

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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SHARING ACOUSTIC MUSIC for 40 YEARS

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER ~ Terry Kozlowski

Hi everyone – hope you are having a great summer. Evert Fun Fest was fantastic this year. The weather was tolerable with 70-80 degrees during the day and 50-60 degrees in the evenings. It was nice to see and jam with so many SSDS members and friends from other clubs. 25 SSDS members perform at our “Circus is in Town” performance. The group did an outstanding job, and we had a lot of fun. In addition, several club members experienced their first “performance”. Wearing our club T-shirts on Friday made Silver Strings visible. Look for videos on our FB page highlighting jams and various club activities.

Welcome SSDS members:

- Cheryl New
- Sam Giordano -Livonia
- Greg and Debbie Guy - Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
- Sandy Hanson - Plymouth
- Bethanne Shary Kelsey - Belleville
- Julie and Scott Mester - Manchester

Enjoy access to Dropbox, and the monthly Soundboard Newsletter.

The year is flying by. Before you know it, elections will be here. Three positions being vacated at the end of this year: President, VP-Business and Secretary. If you want to know more about these positions and would like to share your talent to support our club and continue its legacy, contact me via email or cell phone to answer any questions or concerns. For a detailed description of board members' duties access the Bylaws folder in Dropbox.

Midland Folk Festival, August 24-27, is another time to reacquaint with members and friends from other clubs. The event is held at the Midland Fairgrounds. There are plenty of motels and restaurants in the area. Spend the day, it's relatively a short distance to travel (approximately 2 hours from metro Detroit). Smaller and more low-key than Evert, it is a nice event with day and night jamming and lots of workshops.

October 5 is the Annual SSDS Banquet held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Read Chris's Soundboard

article for details. Note there are only 3 meetings (August and September) to purchase tickets.

Thanks, Terry.....734-560-8204

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AUGUST CALENDAR

03 - SSDS PICNIC ----- 2:00 - dusk

Note: This is in place of the regular Jam at Holy Cross

17 - SSDS JAM & 'After Hours' ---- 7:00 pm

31 - SSDS VARIETY NIGHT ----- 7:00 pm

For more information on all upcoming events, click on:
<https://www.silverstrings.org/sections/events/events.html>

VP - BUSINESS NOTES ~ Harold Crane

Wow, is it August already? Time flies when you're having fun so mark your calendar and have some fun playing music with your friends! Here are some Silver Strings happenings going on in August:

- August 3rd - 2:00 - dusk
Silver Strings Annual Picnic, Plymouth
- August 8th - 2:00 pm - playdate
Caretel Inn, Brighton (my home town)
- August 10th - 7:00 pm - playdate
New Baltimore Grace, Chesterfield Township
- August 13th - 7:00 pm - playdate
Grosse Isle Arts Outdoor Festival
- August 18th - 6:00 pm - playdate
Friday Fun Nights, Frankenmuth (*lots of fun!*)
- August 24th - 26th
Midland Music Festival (*don't miss this one!*)
- August 31st - SSDS Variety Night
(*food plus great entertainment- bring a friend!*)

Get off the couch, sign up for a play date and enjoy summer in Michigan!! I'm glad we don't live in Phoenix! Call or text me if you need more info. See ya' soon,
Harold...810-356-2842
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MARSHA'S MUSINGS ~ Marsha Kozlowski

EVART reflections –Jams were great. People liked the “theme” aspect. The three theme jams: Destinations (tunes had to have a place in its name), Who are We (Introduce yourself and pick a tune that starts with the first letter of your name), Memory Lane – tunes from the years people first came to Evart. The last Evart memories – pick a tune you heard the first time you were at Evart.

The Circus is in Town – we looked great and sounded good. The clown performers that began the program (Bob Patterson, Carol Ann Matthews and Cindy Semrau) were audience pleasers (who knew you would juggle limes?). The audience swayed to Tommy's Waltz and sang Bingo Was His Name-O to our excellent Kazoo Chorus.

Tune Corrections: thank you to all who “spot” mistakes and let me know. Here are the latest corrections:

- Dancing Clown by Judi Morningstar. The first chord on the last line was incorrect. It should be an A7 chord. Mark your music or replace it with the corrected copy from Dropbox
- Beautiful Bluebird (After Hours tune). The chording at the end of the piece is confusing. The first ending is a C chord and the second/last ending is a G chord.
- Pink Eye Lament (new After Hours tune) – added a missing measure.

A reminder that there is no slow jam this month. It will start up again in September.



PLEASE HELP WITH THE PRACTICE TUNE VIDEO PROJECT! The goal is to build the library to 100 tunes. It is at 87. Pick a tune to work on before September. The format is to announce the tune and the key you are playing. Demonstrate it by playing through at tempo. Then break down the A part phrase by phrase. Play through Part A. Next, break down part B the same way. Play through it. Then play the entire tune slowly. Repeat the tune at the usual tempo. Be part of the “recording session” that will be scheduled this fall.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S..LET'S CELEBRATE !

- 3...George Gonyo
- 8... Bethanne Kelsey
- 14...Connie Major
- 16...AnnMarie Krause
- 20...Chris Wolschon
- 23...Linda Osgood
- 23...Katy Waters
- 30...Frank Duffey



If you don't see your name here for your birthday please let me know. David dtsmithnet@yahoo.com

VP- PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Chris Wolschon

The **SSDS picnic** is coming up on **August 3rd** Silver Strings will provide a meat main dish for the potluck, and those with last names starting with:

A - G bring a dessert

H - O bring a side dish

P - Z bring a vegetable.

There will be another Variety Night coming up on August 31st, so mark your calendars and start practicing. There will be a signup sheet at all the jams in August.

If you have any questions about the above events, contact Terry Kozlowski Silverstrings.President@gmail.com

Have a great summer!

Chris... 313-410-0143 Silverstrings.Programs@gmail.com

Music and Health: What You Need To Know

Can music be good for you?

Yes, according to a growing body of research, listening to or making music affects the brain in ways that may help promote health and manage disease symptoms.

Performing or listening to music activates a variety of structures in the brain that are involved in thinking, sensation, movement, and emotion. These brain effects may have physical and psychological benefits. For example, music causes the release of brain chemicals (neurotransmitters and hormones) that can evoke emotional reactions, memories, feelings and promote social bonds. Music can even affect the structure of the brain. Certain structures in the brain are larger in musicians than in non-musicians. Increasing evidence suggests that music-based interventions may be helpful for health conditions that occur during childhood, adulthood, or aging. *(National Institute of Health)*

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Gateway Dulcimer Music Festival
 August 4 - 6, 2023 Fairview Heights, IL
www.gatewaydulcimer.org/linked/festival.htm

Michigan Fiddlers Assoc. Fiddlers Convention
 August 11-12, 2023 Hastings, MI
 Email: bobwarner40@gmail.com

Midland Folk Music Festival
 August 24 - 27, 2023 Midland, MI
www.folkmusicociety.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

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

Black Mountain Music Festival
 October 14 - 19, 2023 Black Mountain, NC
www.blackmountainmusicfest.com/



Eleven Silver Strings members attended the Pop-Up Jam at Bob and Laurie Patterson's backyard patio on July 24th. Beautiful weather, peaceful surroundings and making music with your friends.... *who could ask for more!*

Pop-Up Jam Schedule - 2023

The exact day will be determined on a Sunday based on weather. Jam times are set by the host. It may be late morning, afternoon or early evening. Bring your own chair and drink.

A notification mass email will be sent out Sunday or early Monday a.m. Check your emails to get the details. It would be appreciated if you let the host know you are coming

Month	Week	Place:
August	7-11	Denise Harris-Fiems 9095 Satellite Dr. White Lake (1:00 to?)
September	11-15	Linda Osgood 10424 Geddes Rd. Superior Township
September	25-29	Ann Wassell Cedarbrook, 15700 N. Haggerty, Livonia
October	18 (weather permitting)	Mick Mastal Elizabeth Park, Jefferson Ave., Trenton



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
 28680 CHERRY HILL, GARDEN CITY
 between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads



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 Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/glughead>
 Check our website: <https://ukulelegathering.weebly.com/>

SAVE THE DATE
 OCTOBER 5, 2023
 SILVER STRINGS
 DULCIMER SOCIETY
 40th ANNIVERSARY
 BANQUET

Open Mic Night at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

REFRESHMENTS - 6:30 PM

OPEN MIC FROM - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Come share your music, song, original poetry/spoken word, or just relax, listen and enjoy free refreshments and wifi! No admission charge.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
30650 Six Mile, Livonia, MI

Everybody Welcome!

Check the Abbey Coffee House Facebook Page for updates and information.

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

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SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER SOCIETY

"Summer Fun" Performances

Date	Time	Place
Thursday, August 10	7:00 p.m.	New Baltimore Grace UMC* 49655 Jefferson Ave Chesterfield Twp, MI
Sunday, August 13	7:00 p.m.	Concert on the Commons Grosse Ile, MI
Friday, August 18	6:00-8:30 p.m.	Friday Fun Night Frankenmuth, MI

*Free will offering taken

*** free with Festival Pass

August-September 2023 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
G	Red Wing	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
D	Over the Waterfall	3
D	Black Mountain Rag	4
G	Down Yonder	3
Em	Tamlin	4
C	Five Foot Two	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3
D	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
DD	John Ryan's Polka	5
Em	Dancing Bear/Missouri	2/2
G	March of St. Timothy	3
G	SouthWind	3
G	Yellow Bird	3
G	I'll Fly Away	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
D	Saro Waltz	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
D D/G/C	Ragtime Annie/ Golden Slippers	2/2/2/2
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3
D	Turkey in the Straw	3
G	Maggie	3
D	Young Roddy McCorley	3
NOTE: on Waltz, HDs soft 2 nd time.		



October-November 2023 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4
D	Over the Waterfall	3
G	I'll Fly Away	4
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
G	You Are My Sunshine	4
G	Red Apple Rag	3
D	Harvest Home	3
D	Turkey in the Straw	3
D	Flight of the Haggis	4
D	Black Mountain Rag	4
C	Tennessee Waltz	3*
Em	Tamlin <i>(start slow, each time a little faster)</i>	4
G	Muss I Denn	3
Am	Black Cat Schottische	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn/ Schottische du Stockfish	3/3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
D	Saro Waltz	3*
D	Young Roddy McCorley	3
D/G	Simple Gifts	2/2
A	Hangman's Reel	3
	Extras	
G	Amazing Grace	3
D	Hey (Boo) Polka	4
G	Grandfather's Clock	3
*2 nd time: HD's soft – feature other instruments		

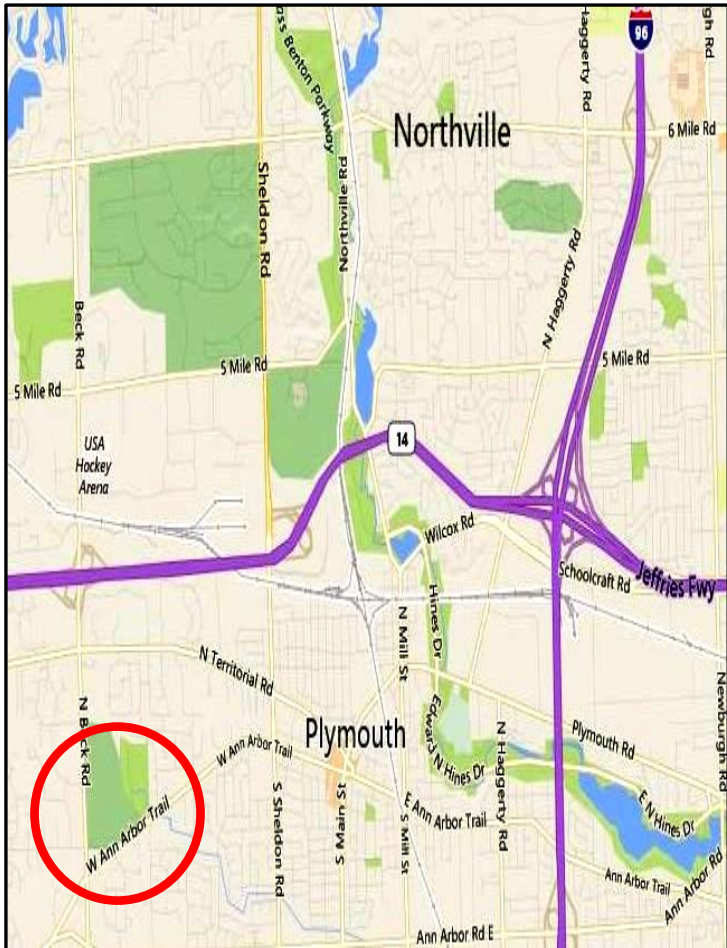


Silver Strings Annual Picnic

August 3, 2023 12:30 - dusk

Plymouth Township Park (also called (McClumpha Park))

46640 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI



SSDS PICNIC PARTICULARS **NOTE: This is in place of the regular Jam at Holy Cross.**

Thursday, August 3 – SSDS Picnic – Plymouth Twp Park, 46640 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Although the “official” picnic starts at 2:00, people who are helping set up can come earlier. At **12:30, I am leading a holiday music preview** – to see what might be added or what needs to be given a “rest”. Send me an email so I have music copies for everyone.

Music jam from 2:00 - 4:00. From 4:00 - 5:00 we will break to visit, play any outdoor games that people may bring (cornhole, ladderball, etc.), enjoy the amenities of the park, etc.

Dinner will be at 5:00. Thanks to Maureen Mullins for offering to take care of the main dish of Sloppy Joes, and members with last names starting with:

A - G bring a dessert H - O bring a side dish P - Z bring a vegetable.

After dinner, we will jam some more. We have the pavilion until the park closes at dusk. Terry and Jeff Despard would appreciate knowing if you plan to come. Since the last jam was cancelled, a sign-up list did not get put out. Email either or both of them to let them know if you and any guests are coming. Silverstrings.President@gmail.com or Jeff at threedsjd@aol.com. They are trying to get a head count.

EVART FUNFEST PHOTOS

The 2023 Evert Funfest was a lot of fun this year. The weather mostly cooperated with cooler than usual temperatures, a little rain and no severe storms. The Friday and Saturday stage shows were preceded by an all Mountain Dulcimer preshow on Friday and an all Hammered Dulcimer preshow on Saturday.



36 Mountain Dulcimers on stage at the 2023 Friday Funfest preshow



43 Hammered Dulcimers perform at the 2023 Evert Funfest Saturday evening preshow

Lots of good day and evening jamming to place under the Silver Strings canopies.



Besides music we had lots of fun with our friends at the fairgrounds



**Celebrating
60 years**
1963-2023
Ewart, Michigan



EVART FUNFEST PHOTOS

Silver Strings was the opening act at the Saturday evening stage show. Brief showers before the concert stopped and we had good weather for the evening. Complete with lots of clown outfits, our tunes were well received by the large audience. Our tunes included Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, Dancing Bear, Tommy's Waltz, Swinging on a Gate and BINGO.



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Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1st and 3rd 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.

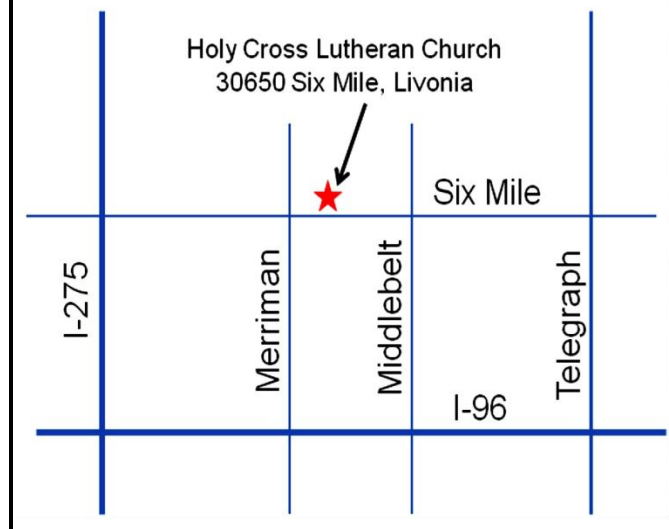
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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 25th.

Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome, contact David at silverstrings.newletter@gmail.com

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