

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER ~ Terry Kozlowski

The club will be very active this month. The big event this month is our annual club campout. In addition, numerous performance gigs are occurring this month. Event details are described by respective board members.

The year is flying by. Before you know it, elections will be here. Three positions being vacated at the end of 2023: President, VP-Business and Secretary. Consider how you may contribute to the club. The club is great because of each person's contribution. The duties of the board are outlined in the club bylaws accessible through Dropbox.

To review the by-laws electronically: select Dropbox, select Silver Strings Sheet Music folder, select "By Laws" folder.

To review the membership roster electronically: select Dropbox, select Membership Directory, select membership 2023 roster.

If you need assistance with Dropbox contact Karen Turner: silverstrings.webmaster@gmail.com

See you Thursday night!

Terry...734-560-8204 Silverstrings.President@gmail.com

VP - BUSINESS NOTES ~ Harold Crane

WOW! It's June and the official start of summer in our beautiful state of Michigan. Here's what we have going on this month, so mark your calendars and join in the fun. I will send you a play date reminder if you have signed up with all the information and also have the signup sheets at our regular jams on Thursday if you want to sign up for a play date.

June 3rd: Marine City play date

June 7th - 13th: SSDS Campout

June 14th: Flag Day

June 18th: Father's Day

June 19th: Juneteenth

June 20th: Carolyn Kennedy Library play date

June 21st: John Kennedy Library play date

June 21st: Central Michigan University play date

June 21st: First day of Summer!!!

June 27th: Highland Township Library play date

June 29th: SSDS Variety Night

Enjoy the warm weather and see ya soon.

Harold..... 810-356-2842 hlcrane45@yahoo.com

JUNE CALENDAR

01 - SSDS Board Meeting - - - - - 6:00 pm

01 - SSDS Jam & 'After Hours' - - 7:00 pm

07-13 SSDS Campout at Groveland Oaks

15 - SSDS Jam & 'After Hours' - - 7:00 pm

29 - Variety Night & Pizza Party - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

For more information on all upcoming events, click on:

<https://www.silverstrings.org/sections/events/events.html>

MARSHA'S MUSINGS ~ Marsha Kozlowski

Drumming DeMystified III - The last session will be on Saturday at the campout at Groveland Oaks. See the schedule for the exact time. This workshop will be focused on drumming for waltzes and polkas. Remember the workshop is designed for cajonists. You can bring other type of drums, but be aware the techniques are probably different.

Pop-up Jam - The next pop-up jam will be the week of June 25th at German Park on Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor MI. George Gonyo is hosting. Watch your emails on June 24/25 to know the exact day and time. Chris and Pat Wolschon hosted a Pop-Up on May 9th. Ten players enjoyed the next Pop-Up on May 22nd at Cindy and Geoff Semrau's home (as well as a "tour" of their orchard).

2023 Summer Public Performance Schedule –
 Share this with your friends, neighbors and family. Venues love it when we bring part of the audience. Because many of our community contacts haven't seen us play as much (COVID messed that up!), get the word out that we are back!! If you are interested in performing, contact Harold Crane to see if there is an open slot.

Grandparents University Hammered Dulcimer Classes – Wednesday, June 21. 1:00-2:30 and 3:00-4:30. The Alumni Association is excited about having a music class available for these 9-12 year olds and their grandparents. It is a great opportunity to “pass it forward” and share with future generations. Thank you to those who have signed up. Expect an email with the particulars.

Evart – July 2023 – “Let’s Go to the Circus – Bring on the Clowns”



Let's get our clown on. Start assembling your clown look. Practice and work on memorizing the tunes – there is no time nor space for most stands. There will be 2 practices at Evart before our Friday evening performance, time TBD. Check the message board by our jam site. Let me know if you think you are planning to perform with us.

EVART – Pre-show mass dulcimer performance
 tune: **Spider on the Bedpost, Viola’s Schottische, Riverside Ramble, Sophrinia, and March of Saint Timothy.** Our support for Mary Jensen and the Pre-show could move the number of players to 60. Last year 50 players participated.

PRACTICE TUNE VIDEOS – There are 87 SSDS tunes in the SSDS practice tune library. The goal is to build the library to 100 tunes. Your help is needed. What tune do you know well? Your homework assignment is to look through the library and pick a tune to work on this summer. A “recording session” is to be scheduled for the early fall. Someone will man the club camera and record it. The format: Announce the tune and key you are playing. Play through it 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. To avoid duplicates, please let me know if and what tune you would demonstrate.



Music in MISSOURI - Terry and I recently went to Missouri to visit SSDS members Lin & Darrell Everett. Lin and Darrell became members of SSDS after jamming with us through COVID at the Spirit Jam. We played a lot of music with them and got to jam with some of their group. The Everetts let Terry play their marimbula at the jam. Rose Marie Kinder, one of their mandolin players took a video of Cherokee Shuffle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjNxohjrfGs>

Marsha.... 734-239-4190

Silverstrings.Music.Coordinator@gmail.com

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S..LET'S CELEBRATE !

- 6...Gloria Tapper
- 18...Tom Koppin
- 25...Bob Patterson



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

VP- PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Chris Wolschon

Happy Summer!! Time is just flying by and June is here already.

CAMPOUT:

The campout is only a week away, and I hope you are looking forward to it as much as I am. There will be a big jam on Friday night and plenty of jamming throughout the day on Saturday. (Actually, there will be jamming every day throughout the day and evening!) If you want to come, you still can...there are a couple of open sites still.

Here are the scheduled activities for Saturday, June 10

9:00am Breakfast in Pavilion - Pancakes and sausages

10:30 – 11:15 AREA 1 Birding Walk Gerry Kustra

10:30 – 11:15 AREA 2 Hammered Dulcimer, Bill Robinson tune - Mary Jensen

11:30 – 12:15 AREA 1 Mountain Dulcimer - Linda Osgood

11:30 – 12:15 AREA 2 Bowed Psaltery - 3 part harmony w/2 bows (Part I) – Chris Wolschon

12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH (Everyone on their own)

1:45 – 2:30 AREA 1 Starting a tune in a jam – Peggy Kustra

1:45 – 2:30 AREA 2 Uke sing-a-long – Theresa & Dave Smith

2:45 – 3:30 AREA 1 Ipad/Android tutorial – Cindy Semrau & Carol Ann Matthews

2:45 – 3:30 AREA 2 Bowed Psaltery - 3 Part Harmony w/2 bows (Part II) - Chris Wolschon

3:45 – 4:30 AREA 1 Cajon Drumming Workshop; waltzes and polkas - Donna Kolojeskie

NOTE: *All instruments are welcome at all workshops*

5:30 POTLUCK DINNER

SSDS will be providing chicken. (\$2.00 donation suggested)

If your last name starts with **A through E**, bring a **dessert**.

If your last name starts with **F through M**, bring a **side dish**.

If your last name starts with **N through Z**, bring a **vegetable** of some sort.

Thank you to all those that have volunteered to help with breakfast and dinner. If you have not signed up to help and would like to lend a hand, there is plenty of work to go around.

If by any chance you have **not paid** for your campsite yet, please take care of that immediately. You can mail a check written out to SSDS to: SSDS P.O. Box 51446 Livonia, MI 48151 (Write "campout" on the note line.)

VARIETY NIGHT:

There will be a **Variety Night** on **June 29th**, and folks are signing up already. The sign-up sheet will be at the next 2 jams, so please let us know if you are coming and if you plan to perform.

There is also a place on the top of the sheet to sign up for the MC, so if you would like to do the announcing, please sign up.

ANNUAL PICNIC

The Annual Picnic is coming up on **August 3rd**. We could use some volunteers to help set up and take down, so keep that in mind if you are attending. Watch for a sign-up sheet in July.

See you next week at the campout!

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

TREASURER ~ Patty Wolschon

Happy Spring everyone! Thanks to everyone who responded to my calls or emails to renew their membership in SSDS (each year we start collecting in October for the year). We only have a few people I have not yet heard from and I will try to reach out to them again in the next week.

At this time we have 131 members who are current on their dues. That is an endorsement of the value our members place on all the benefits that come with club membership. Our account balance is strong so that we can cover the costs of Variety Nights, rent on our jamming space, and our annual campout and picnic coming up this summer. As always, if you have checks to send in for membership renewal or campout space make them payable to SSDS and please send them to:

SSDS
PO Box 51446
Livonia, MI 48151

Looking forward to more indoor jams, popup jams, and our campout coming up soon!

Patty....248-417-2828 Silverstrings.Treasurer@gmail.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
28680 CHERRY HILL, GARDEN CITY
between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads



For further information contact :

Bob: bsnemo@yahoo.com David: dtsmithnet@yahoo.com

Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/glughead>

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

The Abbey Coffee House

COMING UP! The next **OPEN MIC** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in the Sanctuary will take place on **Friday, June 16th**! 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 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 our Facebook page.

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

Mountain Dulcimer Players



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

We will take a break from June - August

....then we'll see you in the fall.

Contact Linda Osgood at:

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

FOR SALE

Master Works 16-15 Hammered Dulcimer

Instrument #9743. Mahogany top, cherry end rails, rosewood bridges. Case and tuner included. Asking \$1100. Owner is selling because they have upgraded to an extended range HD.

If interested, contact Marsha Kozlowski, 734-239-4190.



Website Happenings

The Board and a website committee has been working hard this year to bring you a better, more useful and efficient website! Rarely used web pages were deleted, the menu choices were tightened up and new features added! Please take a few minutes to browse through the website at <https://www.silverstrings.org>.

The biggest enhancement to the website is the ability to pay dues online through **PayPal**. Dues are still \$20 for a new membership and \$15 for renewal, but a small service fee of \$2 will be charged to use the online membership. This is a PayPal charge, not Silver Strings. Far worth the convenience! PayPal accepts PayPal accounts, credit and debit cards.

Our next major enhancements include an online Google Calendar **Events** page which can also be installed on your phone or tablet; an updated **About Us** page which includes an extensive past history page; a new **Photos** Photo Gallery which is continuously being updated and includes photos of members years ago which are fun to look at; and the ability to buy our CD's in digital format online through streaming services like iTunes, YouTube Music, Spotify and more.

Did you know....

- our **club YouTube page** now has over 510 videos including lesson videos, Spirit Jams, gigs and major performances?
- our **Contact Us** page has a link to view past officers since 1985?
- our **Tunes** page includes our Repertoire, Monthly Playlists and Tunes of the Month?
- our **Newsletter** page includes past newsletters? Fun to see what the club was doing years ago!

I want to thank the website committee for their ideas, support and patience as I worked in cyberspace coding the enhancements and newer material. And especially Cindy Semrau for her technical expertise! Cindy implemented the Google shared calendar and the ability to buy our CD digital music online. Our website committee consisted of Terry & Marsha Kozlowski, David & Theresa Smith, Chris & Patty Wolschon, Peggy Kustra, Sally Kilcullen, Cindy Semrau and myself.

Karen Turner - Webmaster and Dropbox Admin



MUSIC FESTIVALS

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

Quarantunes 10.0
June 1st - 4th, 2023
<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, KY
<https://www.kentuckymusicweek.com/>

ODPC FunFest
July 13 - 15, 2023 Evart, MI
www.evartdulcimerfest.org

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.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

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/

May Pop-Up Jams



The 1st Pop-Up Jam of 2023 was hosted at the home of Chris and Pat Wolschon on May 11. *Beautiful weather!*



Ten players enjoyed the next Pop-Up on May 22nd at Cindy and Geoff Semrau's home (as well as a "tour" of their orchard).

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:
June	26-30	George Gonyo German Park 5549 Pontiac Trail Ann Arbor
July	24-29	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

Grandparents University Playlist June 21, 2023

Key	Tune
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast
D	Over the Waterfall
G	Westphalia Waltz
D	Liberty
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna
D	Black Mountain Rag
G	She'll Be Coming round the Mountain
Em	Tamlin
G	Tune being taught: BINGO was his Name-O

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	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
Em	Tamlin	4
G	South Wind	3*
A	Pickin' the Berries	3
A	Hangman's Reel	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
D	Ashokan Farewell	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**
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3
G	Girl I Left Behind Me	3
G	Battle Hymn of the Republic	3*
C	Five Foot Two	3**

*2nd time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistles take melody; HD's softly backup
 ** Tempo should be singable – not too fast.

Silver Strings 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**

*4nd time: Soft on A part, loud on B
 ** 1st time straight. Rest - will be using kazoos in arrangement.

June Library Tune List

June 20 - Carolyn Kennedy Library

June 21 - John Kennedy Library

- D Painters Polka
- D Whiskey before Breakfast
- D Over the Waterfall
- G Westphalia Waltz

- Am Cold Frosty Morn
- Em Missouri
- D. Black mountain Rag
- G. Southwind

- Em Road to Lisdoonvarna
- D John Ryan's Polka
- D Young Roddy McCorleyy
- D Festival Rag

- D Chickadee Reel
- G Nail that Catfish to a Tree
- D Chinese Breakdown
- D Saro Waltz

- C Five foot Two
- G Maggie
- G Columbus Stockade Blues
- D/G Simple Gifts

SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER SOCIETY

"Summer Fun" Performances

Date	Time	Place
Tuesday, June 20	7:00 p.m.	Caroline Kennedy Library 24590 George Ave. Dearborn Hts. MI
Wednesday, June 21	6:30 p.m.	John Kennedy Public Library 24602 Van Born Rd. Dearborn Hts, MI
Tuesday, June 27	6:30 p.m.	Highland Township Public Library 444 Beach Farm Cir., Highland Twp, MI
Friday, July 14	6:40 p.m.	Evart Funfest Osceola Fairgrounds*** Evart, 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



14 attended Donna Kolojeskie Drumming II Workshop on May 4th



A really big jam with 44 musicians took place on May 4th



Wow! A new record attendance of 45 musicians at our 2nd meeting on May 18th

Position	Name	Contact Information
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3rd Annual Evert, MI 2023
Beyond A to Z's of Hammered Dulcimer
with Rick Thum

For those who have taken the A to Z class and need to go further with it; intermediate and advanced students.

Location: Evert United Methodist Church, 619 N. Cherry, corner of First & Cherry, Evert, MI. Two day workshop to be held in the air conditioned Church Hall.

Date: (Thursday - Friday) **July 6th - 7th, 2023**

Time of Class: 9:00 A.M. to 12:00, 1:00 to 4:00pm & 4:30 to 6pm both days.

Cost: \$175 for two days of air conditioned workshop.

LIMITED SEATING - Register early to insure your place in the class. Bring your tape recorder for future reference.

18th Annual Evert, MI 2023
A to Z's of Hammered Dulcimer
with Rick Thum

Intensive training workshop on all levels for beginning, intermediate and advanced students.

Location: Evert United Methodist Church, 619 N. Cherry, corner of First & Cherry, Evert, MI. Three day workshop to be held in the air conditioned Church Hall.

Date: (Monday - Wednesday) **July 10th - 12th, 2023**

Time of Class: 9:00am to 12:00, 1:00 to 4:00pm and 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Class ends at 4pm on Wednesday

Cost: \$250 for three days of air conditioned workshop.

LIMITED SEATING - Register early to insure your place in the class. Bring your audio recorder for future reference.

Contact Rick Thum Phone:314-406-0690
Email: rthum@rthum.com Website: www.rthum.com
6710 Twin River Rd., Eureka, MO 63025

CUT AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH PAYMENT

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: RICK THUM
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Beyond A to Z's or A to Z's

Date: _____ Amount Paid _____

StudentsName: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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.

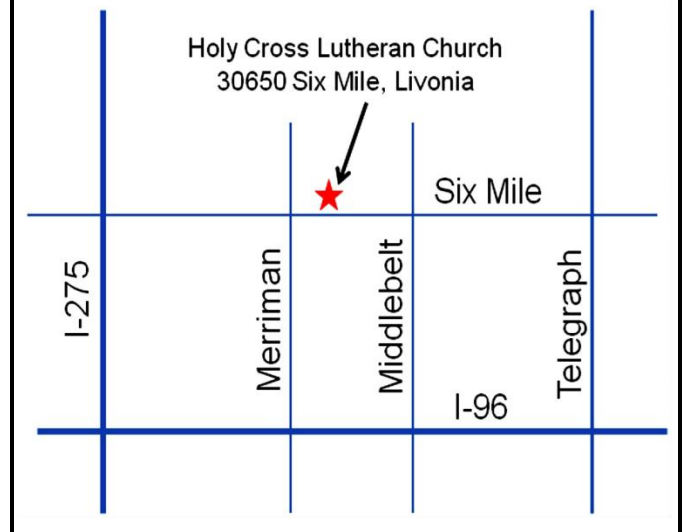
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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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