

# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

## Soundboard

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER ~ Terry Kozlowski

*Happy Fourth of July!*

*Whew, where's the summer going!*

The 2023 SSDS spring campout was a huge success! For me, the campout was a time for connections. It was quite something to observe and experience. It started as campers set up their campsites, erected the club canopies, and moved picnic tables in and around the pavilion to arrange the areas for all the activities. It was great to see people interacting, renewing old friendships, and welcoming non-club members. Personal connections were strengthened. Many thanks to everyone who participated together in leading workshops, cooking Saturday breakfast, leading jams, Saturday night dinner, and to all visiting music friends who attended to help make this a fun time. A special thanks to Chris Wolschon for his tireless effort in coordinating all the preparations required to pull off this successful event.

More events are coming this summer, but I'll let the board and music coordinator outline their programs.

Speaking about the board, my job is easy as I have a great board to take care of all the details. Thanks, gang! With this note, there are only 4 months before the board election process begins and we look to members to fill positions on the board, my position being one of them. The Business VP and Secretary positions will also need to be filled. If you want to know more, or would like to give your talent to support our club and continue its legacy, contact me via email or cell phone to answer any questions or concerns.

The ODPC FunFest Takes place July 13-16. For members attending this event, I suggest we wear our SSDS T-shirts and hats on Friday (weather permitting). In addition, support ODPC and become a member. There is lots going on as it is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this festival.

There will be a regular jam on July 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00, hope to see you there!

Terry.....734-560-8204

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### JULY CALENDAR

**06 - SSDS Board Meeting - - - - - 6:00 pm**

**06 - SSDS Jam & 'After Hours' - - 7:00 pm**

**20 - SSDS Jam & 'After Hours' - - 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

Hello everyone, I hope you're all feeling fine and enjoying the summer in Michigan. Here are a few happenings this month:

July 4th, Independence Day

July 13, 14 & 15<sup>th</sup> - Evert Fun Fest Music Festival  
(hope to see you there)

July 18th, Playdate at the Novi Public Library

DAY: Thursday (We play outside)

TIME: 11:30 to 1:00 pm

ADDRESS: 45255 West 10 Mile Road, Novi

DRESS: Casual

PLAYLIST: July

July 26<sup>th</sup>. Playdate at Addington Place of Northville

DAY: Wednesday

TIME: 2:00 to 3:00

ADDRESS: 42010 West 7 Mile Road, Northville

DRESS: Casual

PLAYLIST: July

July 28<sup>th</sup>, Playdate in Frankenmuth (Friday Fun Nights)

DAY: Friday (Street musicians)

TIME: 6:00 to 9:00 pm (plus several breaks)

ADDRESS: 635 South Main, Frankenmuth

DRESS: Casual

PLAYLIST: July

Everyone's welcome to sign up for playdates and share our music! Harold.....810-356-2842

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## MARSHA'S MUSINGS ~ Marsha Kozlowski

**Campout Music Wrap-Up** – We had some great jams. Lots of music and laughter. Some of you asked for copies of unfamiliar tunes – but I didn't get them written down. If you remember what you requested, let me know and I will put a copy into After Hours (this category simply means that the tune is not part of our "official" repertoire.) to have in our Dropbox library.

### Grandparents University



### Hammered Dulcimer Classes – Wed., June 21

SSDS and friends gave a Hammered Dulcimer class at Central Michigan University at Grandparents University, an interactive event for grandparents and grandchildren (ages 8-12) to have fun, and learn together. Our class, "Introduction to the Hammered Dulcimer" included performing and telling a little about the history and type of traditional music we play. We taught grandparents and grandkids how to hold hammers and play, Bingo Was His Name. They performed together at the end of the class. CMU was gratefully happy we were able to offer the class as it was the only music offering in the schedule.

### Evart – Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.



**"Let's Go to the Circus"** Those that participate in the mass HD show remain on stage while the rest of our group join us (SSDS immediately follow the mass HD group). Check the message board by the SSDS jam site for practice times.

Bring a kazoo or nose whistle with you, if you have one. Have a clownish outfit, hat or accessory. We will be using these during our finale! I have 24 clown noses (foam) but if you have your own, you can use that.

**Pop-up Jam** – There is a pop-up jam the week of July 24 to be held at Bob & Laurie Patterson's lovely backyard, 17749 Parkland St., Livonia. Check your email July 23 for exact time and day. Remember, it is BYOB, chair and snack if you wish.

**SSDS Club Picnic** – August 3. While the day's full agenda is still pending, one slot is scheduled. From 12:30-1:30, I will lead a Christmas tune try-out. While our holiday tune list stays pretty much the same, some tunes may be recycled or changed to keep the program fresh. Ready to try out some new tunes? Relook at old one or work on a challenging part? If you plan to play at any of the holiday gigs (of which there are several already booked), this is a chance to have input, add ideas, suggest tunes and get a taste of what we might do for 2023.

**JAM SCHEDULE** – No slow jams until fall. For the benefit of our newer players, we will take faster tunes a little slower for 1-2 times and then pick it up to regular tempo. The After Hours Jam will continue.

### PRACTICE TUNE VIDEOS–Your help is needed!



There are 87 SSDS tunes in the SSDS practice tune library. The goal is to build the library to 100 tunes. What tune do you know well? Your summer

homework assignment is to pick a tune to work on before September. A "recording session" is to be scheduled for the early fall. The video 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.

87 tunes and counting..... Please help us reach the goal. Contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss a particular tune.

Marsha.... 734-239-4190

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## JULY BIRTHDAY'S..LET'S CELEBRATE !

- 4...Regis Proulx
- 5...Karen Turner
- 7...Debra Stringer
- 9...Janelle Pacic
- 14...Sally Niemczewski
- 14...Richard Rowe
- 15...Denise-Harris Feims
- 15...Gerry Kustra
- 17...John McAuliffe
- 17...Mick Mastal
- 24...Pat Wolschon
- 29...Linda Lloyd
- 29...Lynne Ellen Kaiser



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

## VP- PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Chris Wolschon

Here it is July already...how does that happen?? I hope you are having a healthy and music-filled summer so far.

The annual campout in June was a success with lots of jamming, workshops, corn hole, eating and visiting. Thank you to all those who lent a hand in cooking breakfast, setting up and cleaning up on Saturday morning, and then again on Saturday night. Thank you also to all those who volunteered to lead a workshop. We have awesome people in SSDS who are helpful and kind in so many ways. That is why we have such a great organization and great events!

The ODPC Evert Musicfest is only a couple weeks away and I hope you can take advantage of the festivities, vendors and workshops. Silver Strings will be performing on stage on Saturday night, and we will have a big covered jam area as usual for all to join in.

The **SSDS picnic** is coming up on **August 3<sup>rd</sup>** and there will be a sign-up sheet at all the jams in July. If you are unable to be at the jam but want to come to the picnic, contact Terry Kozlowski at [silverstrings.president@gmail.com](mailto:silverstrings.president@gmail.com).

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 31<sup>st</sup>, so mark your calendars and start practicing. There will be a sign up sheet at all the jams in August.

If you have any questions about the above events, contact Terry Kozlowski [silverstrings.president@gmail.com](mailto:silverstrings.president@gmail.com).

*Have a great summer!*

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

## TREASURER ~ Patty Wolschon

Happy Summer!!!! We had a great campout in June with many campers and day attendees. Between camping fees and donations toward the dinner we were able to cover our costs, which is good news. Thanks to all who have paid their 2023 dues. We have 141 members who are up to date and there is one check in the mail. Our PayPal account is up and running through our website, so renewals can be paid that way or checks can be mailed to:

SSDS PO Box 15546 Livonia, MI 48151

We will begin collecting 2024 dues in October for those who want an early start. I will be unavailable in July and most of August (will be going to the Midland Folk Music Festival) but for those that may need club reimbursement during my absence, please contact our club President or Secretary for assistance.

*See you in September!*

Patty....248-417-2828 [Silverstrings.Treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:Silverstrings.Treasurer@gmail.com)

SAVE THE DATE  
OCTOBER 5, 2023

SILVER STRINGS  
DULCIMER SOCIETY  
40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
BANQUET

## MUSIC FESTIVALS

**ODPC FunFest**  
July 13 - 15, 2023 Evert, MI  
[www.evardulcimerfest.org](http://www.evardulcimerfest.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  
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, ON  
<https://huronharpfest.com/>

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

## 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:
July	24	Bob & Laurie Patterson 17749 Parklane St. Livonia (early evening)
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

## FOR SALE

Walnut **HAMMERED DULCIMER**

Handcrafted by **BILL WEBSTER**

Soundboard carvings by Bob Hubback.

Includes... HD, hammers, hammer bag, tuning wrench, electronic tuner, & custom carrying case. HD is located near Westland MI, and it is looking for a new home to travel to the Evert Dulcimer Festival again.

Well-cared for.

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Rose Hines 317-258-4326 [indywe@aol.com](mailto:indywe@aol.com)



## 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/ugluehead>

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

## ODPC Evert Funfest Workshops

Thursday - Saturday July 13 - 15, 2023

The Funfest offers over 150 music workshops. Seven of our Silver Strings members are leading 15 of the Workshops.

- Mary Jensen - Hammered Dulcimer
- Marsha Kozlowski - Building the Community
- AnnMarie Krause - MD and Recorder
- Jim Newtown - Hammered and Tablet
- Kay Rowe - Healing Music
- Cindy Semrau - Bones
- David Smith - World Folk Instruments

Check out the whole list of Workshops, Concerts, Vendors and everything you need to know by visiting the ODPC webpage at: <http://evartdulcimerfest.org/>

## Evert Playlist - 2023

Key	Tune	Play
C	Parade of the Wooden Soldiers	3
Em	Dancing Bear	4*
G	Tommy's Waltz	2
D	Swinging on a Gate	3
D	Dancing Clown	3
G	Bingo Was His Name	4**
*4 <sup>nd</sup> time: Soft on A part, loud on B ** 1 <sup>st</sup> time straight. Rest - will be using kazoos in arrangement.		

## 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
<b>Extras</b>		
D	Hey Polka	3
D	Turkey in the Straw	3
G	Maggie	3
D	Young Roddy McCorley	3
NOTE: on Waltz, HDs soft 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Extras</b>		
G	Amazing Grace	3
D	Hey (Boo) Polka	4
G	Grandfather's Clock	3
*2 <sup>nd</sup> time: HD's soft – feature other instruments		



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June 7 - 13, 2022 at Groveland Oaks Park in Holly, MI

Let's Play Music with Our Friends



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## Saturday WORKSHOPS



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Saturday **BREAKFAST** and **POTLUCK DINNER...Yumm!**





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Lots of Fun Music Jams



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## FUN TIMES at the Campout



# JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> VARIETY NIGHT

First Pizza & Carol Ann's Salad, then our MC Peggy introduced the 12 Entertaining Acts  
We all had a fun evening of food, fellowship and a variety of entertainment





**Our June 1st Jam brought out 36 musicians**



**23 members jammed the night away on June 15**



We had a small (10) but mighty group of performers at the JFK Jr. Library in Dearborn Heights on June 21st, led by Peggy Kustra. The audience really enjoyed our music and all the fun antics that went on.



June 21st brought out fun at CMU Grandparent's Day where both grandparents and their grandchildren learned how to play the merry tune about a farmer who had a dog...That's right...BINGO was his Name-O!



12 members participated in the Highland Township Library performance on June 27<sup>th</sup>. In this photo a very enthusiastic Cindy and Peggy encourage the audience in the **'HEY' Polka!!**  
*Thanks to all who shared photos for the June Soundboard.*

# SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER SOCIETY

## "Summer Fun" Performances

Date	Time	Place
Saturday, July 15	6:30 p.m.	Evert Funfest Osceola Fairgrounds*** Evert, MI
Tuesday July 18	11:30-1:00	Novi Public Library 45255 W. 10 Mile Novi, MI
Friday, July 28	6:00-8:30 p.m.	Friday Fun Night Frankenmuth, MI
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

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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.

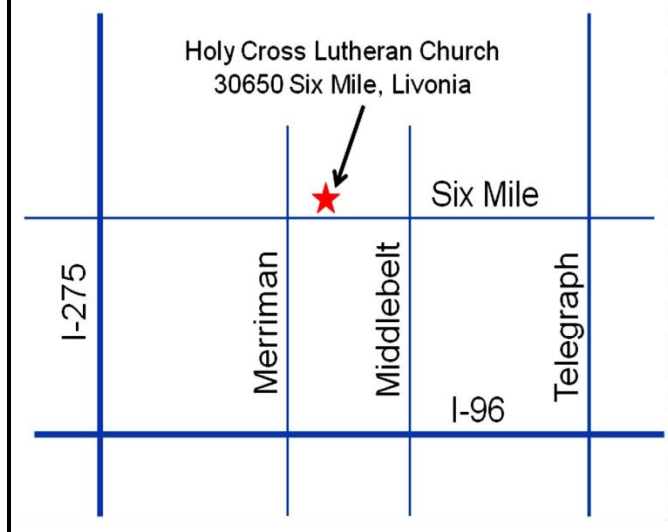
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,  
picnics, fun and fellowship.

**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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