

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER ~ Terry Kozlowski

We are in the middle of Spring and April has refused to let go of the cold, windy, wet, and cloudy weather.

Easter has come and gone. I trust all had an enjoyable day with family and friends. We're at the doorstep of another great day and that is Mother's Day on May 14. It's great to spend time with loved ones, enjoying warm temperatures, and the fragrance of blooming flowers. Oh yes, let's not forget those allergies!

Speaking of hospitality, members of our club have volunteered to host pop-up jams. They're called pop-up jams because they're arranged based on a favorable weather window during spring, summer, and fall. As Michiganders, we know the weather changes rather quickly. These little jams are held at parks, local shelters, or at members' homes. Currently, there are eight pop-up jams scheduled for this summer season. Thank you, club members, for donating time and facilities to support these little jams.

If you want more details, contact Marsha Kozlowski, silverstrings.music.coordinator@gmail.com.

Our new board members, Chris and Patty Wolschon, have quickly adapted to their positions. Chris is VP of Programs and is doing a great job. With his guidance, our annual campout should max out at 30 campers by June 1st. Last year SSDS booked 22 campers. Patty, as treasurer, is doing a great job keeping our finances in order. Also, she is revamping our club membership roster. Our 2023 club membership is currently 104 members.

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You can't always have a good day. But you can always make a bad day better with some good music.

MAY CALENDAR

04 - Drumming Workshop ----- 6:00 - 6:45 pm

04 - SSDS Board Meeting ----- 6:00 - 6:45 pm

04 - SSDS Meeting & Jam ----- 7:00 - 8:30 pm

18 - SSDS Meeting & Jam ----- 7:00 - 8:30 pm

VP- PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Chris Wolschon

Yay...it's May!

After an April of very mixed weather, especially the 80° week followed by temps in the 30s and snow, we are looking forward to the consistently warmer weather coming our way in May.

Campout:

Our plans for the SSDS campout are going full swing, and we are looking forward to a fun-filled week with friends, food, jams, food, games, workshops, and food.

If you have not paid for your camping yet, make sure you get that taken care of before the end of this month. (Contact me for more information.)

As of this writing, **there are only 3 campsites left**, so if you are intending to camp, you better contact me quickly if you want a site.

We will begin to recruit campout help at the jam on May 4th for breakfast prep and cooking, as well as dinner prep. If you will not be at any jams this month but would like to help at the campout, please contact me.

We will also be finalizing the workshop schedule within the next couple weeks and will have the full Friday & Saturday schedule available by the first week of June.

For those coming for just the day on Saturday, please let me know if you are attending breakfast and/or dinner.

Variety Night:

There will be another Variety Night coming up on June 29th, so start practicing and plan to attend. We had a great turnout in March with a good variety of talented folks performing. You don't want to miss this one!

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MARSHA'S MUSINGS ~ Marsha Kozlowski

Playlists: April – July Performance, Evert and CMU Grandparents U.

Tune of the Month - comes out about 4-5 times a year to keep us learning and expanding as musicians. Some become favorites and are put in the performance repertoire. Black Mountain Rag is one example. I am hoping Chickadee Reel does as well. Please work on it. The last tune of the month is Maurice Manley's Polka.

PRACTICE TUNE VIDEOS – The 87 SSDS tunes in SSDS YouTube practice tune library are to help newer players learn and others brush up on tunes not played in a while. Example: Did you know there is a video for Smash the Windows which was recently played at a recent jam?

The goal is to build the library to 100 tunes. To help with that, the Board is planning a "recording session" in the early fall. Think about a favorite tune you may be confident playing and demonstrating. Check if there is a recording of it in the "library." Let me know if you will work on this. 87 and counting to 100. If this is successful, the Board would like to start working on a holiday tune "collection" in 2024.

Drumming DeMystified II - The second of 3 sessions on building percussion playing skills on the Cajon: May 4 @ 6:00 Donna will do a quick review and short demo of jigs, then spend the rest of the time on reels with folks, since that is our most common tune type. She will demo a two-tune medley (Cold Frosty Morn to Schottische du Stockfish). The group will then work on playing simple downbeat and some other basic rhythms for those tunes. If there is time, she will share a very cool advanced rhythm for the go-getters! There will be **a lot more playing this time!** Should be fun! Please know the workshop is designed for cajonists. People can bring other drums, but she won't be able to teach the content directly to other drums because of their different techniques. **Even if you missed the first session, still come.**

Evert – July 2023 – Performance Theme. "Let's Go to the Circus – Bring on the Clowns" We are reviewing the tunes at each jam. Start looking for a funny hat or colorful "clowny" items to carry the theme. Remember there isn't time or space for HD players to take stands on stage. The tunes must be memorized. If you have a kazoo, please bring it with you to the next jam to try with BINGO.

EVART – Pre-show mass dulcimer performance NOTIFICATION. Mary Jensen has informed me there are issues with the written version of Riverside Ramble. Mark your music to remove the 8th notes pick-up at the beginning. The tune will start on the 1st note of the first full measure.

The Pop-up Jam schedule is out. Please email Marsha if you are interested in being on the notification list. Watch your emails on Sundays of those weeks for specific dates and times. These jams are weather dependent. Thank you to hosts who have volunteered to host these fun small gatherings. It is delightful to be

outside playing music with friends. Hope to see you at one of them.

Small jam opportunity. Want more time to play SSDS Tunes with others? Sherri Kerby has set up **Highland Practice Sessions** at the Highland Public Library from 10-12 every Tuesday through May 20. The Highland Public Library is located at 444 Beach Farm Circle, Highland MI. Contact Sherri Kerby skerby200@gmail.com 248-969-3728 or Denise Harris-Fiems deniseharrismiti@yahoo.com 2 if you have questions. This is an open jam. *By the way, SSDS will be performing at this library later this year.*

Library Outreach Refresh – The program has been expanded to promote all the instruments in our club. Can you promote our "reach out and touch" program to your local library?. Brochures and program descriptions are on the hand-out table for you to take. Libraries play a long way ahead, the information you give them now won't be put in the schedule for 6-8 months. Let's plant the seeds NOW!

SSDS Promotion thru OPEN MIKE sessions. Do you go or have you gone to an OPEN MIKE session? They seem to be popping up all over, including at Holy Cross. Some of our recent visitors at SSDS have come because they were told about us at an open mike session from an SSDS member. This is a good thing. Keep it up and if you haven't promoted SSDS, watch for an opportunity to be an ambassador.

Central Michigan Grandparents University Hammered Dulcimer Classes Wednesday, June 21, 2023

We could use a couple more HD players and perhaps a couple more backup players, especially bass. There are 6-7 players from other parts of the state joining us. I am checking into camping so those who want can go up the day before, camp and jam and be up there for Wednesday.



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.

Marsha... 734-239-4190

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TREASURER ~ Patty Wolschon

Happy Spring everyone! We are doing the final 2023 update to our membership list and still have some members who have not renewed yet. I have been making phone calls to those I do not have emails for and have been sending reminder emails to the others to please renew their membership as soon as possible. We began collecting the 2023 dues in the fall and it is now 8 months later. We do not want to lose members but will have to cull our list by June 1. If you still want to be able to perform on playdates, have access to our Dropbox music, and generally want to support our club, please bring your renewal to the next jam or send it to our mailbox at:

SSDS
PO Box 51446
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The renewal dues are only \$15 per person, per year. Quite a deal for all the perks of membership. Thanks!

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

MAY BIRTHDAY'S..LET'S CELEBRATE !

5...Dave Matthews
7...Susan Diehl
13...Carol Dick
19...Shirley Keyser
20...Cyndi O'Brien
21...Emily Smith
23...Joseph Hiter
26...Peggy Kustra
26...Ken Kaiser
27...Dawn Hayes
27...Terry Kozlowski
28...Joyce Hoolsema

Happy
Birthday

*If you don't see your name here for your birthday
please let me know. David dtsmithnet@yahoo.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 **May 9 & 23 from 1 - 3 pm**. Players of ALL levels are welcome as well as rhythm and back up players

We will take a break from June - August, then we'll see you in September.

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.



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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, May 19th**! 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>

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 Ewart, MI
www.ewartdulcimerfest.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/

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:
May	8-10-11- or 12	Patty and Chris Wolschon 14892 Fox Redford
May	22-26	Cindy Semrau 3710 Hollyhock West Bloomfield
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

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.

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 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.

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society April 6, 2023



18 attended the Drumming Workshop led by Donna Kolojeskie



37 members attended the big Jam led by Peggy Kustra



15 stayed later for the 'After Hours' Jam



The April 20th Jam brought out 38 members for a fun filled evening of music.

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.

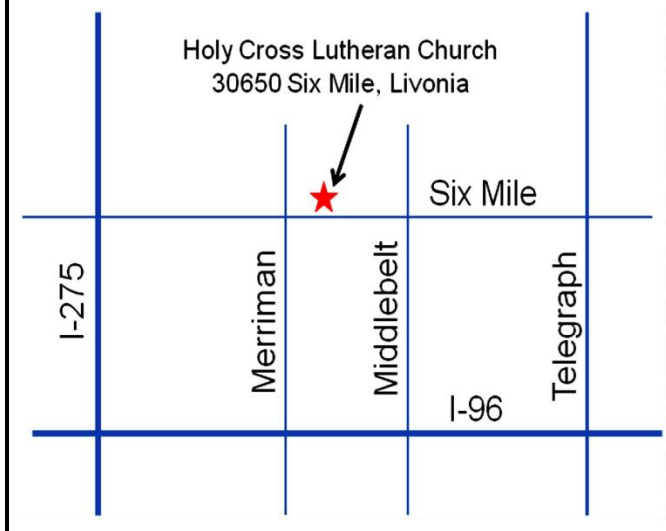
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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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