland County residents. Silver Strings will have lots of jamming during the week. I will keep you posted as things progress concerning the camp out.

**SSDS Annual Picnic** is scheduled for **Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup>** at the Plymouth Township Park. Again, I will keep you posted as we get closer to that date.

One final activity, our next **Variety Night** will take place on **March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

These are all the activities in the works so far.

Hope to see everyone soon, stay safe, and warm.

.....Gloria [getapper@yahoo.com](mailto:getapper@yahoo.com) 734-658-9734

*Thought for the day....*

*Becoming a good musician is a slow process.  
And quitting definitely won't speed up the process.*

## Outgoing VP- Programs Sandi Hlavacek

*(Article was missed in January Soundboard)*

As we put another year to bed, we look back at the challenges & say, **"We got through it!"** Now we can look forward to 2022 with high expectations. At the top of the list is **"IT WILL BE BETTER !"** As we reconnect on a more normal schedule, our music will return to its position of importance. The playdate opportunities will bloom again, and give everyone a renewed chance to grow and experience the joy of sharing our time and talents to lift the spirits of those who still endure seclusion.

One of my most favorite SSDS moments was at a concert in a nursing home, several years ago. We arrived and set up our instruments. Just as we were about to play, a woman wheeled her elderly mother in, and parked her directly in front of me. Mom was stretched out in her wheelchair, with one arm extended over her head. Throughout our lively concert, I never saw her move a bit. When we stopped playing, the daughter walked up to me with tears in her eyes, and said, "I want to thank you for bringing your music in here today. My mother has been catatonic for 5 months, and I noticed that while you were playing, her toe was tapping." 'Catatonic' means the body is frozen in time. That was proof positive that music reaches people in a way that nothing else can. We ALL have had experiences of music lifting our spirits. Can we all make a New Year's resolution to use our gifts to lift others?

I want to thank ALL who have helped Bob and me in our 3 year duties as your Program VPs, especially through his illness and passing. With your help, I was able to complete our term. I hope you will extend that same level of help to my successor, Gloria Tapper. **Help with set-up & clean-up is always appreciated.** It's the price we pay for having coffee and food at jams, Variety Nights, parties & campouts.

**And ONE last thing...** A pair of green plastic frame reading glasses was left at the Christmas party. If they are yours, please let me know. They will be at the jams in February.

All members who attended the SSDS holiday party received a gift of an SSDS umbrella. If you were unable to attend, you may still pick yours up at any jam. According to by-laws, SSDS official colors are "any green with silver or white". These bright green & white umbrellas will get us noticed at festivals. It ALWAYS rains at least once at Evert. *Sandi Hlavacek*

## Mark Your Calendar

### 2022 Music Festivals in the planning stages

- Mighty Uke Day (MUD) June 24-25 East Lansing
- Evert Funfest July 14-16 Evert, MI
- Midland Folk Festival August 26-28 Midland, MI

## GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:00pm**

Good Hope Lutheran Church,  
28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

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

---- Your first visit is free! ----

For further information contact :

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Join us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/glughead>

Check our website:

<https://ukulelegathering.weebly.com/>



## Bowed Psaltery Circle



Thursday, March 3 at 6:00 - 6:45pm (before our regular Silver Strings Jam).

Bring your Silver Strings music, stand, instrument and choose a favorite song to work on.

contact Kay Rowe at 734-223-9591

## Silver Strings February 2022 Playlist – Tentative

Key	Tune	Play
	<i>Looking for love:</i>	
C	Five Foot Two - <b>S</b>	3
G	South Wind	3*
G	Yellow Bird	3
Am	Bei Mier Bist Du Schoen	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna Riding on Load of Hay - <b>C</b>	3/3
G	Muss I Denn	3
G	Let Me Call You Sweetheart - <b>S</b>	2
	<i>Troubled Love/ Love Gone Wrong:</i>	
C	Tennessee Waltz - <b>S</b>	3
D	Over the Waterfall - <b>C</b>	3
G	Red Wing	3*
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
G	You Are My Sunshine - <b>S</b>	4
	<i>Getting married/lasting love:</i>	
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast - <b>C</b>	3
D	Lover's Waltz	3*
D/G	Egan's Polka/Mari's Wedding	2/2
G	Westphalia	2*
G	Maggie	3
	EXTRA TUNES IF NEEDED:	
Em	Katushka	4
D	Hey Polka	3

\*2<sup>nd</sup> time: If instruments are available--  
Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's play softly  
**S**: invite audience to sing along 2<sup>nd</sup> time and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> time  
**C**: get audience to clapping in time

## Attention Mountain Dulcimer Players



Patricia Wolschon will host a jam at her home in Redford. Myself and Carol Ann will be your moderators.

Meetings will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month. So, this month, we will meet on **Tuesday, February 8 and 22, 2022 from 1 - 3 pm**

Players of ALL levels are welcome as well as rhythm and back up players!

I will have a signup sheet at our meeting with more details but in the meantime you can sign up by text or email. This will give us a head count.

Contact me at: [losgood10424@comcast.net](mailto:losgood10424@comcast.net)

or text at 734 649 3843

*We are excited to get this group formed again and will discuss future plans and suggestions at our meeting.*

*Musically. Linda Osood*



Our Jan 25<sup>th</sup> MD Jam with 11 in attendance

**February 8 @ 7pm Silver Strings Spirit Jam #26**

Key	Tune	Play
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
C	Five Foot Two	3
G	South Wind	3*
G	Yellow Bird	3
G	Red Wing	3
A	Bluemont Waltz	3
G	Muss I Denn	3
G	Let Me Call You Sweetheart	2
C	Side by Side	3
D	Wild Mountain Thyme	4
D	Sweet Sixteen "Too Young to Marry"	4
D	Water is Wide	3
D	Sal's Got Mud Between Her Toes	2 1/2
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
D	Love Less than True	3
D	Haste to the Wedding	4
D	Come Dance & Sing	4
D	Lover's Waltz	3*
D/G	Mari's Wedding	2/2
D	Over the Waterfall	3
G	Old Man, Old Woman	4
G	Maggie	3
G	Amazing Grace	4

**Silver Strings March 2022 Playlist**

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over the Waterfall	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Hundred Pipers	3
Em	Drunken Sailor	4
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast-	3
D	Cockles & Mussels –	3*
D	Young Roddy McCorley	4
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Dusty Bob's Jig	3
G	Southwind	3*
D	John Ryan's Polka feature other instruments- A Part	4
D	Chinese Breakdown	3
D	Eagan's Polka	4
D	Danny Boy	3*
Em	Scollay's Reel	3
G	Bellman's Jig	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
G	Irish Washerwoman -	3
A	John Stenson's #2/Hangman's Reel	3/3
	<b>Extras</b>	
G	Rakes of Mallow	3
D	Hey Polka	3
G	March of St. Timothy**	4**

\*2<sup>nd</sup> time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's softly  
 \*\* last time thru – take the 4 ct "hold" in chorus



Marsha and Terry hosted the 25<sup>th</sup> Facebook SPIRIT JAM on January 18<sup>th</sup>.  
 We had a fun 90 minutes of playing along and listening to tunes both old and new as well as socializing on the chat line.  
 Mark your calendar for the 26<sup>th</sup> Spirit Jam on Tuesday, February 8th @ 7pm.



Our January 20th Jam brought out 30 musicians. This was our first attempt at an afternoon jam and the response was very positive. Stay tuned for more discussion on afternoon jams.

## ODPC highlights history of SSDS

The ODPC (Original Dulcimer Players Club) included article on the history of Silver Strings Dulcimer Society in their January 2022 ODPC Newsletter. The detailed article with three photos was submitted by Marsha Koslowski

[http://evardulcimerfest.org/assets/January\\_2022.pdf](http://evardulcimerfest.org/assets/January_2022.pdf)

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## Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays every month

Meeting at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Michigan

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

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

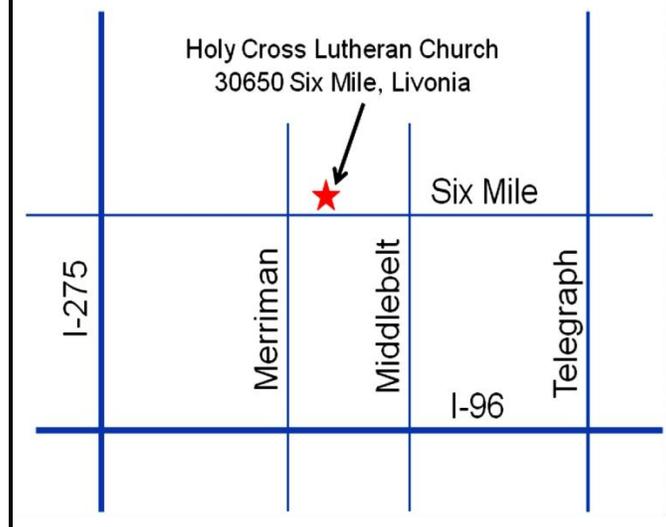
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,  
picnics, fun and fellowship.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:**

<https://www.silverstrings.org/>

## Everyone is welcome!

Come to listen or come to play.



*Start thinking about getting articles for the newsletter to me by the 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome, contact David at [dtsmithnet@yahoo.com](mailto:dtsmithnet@yahoo.com)*

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