



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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SHARING ACOUSTIC MUSIC for 40 YEARS

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER ~ Terry Kozlowski

As I write this article at the Midland Music Festival, I'm enjoying the sound of music, conversation, and laughter occurring around my camper. There is much jamming and as usual, a lot of commotion erecting our canopies and helping fellow campers set up their campsite. Thanks to all who helped with the setup, removal of canopy covers in the threat of foul weather, and disassembly of the jamming area on Sunday morning. Special thank you to those who provided equipment and setup to the jamming area: Regis Proulx, two 10' x 20' canopies, Jim Newtown, 12' x 12' popup, Feeman Gilmore, 12' x 12' popup, Mike Hurt for extension cords and lights. When I think back to our club campout, club picnic, and Evert Fun Fest, and Midland Festival, our musical family has experienced a high level of positive energy, generosity, and much fun doing so.

Fall is around the corner. For some, it's the best time of the year with cool nights, milder temperatures, and fall colors. Fall highlights our Club banquet and it's scheduled for the first Thursday in October. Tickets are on sale, contact Peggy for prices and details.

In addition, it's time to start preparations for our Christmas program. At the September board meeting rehearsal dates and times will be determined. Marsha will email the new and practice tune list with the established dates.

Election time is coming soon. There are three positions opening this year: President, Vice President Business, and Secretary. To date, Peggy Kustra has signed up to become president, Cindy Semrau for VP of Business, and Sue Tranquilla for secretary, thank you members for stepping up to the task.

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

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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

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

VP - BUSINESS NOTES ~ Harold Crane

Hello music lovers, it's September, kids are back at school, days are getting shorter, autumn starts on the 23rd and the world keeps on turning! We only have one playdate this month:

WHERE: Oakmont - Livonia
14265 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, Michigan

DATE: September 12, 2023

DAY: Tuesday

EVENT: Outdoor Concert

If you want to sign up give me a call, email or at our jam on the 7th. Don't forget to get your SSDS Banquet tickets which will be on October 5th.

Keep on Smiling!

Harold...810-356-2842

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MARSHA'S MUSINGS ~ Marsha Kozlowski

Playing in August – SSDS was truly on the road – from Frankenmuth, to New Baltimore, to Grosse Ile. We had enthusiastic audiences and a lot of fun. Some outstate members joined us which was great. Photos and videos were posted on Facebook.

Midland reflections – Our meeting area, aka, Jam Tent, was centrally located and in use much of the time with a Uke jam in the morning, afternoon MD jam and 3-hour evening jam, followed by 1-3 hour fast jam. Saturday, we heard music til 2:30 a.m. David Haas, MD player extraordinaire, graced us with his singing and playing. The "All God's Critter's Jam" brought lots of laughs as

we played old and new tunes that had a critter's name in the title. Have you played "Sally Smacked Me with a Flounder"?

SSDS was well-represented as several SSDS people led workshops and volunteered at the registration tent, stage show, etc.

MUSIC LIBRARY: Check Dropbox and keep your music updated. Unfamiliar tunes shared at Evert and Midland will be added to the library 'After Hours' section. While they may not become part of the "official" repertoire, you will have them for the next festival or other jam group. If you picked up a new tune at a workshop or jam you think SSDS would enjoy, give me a copy to add to the library. *NOTE: Copyrighted tunes in the jam library will not be added to a performance list but can be enjoyed at a jam.*



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. I am asked at every festival if we have a video for a particular tune. This project can only grow with your help.

Holiday Music Preparation. Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas music review session before the Club picnic. Your comments were helpful as we tried out various tunes and talked about instrumentation, arrangements, etc. There are 5 tunes or medleys that will be added if we can learn them: **O Holy Night** – C (would be our feature tune). The challenge will be in counting. The proposed arrangement will help in that regard. **Christmas in Killarney** appears to be an early favorite and would feature our great whistle players. **The Marvelous Toy** would replace Santa Is Coming to Town – is there someone who could/would create a marvelous toy to be a visual focal point? **Heigh Ho/Patapan** medley is in a minor key and has some cool possibilities; **Still, Still/Oh Christmas Tree** medley – I envision the MDs/autoharps starting this piece with the rest of us building upon it.

Besides working on these new tunes, please let me know if you intend to perform any of the holiday performances. There are 8 scheduled performances so far, from late November through December 21.

Michigan Festivals – We are fortunate to have two great traditional music festivals in our state: The ODPF Funfest in Evert and the Midland Folk Music Festival in Midland. The support we give these festivals helps keep them going. In the past few years, some festivals have called it quits for a number of reasons. Membership has dropped critically or insufficient attendance or volunteers to make it a go.

Being a member, volunteering and voting are important to the vitality of the clubs and festivals. If you are not a member of ODPF or Midland Folk Society, I encourage you to become one. Like SSDS, ODPF will be electing people to leadership. Two people running for Trustee are our own Cindy Semrau and Mary Jensen. Midland is also experiencing a change in leadership. They are seeking a Stage Show Manager.

Marsha... 734-239-4190

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S...LET'S CELEBRATE!

14...Mark Williams

21...Sue Duncan

27...Stephen Peper



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

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society
40th Celebration Banquet
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
30650 Six Mile, Livonia, MI
Thursday, October 5, 2023
Doors open at 6:00, Dinner at 6:30
Jamming after Dinner
\$10 members \$20 guests

MUSIC, FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!

WOW! Silver Strings Dulcimer Society has been together for **40 years**.

This is awesome!

Mark your calendar and buy tickets for the banquet.

Purchase tickets from Peggy Kustra, call at 313-5570-7844

email peggyakustra54@gmail.com,

or see me at a SSDS meeting.

Come join in on the fun, food and fellowship!

Hope to see you there.....Peggy Kustra

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Just a reminder that **your annual dues will be expiring soon** and you will need to renew them in order to keep your membership active! Our latest website enhancement lets you take out a new membership or renew your dues online on our website! Yes, you heard me correctly! Online! Cyberspace! Internet! World Wide Web!

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. To access our online system, visit [Silver Strings Dulcimer Society - Membership](#)

Of course, you can still renew your dues by US Postal Mail or directly handing the money or check to our Treasurer, Patty Wolschon, at a club jam. If sending, please send check payable to Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, PO Box 51446, Livonia, MI 48151.

..... Karen Turner - Website and Dropbox Admin.

The Nomination Committee has a current list of members willing to run for office for the year 2024.

- **President: Peggy Kustra**
- **Vice President Business: Cindy Semrau**
- **Vice President Programs: Chris Wolschon**
- **Treasurer: Patty Wolschon**
- **Secretary: Sue Tranquilla**

However, if any member wishes to add their name and run for any board member position, please contact the nomination committee members:

Peggy Kustra peggyakustra54@gmail.com
 Theresa Smith tsmithuke@yahoo.com
 Sally Niemczewski sjniemczewski@yahoo.com

HIGHLAND LIBRARY MUSIC JAM

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

The following Mondays, from 11:00 to 1:00 pm:

September 11, 18, & 25 October 9, & 30
 November 13, 20 & 27 December 11

We'll be playing slower than at regular jams!

Denise Harris-Fiems deniseharrismiti@yahoo.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.



The July Pop-Up jam at Bob & Laurie Patterson's patio

Month	Week	Place:
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

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Wheatland Music Festival

Sept. 8-10, 2023 Remus, MI

<https://www.wheatlandmusic.org/>

QuaranTune 11

Online Virtual Dulcimer Festival

September 28 - October 1, 2023

<https://www.virtualdulcimerfest.com/>

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/



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

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

Check our website: <https://ukulelegathering.weebly.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 Sep. 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

Everybody 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....

Tuesdays, October 10 & 24

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

Meetings will 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

FOR SALE

Hammered Dulcimer, Mountain Dulcimer, Mandolin, Guitar, and Accordion.

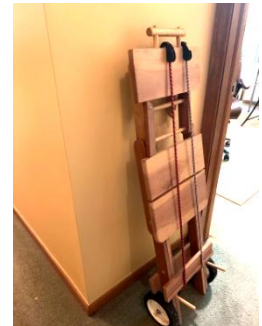
If interested please contact Ruth Keirl at 734-721-9025. This is a land line so you may leave a message. She is in Ann Arbor.

FOR SALE

Hammered Dulcimer carrier (converts to a chair).

\$50 or best offer

Contact: Susan Robinson
248-444-7077



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		





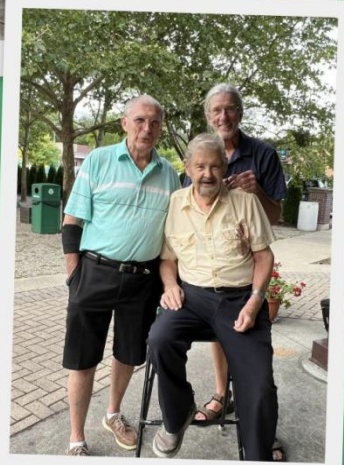
Our annual Silver Strings picnic took place on August 3rd. Good weather, music, food and friends. *We had it all!*



Silver Strings performed for the residents of Caretel Inns of Brighton on August 8th



August 10th performance at New Baltimore Grace Church in Chesterfield Township.



A happy group of Silver Stringers provided toe tapping music to a good crowd, August 13th on Grosse Isle



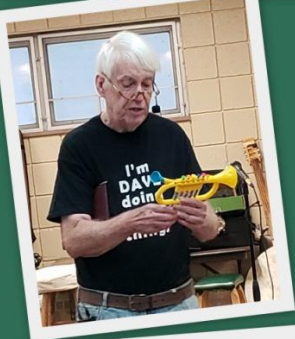
Our SSDS gig in Frankenmuth July 28th. We had three excellent egg players join us, and later evaded two rain events that weren't even on the radar, but we enjoyed playing together. Deb Stringer, Margene Scott and Jim Newtown were able to come and add to our sound.



Silver Strings was back again to Frankenmuth on August 18th. Nice weather and more egg shakers joined in the music.



The Midland Folk Music Festival took place on August 24-27th. Lots of camping, nearby motels, workshops, jams, sing alongs, vendors, dance, and an evening concert. Several large jams were held under the Silver Strings canopies (and during a heavy downpour in the one of the buildings) and a potluck dinner was also hosted.



Our August 31st Variety Night brought out 36 members, and 12 acts for an enjoyable evening of musical entertainment, pizza, Carol Ann's salad & a variety of yummy desserts. Our host and MC for the evening was Dave Mathews. Join us at the next **Variety Night on November 30th.**

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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.

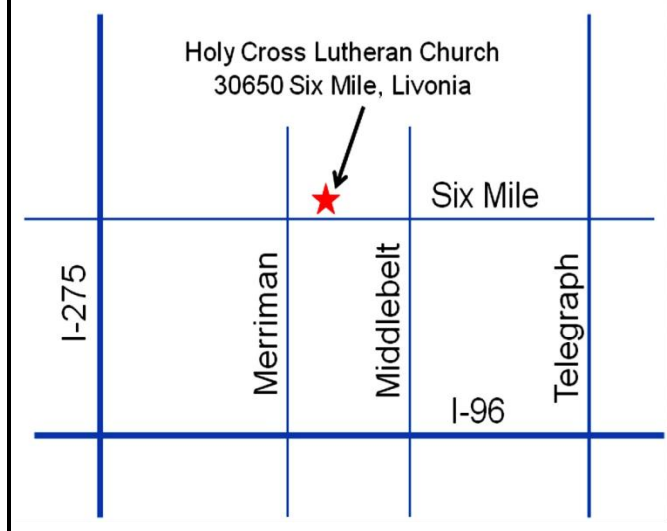
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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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