

# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

# Soundboard

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER ~ Terry Kozlowski

Happy Easter everyone! What a great time to be with family and friends during the Easter holidays. Easter is the time to be grateful for the blessings that we enjoy with our families. Spending time with our children and grandchildren decorating hard-boiled eggs or filling plastic eggs with candy and then hiding them around the yard for search. Moments like these are precious lasting memories.

Board member articles are packed with upcoming activities, take note. Club activities are listed in Google Calendars. The club roster is located in Dropbox. Check out some of the updates to the club website, silverstrings.org. FYI, to participate in Club Gigs, you must be a 2023 club member.

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.".... John F. Kennedy  
Terry..... 734-560-8204

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## APRIL CALENDAR

- 01 - ODPC membership meeting - 10:00 - noon
- Potluck Dinner ----- noon - 1:00pm
- Afternoon Jam Session ---- 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- 06 - Drumming Workshop ----- 5:45 - 6:45 pm
- 06 - SSDS Board Meeting ----- 6:00 - 6:45 pm
- 06 - SSDS Meeting & Jam ----- 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- 20 - SSDS Slow Jam ----- 6:00 - 6:45 pm
- 20 - SSDS Meeting & Jam ----- 7:00 - 8:30 pm

## VP- PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Chris Wolschon

Happy April! Warm weather and outdoor jams are just around the corner.

Speaking of just around the corner, the annual SSDS Campout is only 9 ½ weeks away!!

Once again we are at Groveland Oaks County Park (14555 Dixie Hwy. Holly, MI).

We have reserved group camps 10 & 11 again this year and there **were** 30 sites available, but the demand is high and there are only 12 left, **so reserve your site as soon as you are able so you don't miss out.**

Each campsite has 30A electricity, and there are 4 water faucets in the inner circle. (Hose splitters are not permitted in the park) Each site can have 1 trailer, one tent and 2 cars.

Restrooms, showers, and laundry are within walking distance away.

**CAMPING FEES:** If you are staying...

- 1-2 nights, \$35 per night
- 3-4 nights, \$30 per night
- 5-6 nights, \$25 per night

**Friday** night we will have hot dogs and chips provided for dinner, followed by a bonfire and music/singalong

**Saturday** will start with a pancake & sausage breakfast, followed by jamming and workshops throughout the day, and finish with a pot-luck dinner with fried chicken as the main course. (\$2.00 donation would be appreciated to offset the cost of the chicken.)

**Please let us know how many will be attending the breakfast and/or dinner so we can purchase enough food.**

If you need to pay for camping, you can give me a check made out to **SSDS**, or you can mail a check in to: SSDS P.O. Box 51446 Livonia, MI 48151  
Make sure you write "Campout" on the memo line.

*Have a great month!*

Chris.... 313-410-0143 [Silverstrings.Programs@gmail.com](mailto:Silverstrings.Programs@gmail.com)

## MARSHA'S MUSINGS ~ Marsha Kozlowski

**2023 Playlists:** April – July Playlist are mostly SSDS Favorites. The patriotic set will be switched out to the extras after the middle of July.

April Tune of the Month: Maurice Manley's Polka. This Irish polka was suggested by Sally Kilcullen. It is often paired with other Irish Polkas like Eagan's Polka or Ballydesmond #2 which are already in our repertoire.

**Learning Opportunity!!! April 6 at 5:45** The first of a 3-part series on **Drumming Demystified**. Led by Donna Kolojeskie, the intent is to help new/ novice percussionists develop their ability to play musically and effectively in groups. Donna will share what she wished she had known at the beginning of her percussion journey. Workshops will cover skills, rhythm patterns, organizing backup and general musicality. The second workshop will be at 6:00 on May 4 and the third will be part of the Campout program on Sat., June 10.

**Library Outreach Refresh** – Hope you are promoting our “reach out and touch” program to your local library. The program has been expanded to promote all the instruments we use in our club. Help us put ourselves “out there” and increase interest in our music, our club and our traditional instruments.

**Evart – July 2023** – Performance Theme. “Let’s Go to the Circus – Bring on the Clowns” Tune list: Dancing Clown, Tommy’s Waltz, Dancing Bear, Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, Bingo Was His Name-o (There was a circus had a clown and Bingo was his name-o.....” )

**Pop-up Jams** – I am filling in the host/locations for this year’s pop-up jam schedule. Exact dates contingent on weather conditions are decided with the host on Sunday of the week following. May 8-12, 22-26; June 26-30, July 24-28; August 7-11, 28-30; September 11-15, 25-29; October 16-20. If you are willing to host one, let me know. If you are interested in attending any of the pop-up jams, let me know so I can put you on the notification list.

### Central Michigan Grandparents University June 21, 2023.



Location: Central Michigan University, Kiva Auditorium of the Music Building.

Time: Two classes: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 -4:30 p.m. For those who want to go, we will go out to dinner afterward.

Class Description: Hammered Dulcimer Delight (similar format to Library Outreach Program.)

NEEDED: 15 HD players plus backup players, people who want to share our music with kids ages 9 – 12.

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### TREASURER ~ Patty Wolschon

Happy Spring everyone! Thank you to all members who have renewed their membership for 2023. Renewals are \$15. For those of you who have not yet done so, you can give me cash or a check at one of our jams (I attend most of them) or you can mail a check in to: SSDS PO Box 51446 Livonia, MI 48151

If you are a member who performed at one of our playdates in the past and have not received your payment yet, please contact me at a jam or through my SSDS email: [ssdstreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ssdstreasurer@gmail.com). I typically have the payments with me at jams but, for members unable to attend those, I could mail out a check. Just let me know how you want this handled so I can finish with the disbursements that are pending at this time.

*I am looking forward to warmer weather and the outdoor pop-up jams coming soon.*

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

#### April Birthdays

- 1....Cindy Semrau
- 1....Larry Roper
- 10...Luke Kaweck
- 13...Bill Deighton
- 20...Kimberley Bell
- 23...Harold Crane
- 23...Bill Frank
- 28...Marsha Kozlowski
- 29...Susan Rose



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

### 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 from 1 - 3pm**. Players of ALL levels are welcome as well as rhythm and back up players!



Contact Linda Osgood at:

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Livestream Date: April 16th, 2023  
 Livestream Start Time: 7:00pm ET  
 Replay Window: 48 Hours

John was one of the early champions of the hammer dulcimer revival and is considered one of the world masters on this beautiful instrument. Through the years his audiences have often asked for an all-dulcimer concert and, finally, here it is. Join John for an evening of traditional and original dulcimer music, from jigs & reels, to ragtime, to classical, to lovely Irish harp compositions and see just why he is held in such high regard. Purchase livestream ticket here:

<https://boxoffice.mandolin.com/products/john-mccutcheon-4-16-livestream-ticket>

## The Abbey Coffee House

**COMING UP!** The next **OPEN MIC** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in the Sanctuary will take place on **Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>!** Feel free to bring your music or original poetry or spoken word, or play whatever you like!

For newcomers: There's a signup list when you arrive. Come at 6:30 for snacks, coffee and to chat. Music, etc. starts at 7. We rotate through the list. 3 songs/pieces per performer, and if we have time, we'll go through the list again. We stop at 9 p.m.

Come join our little community!  
 All are welcome!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, MI

This is planned for the 3rd Friday of every month, check their Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054339048511>

## ODPC FUNFEST

1963 *Celebrating 60 years of Fun* 2023

Take your musical pilgrimage at the Granddaddy of dulcimer festivals!

Mark your calanders:  
**July 13-15, 2023**  
 Ewart, Michigan

CONCERTS  
 VENDING  
 WORKSHOPS

JAMMING AND NIGHTLIFE

more info @ [evartdulcimerfest.org](http://evartdulcimerfest.org)

[www.evartdulcimerfest.org](http://www.evartdulcimerfest.org)



## UKE JAM

### Great Lakes Ukulele Gathering...

...invites ukulele players 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.

Gathering takes place **on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Refreshments will be provided and you are welcome to bring snacks to share.

A donation of \$3.00 is requested. So bring your Ukulele and your Voice for a good time. All levels and ages welcome. Your first visit is FREE.

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/glughead>

Check our website: <https://ukulelegathering.weebly.com/>

## Music Festivals

**Buckeye Dulcimer Festival**  
 April 19 - 23, 2023 Ashley, Ohio  
<https://www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com/>

**North American International Banjo Celebration**  
 April 28-29, 2023 Dearborn, MI  
<https://www.facebook.com/NAIBC.Jazz.Banjo/>

**Gebhard Woods Dulcimer Festival**  
 June 10 & 11, 2023 Morris, Illinois  
<http://www.gebharddulcimer.org/>

**Quarantunes 10.0**  
 June 1st - 4th  
<https://www.virtualdulcimerfest.com/>

**Mighty Uke Day**  
 June 23-25, 2023 East Lansing, MI  
<http://mightyukeday.com/>

**Kentucky Music Week**  
 June 25 - 30, 2023 Shepherdsville, Kentucky  
<https://www.kentuckymusicweek.com/>

**ODPC FunFest**  
 July 13 - 15, 2023 Ewart, Michigan  
[www.ewartdulcimerfest.org](http://www.ewartdulcimerfest.org)

**Gateway Dulcimer Music Festival**  
 August 4 - 6, 2023 Fairview Heights, IL  
[www.gatewaydulcimer.org/linked/festival.htm](http://www.gatewaydulcimer.org/linked/festival.htm)

**Michigan Fiddlers Assoc. Fiddlers Convention**  
 August 11-12, 2023 Hastings, MI 4958  
 Email: [bobwarner40@gmail.com](mailto:bobwarner40@gmail.com)

**Midland Folk Music Festival**  
 August 24 - 27, 2023 Midland, MI  
[www.folkmusicsociety.org/p/folk-festival.html](http://www.folkmusicsociety.org/p/folk-festival.html)

**Wheatland Music Festival**  
 Sept. 8-10, 2023 Remus, MI  
<https://www.wheatlandmusic.org/>

**Dulcimer Chautauqua on the Wabash**  
 October 12 - 15, 2023 New Harmony, IN  
[dulcimerchautauquaonthewabash.com](http://dulcimerchautauquaonthewabash.com)

**Huron Harp Fest**  
 October 13 - 15, 2023 Goderich, Ontario  
<https://huronharpfest.com/>

**Black Mountain Music Festival**  
 October 14 - 19, 2023 Black Mountain, NC  
[www.blackmountainmusicfest.com/](http://www.blackmountainmusicfest.com/)

## Silver Strings April - July 13, 2023 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4
D	Angleworm Wiggle	3
D	Bucket Man Blues	3
D	Black Mountain Rag	3
G	Nail That Catfish to a Tree	3
G	<a href="#">Westphalia Waltz</a>	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
Em	Tamlin	4
G	<a href="#">South Wind</a>	3*
A	Pickin' the Berries	3
A	Hangman's Reel	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
D	<a href="#">Ashokan Farewell</a>	3*
D	British Grenadiers	3
D	Liberty	2
D	Armed Services Salute	1
G	America the Beautiful	3**
G	God Bless America – repeat last 2 lines 2nd time thru	2 1/2**
G	Yankee Doodle Boy/ You're A Grand Old Flag	2/2**
	<b>Extras</b>	
D	Hey Polka	3
G	Girl I Left Behind Me	3
G	Battle Hymn of the Republic	3*
C	Five Foot Two	3**

\*2<sup>nd</sup> time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistles take melody; HD's softly backup

\*\* Tempo should be singable – not too fast.





31 musicians(12 hammered dulcimers) showed up to jam at Holy Cross on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. One of the guest musicians was Brian Burchett, president of the Original Dulcimer Players Club(ODPC). He joined our jam to check out the location for the next ODPC meeting.

Brian says "Our Spring ODPC meeting will take place on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. (No foolin'!) We will be meeting in Livonia, at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church. This is the venue used by the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society for their jams. Our meeting will convene at 10 am, followed by a potluck luncheon, and an afternoon jam session."



Later, after the regular SSDS jam, 11 members stayed for the 'After Hours' jam and a group photo was taken with Brian.





A lively performance by Silver Strings took place on March 15<sup>th</sup> at Addington Place in Northville.





44 attended the March 30<sup>th</sup> Variety Night for a full evening of food, music and fun.  
Join us again on June 29<sup>th</sup> for another evening of musical entertainment.





29 members attended the March 16th 'St. Patrick's' Jam at Holy Cross

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## Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays every month  
7:00 - 9:00 pm.... with after-hour's jamming till ...?

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.

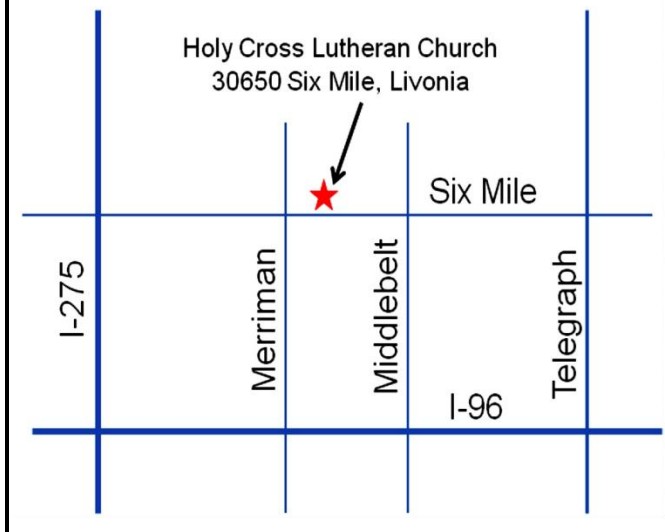
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,  
picnics, fun and fellowship.

**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 [silverstrings.newletter@gmail.com](mailto:silverstrings.newletter@gmail.com)*

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