



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER ~ Terry Kozlowski

I can't believe I'm writing the December newsletter already. According to the club bylaws, the president and treasurer must summarize the events that occurred during the year. The second year of my term went quicker than the first year. Let's review what happened during 2023:

- Continuation of the Spirit Jams #30, #31, #32, (2023), #33, and #34 (2024).
- Another successful Annual Campout was held at Groveland Oaks with 25 campsites booked. Mark your calendar as **Groveland Oaks is booked for June 5 - 7, 2024.**
- Wonderful summer picnic approximately 66 attendees.
- A Delicious Banquet with approximately 65 attendees celebrating SSDS 40th Anniversary.
- 27 Performances including scheduled Christmas gigs.
- 7 Pop-Up Jams, with 2 cancellations due to inclement weather.
- 12 regular club jams plus several slow jams.
- 4 Variety Nights.
- SSDS membership grew to 140 members, including 20 out-of-state members.
- Major update of the SSDS website (95% complete).
- PayPal membership payment option added to the website.
- Christmas Potluck
- Gratitude/Hospitality: I started my year by expressing gratitude and hospitality. It is appropriate to end the same way. I so appreciate:
- Dave and Theresa Smith for their work on the Soundboard.
- Karen Turner for her continuous work on the club Website.
- The Website committee and particularly Karen Turner and Cindy Semrau for their collaborative effort to update our website.
- Marsha Kozlowski's hard work on playlists, adding new tunes, Spirit Jams, and numerous other things she does as music coordinator.

- There's more! As president, I know for a fact that I cannot do everything. For a club to be successful, we must have a cohesive board. Harold Crane, Chris Wolschon, Patty Wolschon, and Sally Kilcullen are just that. Thank you, board, for making my job as president in 2023 a little bit easier.

Finally, I thank the SSDS membership for supporting the board and each other with your generous giving of time and help. Throughout the year, I've observed members helping and encouraging each other, and welcoming new members, and guests. No matter where or what the event, our members show up willing to help. To me, this is the total package. This is what makes our club great. We are the Silver String Dulcimer Society. Terry... 734-560-8204 Silverstrings.President@gmail.com

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

21 - *Christmas Potluck* & SSDS JAM - - - 6:30 pm

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S..LET'S CELEBRATE !

- 1...Sue Tranquilla
- 5...Brian Burchett
- 6...Rita Fulton
- 13...Theresa Smith
- 14...Jeff Despard
- 26...Tim Davidson
- 26...Kathy Hoath
- 30...Veronica Radowicz
- 31...Jim Coon
- 31...Sandi Hlavacek



If you don't see your name here for your birthday please let me know. David Silverstrings.Newletter@gmail.com

VP- PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Chris Wolschon

Merry Christmas!

It is December already, and we are all busy with many SSDS playdates, not to mention our own family gatherings throughout the month.

We also have the **SSDS Christmas Party** coming up on Thursday, **December 21st** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. We will begin at 6:30 with dinner around 6:45. Once again it will be a potluck and SSDS will be providing golabki (stuffed cabbage) for the main dish this year.

For the Pot Luck;

- If your last name starts with **A - H**, bring a **dessert**.
- If your last name starts with **I - S**, bring a **side dish**.
- If your last name starts with **T - Z**, bring a **vegetable**.

We will not be doing the ugly sweater contest this year, but there will be plenty of fun to be had.

If you aren't able to make any of the jams to sign up, but want to come to the party, please email or call me to let me know.

Have a joyous holiday season.

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

MARSHA'S MUSINGS ~ Marsha Kozlowski



Terry and I hosted Spirit Jam #32 on Tuesday, November 28. 79 people joined us from 8 different states. We played through 30+ of Silver String's favorite tunes and enjoyed the comments of people we have not seen since summer. We intend to continue these until the spring. To finish out 2023 with a musical spirit, the next Spirit Jam will be on December 28 at 7:00 EDT. Mark your calendars to be there. The tune list will be forthcoming soon. I have a theme in mind (no surprise, huh?!) - just need to get my act together.

Holiday PLAYLIST – Even though there is a “final” playlist, because of the variety of venues, expect it to be modified as needed. For example, Livonia Library is a 45 minute performance. At Holy Cross's Advent Program, our music will start, stop and start again. Southgate Library wants all secular music. We have the ability to do this. Line-up changes will be given to the players before each gig. Thank you to all who are playing this season or just

came to the practices to learn our holiday repertoire to be ready next year.

Holiday Schedule – Please share the flyer with family, friends and groups you belong to that would enjoy our performances.

Highland Library Music Jam Oakland County - one more jam for this year: Monday, December 11 from 11:00-1:00. The jams will start up again in the spring.

Did you know? Members can purchase the club's CDs for \$5.00. They are good stocking stuffers or incidental gifts. Newer members can use them as practice tools. See Harold or Terry to purchase. Also, the club now has a GOOGLE Calendar where you will find all the playdates and events.

Marsha... 734-239-4190

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VP - BUSINESS NOTES ~ Harold Crane

WOW, it's December, the last month of 2023 - time flies when you're having fun! This will be a busy month with all the play dates and getting together with family and friends.

Here are the SSDS December play dates:

- 12/2 - Saturday, 7:30 St. Colette Parish-Livonia (Dinner at 6:00)
- 12/3-Sunday, 12:30 Padzieski Gallery-Ford Community Arts, Dearborn
- 12/5-Tuesday, 6:30 Holy Cross Lutheran-Livonia
- 12/6-Wednesday, 6:30 Highland Township Library Highland Twp.
- 12/8-Friday, 7:00 Newburg United Methodist-Livonia
- 12/9-Saturday, 7:00 Celebration Lutheran Church Westland (Dinner at 6:00)
- 12/10-Sunday, 2:00 St. Richards Church-Westland
- 12/13-Wednesday, 12:30 St.Marys Cultural Center Livonia
- 12/14-Thursday, 2:00 Addington Place of Northville Northville
- 12/18-Monday, 6:00 Southgate Library-Southgate
- 12/21-Thursday, 12:00 Livonia Library-Livonia

A big THANKS to all our SSDS members for another successful year of playing and sharing music. I have enjoyed my time as the SSDS V.P. Business person and good luck to our new V.P. Business-Cindy Semrau! I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Let's all work for “peace on earth and goodwill toward men and women”.

Stay warm,, Harold.....810-356-2842

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TREASURER ~ Patty Wolschon

Hi everyone...

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday!

Now on to the Christmas season! We have many playdates scheduled in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Just a reminder that payouts for playdates are processed after the income from the playdate is received. I hand out the payouts at our jams. If you have participated in a previous playdate and have not yet received your payout, please see me at a jam or reach out to me via email (silverstrings.treasurer@gmail.com).

Thanks to all members who have sent in their membership renewals for the 2024 calendar year. If you have yet to pay for your renewal, you can pay in person at a jam, via mail at: SSDS, PO Box 51446, Livonia, MI 48151, or via PayPal on our website. Your membership dues help support the work and activities of our club.

I hope to see you at a jam soon and best wishes for the upcoming holidays!

Patty.... Silverstrings.Treasurer@gmail.com 248-417-2828

HIGHLAND LIBRARY MUSIC JAM

Highland Township Library
444 Beach Farm Circle, Highland Charter Twp.

Monday, December 11 from 11:00 - 1:00 pm

The jams will start up again in the spring!

Denise Harris-Fiems deniseharrismiti@yahoo.com

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

Join us for our next Open Mic Night on

Friday December 15th

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

Everyone is Welcome!

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

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

Mountain Dulcimer Players

Mark your calendars...our jams are returning...

Tuesday December 12

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

Meetings usually take place on the **2nd and 4th 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:

losgood10424@comcast.net or text at 734-649-3843



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/>

2023 Secular Holiday Play list –Final

Key	Tune	Play
G	Jingle Bells	3 /12
G	Holly Berry	3
G	Deck the Halls	3
A	Hang the Stockings (Hangman's Reel)	3
D	Eggnog in the Morning (Whiskey Before Breakfast)	3
G	Grandfather's Clock	3
G	Tick Tock Polka	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
D	Saro Waltz	3*
C/G	Winter Wonderland/Let it Snow! Tag End by Starter	2/ 2
D	Silver & Gold Two-Step	3
C	Silver Bells Ritard End. HD – walk up C Chord, Glockenspiel echo	3
C	Santa Claus is Coming to Town –	2
C	Marvelous Toy	2
D	Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer – Santa Stick	2
D	Festival Rag	3
D	Painter's Party Polka	3
D	Christmas in Killarney	2
G	I Saw Three Ships/ Christmas is in the Air	as written
D/G	Simple Gifts Tag end by Starter	2/1***
G	We Wish You a Merry Christmas	
	Extras (Encore)	
Am	Tamlin	
D	Black Mountain Rag	

Tunes marked with * -HD/s soften up second time so other instruments can be featured (depending on who is there).

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Quarantune Christmas Concerts

December 17 & 18, 2023

Virtual - Live Concerts

virtualdulcimerfest.com

Quarantunes 12

February 1-4, 2024

Virtual - Live Workshops

virtualdulcimerfest.com

Central Florida Dulcimer Festival

February 8 - 10, 2024

Mount Dora, Florida

centralfloridadulcimerfestival.com

Ohio Valley Gathering

March 15 - 17, 2024

Louisville, Kentucky

ohiovalleygathering.com

Buckeye Dulcimer Festival

April 17 - 21, 2024

Ashley, Ohio

buckeyedulcimerfestival.com

Baltimore Old Time Music Festival

April 19-20, 2024

Baltimore, Maryland

baltimoreoldtimefest.com

Colorado Dulcimer Festival

May 2-4, 2024

Littleton, Colorado

coloradodulcimerfestival.com

Gebhard Woods Dulcimer & Traditional Music Festival

June 8 - 9, 2024

Morris, Illinois

gebharddulcimer.org

Kentucky Music Week

June 23 - 28, 2024

Bardstown, Kentucky

kentuckymusicweek.com

Original Dulcimer Players Club FunFest

July 18 - 20, 2024

Evart, Michigan

evartdulcimerfest.org

2023 Holiday Play list - Final

Starter	Key	Tune	Play
KT/MK	G	Jingle Bells - start with chorus . Santa Stick tag if available. Jingle bells during each chorus	3 1/2
MK	G	Deck the Halls Start -Holly & Ivy 2x by starter while everyone decorates instruments/stands. Tag End by Starter	3***
MK	G	Holly Berry sound effect in the "knock-knock" notes	2
KT/MK	G/C	Let It Snow/Winter Wonderland Chimes at the end.	2/2
PK/CAM	C	Silver Bells glockenspiel in chorus as echo. Ritard last 4 measures HD – walk up C Chord	3
Dan/MK	C	Parade of the Wooden Soldiers - Snare start. Slide Whistle accents. Maintain tempo – don't speed up!	2
MK/Ed	D	Christmas in Killarney – Bohran, if available	2
MK and accessory players	C	Santa Claus is Coming to Town - end of 1st measure/ triangles, end of 2nd measure/jingle bells, end of 3rd measure/ clackers/woods; end of 4th measure/ slide whistle. 4 beats counted and everyone come in. Second time through – play from 1st measure.	2
MK	C	Marvelous Toy –Boomerang balls activated during chorus. Ritard last 2 measures. No tag ending	2
PK	D	Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer - Santa Stick if available. Jinglebells	2
MK/Whistle	Em	Heigh Ho/Patapan: Whistles/Marsha start, everyone else come in when they start 3rd measure but start with 1st measure and play with repeats (the effect will be a round) Play as written, go back to Heigh Ho and play 1 time, ending with 1st ending.	1 + Heigh Ho 1 time thru.
MK	Am	Cold Frosty Morn – bohran	2
MK/Ed	G	I Saw Three Ships/Christmas is in the Air - Bohran	As written
CAM	G	Oh Come All Ye Faithful at chorus, start soft, increase volume every 2 measures. End loud. Ritard starts 4 measure to End	3
KT	G	Hark! The Herald Angels Ritard last 4 measures to End	3
CAM	G	Angels We Have Heard on High – Second time HDs soft. Ritard last 3 measures of 3rd time.	3***
LO	Am	What Child is This - ritard last 4 measures – Feature concertina 2nd time – everyone soften up	3***
MDs or MK	D/G	Still, Still, Still/O Christmas Tree. MDs play once in D, then rest come in and play as written in G.	As written
MK/CAM	G	Joy to the World – 4 measure start, listen for 3 bongos between each verse before starting next verse. Tag end by Bass	3
Guitar	Em	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen – guitar start play upbeat tempo; all end abruptly on last note and let sound ring	4
Ed/Laurie/MK	D/G	Simple Gifts - 4 measure intro. 4 measure tag at end. Watch tempo don't start too fast. Feature harmonicas 2nd. time	2/2***
Fiddle	D/G	Silent Night - fiddle start, MK will do transition from D to G. Everyone plays G two times. The 3rd time in G, only harmonicas and guitar.	2/3***
KT	G	We Wish You a Merry Christmas – all sing the last chorus	1 1/2

Tunes marked with *** -HD/s soften up second time so other instruments can be featured (depending on who is there).
 NOTE: 2-3 tunes will need to be dropped to limit total to 20 or 21. This will be decided prior to each performance and may not always be the same.



SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER SOCIETY 2023 Public Holiday Performances

Date	Time	Place
Wednesday, Nov. 15	Noon	Wayne Cty Community College 21000 Northline Rd. Taylor
Sunday, Dec. 3	12:30-1:30	Padzieski Gallery/Ford Arts Ctr 15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn
Wednesday, Dec. 6	6:30 P.M.	Highland Library 444 Beach Farm Circle Highland Township
Friday, December 8	7:00 P.M.	Newburg UM Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia
Sunday, Dec. 10	2:00 P.M.	St. Richards Catholic Church 35851 Cherry Hill Rd. Westland
Monday, Dec. 18	6:00 P.M.	Southgate Memorial Library 14680 Dix-Toledo Rd. Southgate
Thursday, Dec. 21	Noon	Livonia Public Library 32777 Five Mile Rd. Livonia



The final Christmas practice took place on November 9th and was well attended by 39 members!



The first Holiday concert took place on November 15th at Wayne County Community College in Taylor



The November 9th jam brought out 31 musicians and we shared music, snacks and socializing.



The final Variety Night of 2023 took place on November 30th. The evening started off with pizza, Carol Ann's amazing salad and desserts followed by a full evening of entertainment, from individual performers to large groups. The first Variety Night of 2024 will take place on February 29th, so practice up a tune or tune and we'll see you there!



Your 2024 SSDS Board Members

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Sue Tranquilla
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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.

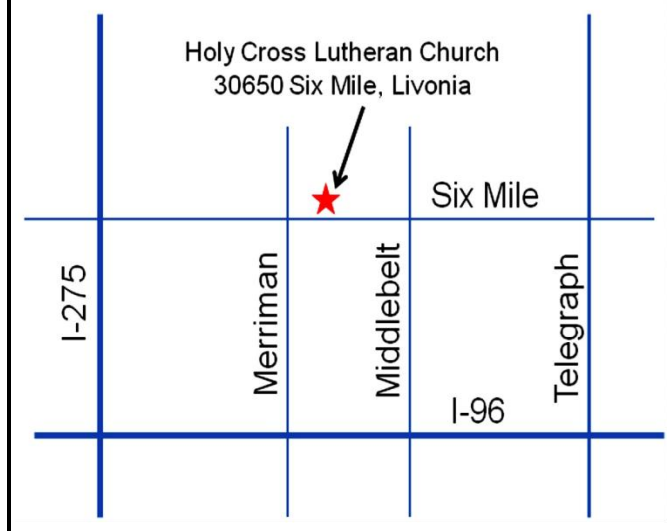
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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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