



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS ~ Peggy Kustra

Hello Everyone,

I want to thank everyone who sent their condolences on the passing of my mom. It was very kind and very helpful. God Bless you all.

I hope everyone had a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Soon we will be turning in our orders for Silver Strings apparel. Look at the following list and contact me about which article you would like and the size. Let me know as quickly as you can. We will turn in the order on **April 16**.

- FULL ZIP HOODED SWEATSHIRT - GREEN \$27.72, 2XL +\$3.00, 3XL + \$4.00
- SWEATSHIRT - GREEN
- HAT - GREEN
- HOODED JACKET (WINDBREAKER) - GREEN \$40 PLUS NAME EMBROIDERED, 2XL + \$3.00, 3XL +\$4.00
- GREEN T-SHIRT \$8.92, 2XL+\$3.00, 3XL +\$4.00
- WHITE T-SHIRT \$11.92, 2XL +\$3.00, 3XL + \$4.00

Contact me any time. Tell me your ideas, questions, or concerns. I will bring all the information to the board to discuss.

Peggy Kustra 313-570-7844
Silverstrings.President@gmail.com

APRIL CALENDAR

- 04 - SSDS Board Meeting - - - - - 6:00 pm
- 04 - SSDS JAM - - - - - 7:00 pm
- 18 - SSDS JAM - - - - - 7:00 pm

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS...LET'S CELEBRATE!

- 1...Cindy Semrau
- 1...Larry Roper
- 6...Nancy Gullet
- 10...Luke Kawecki
- 13...Bill Deighton
- 16...Dan Dekker
- 20...Kimberley Bell
- 23...Harold Crane
- 23...Bill Frank
- 25...Julie Wilson
- 28...Marsha Kozlowski
- 29...Susan Rose



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

VP-PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Chris Wolschon

Spring is here! Along with spring comes the warmer weather and thoughts of camping. The sign-up for the 2024 Silver Strings campout started last week and we are already 40% filled!

You can sign up for the **SSDS annual campout** at our regular jams. If you can't make it to any of the jams to reserve a site, contact Chris Wolschon @ silverstrings.programs@gmail.com or 313-410-0143 **Reserve early to make sure you get a site before they are all gone!**

The dates are: arriving Wednesday afternoon, June 5th and departing Wednesday morning, June 12th.

We will still be at Groveland Oaks County Park (14555 Dixie Hwy. Holly, MI), but we have moved our location this year **from** group sites 10 & 11 **to** group sites 2 & 3. There are still 30 sites, but we are closer to the entrance, twice as close to the restrooms, and closer to the hiking trail.

Each campsite has 30A electric, and there are 4 water faucets on the inner circle. (Hose splitters are not permitted in the park) Each site can have 1 trailer, one tent, and 2 cars. Restrooms, showers, and laundry are walking distance away.

Unfortunately, along with everything else, the cost of camping went up this year:

- If you are staying 1-2 nights, it will cost \$40.00 a night.
- If you are staying 3-4 nights, it will cost \$35.00 a night.
- If you are staying 5-7 nights, it will cost \$30.00 a night.

If you aren't a camper, you can rent a cabin or yurt.

Cabin rentals: 2 or 4 person \$87/night - - 6 person \$125/night

Yurt Rentals: \$135/night, sleeps 6.

All cabins and yurts are equipped with a small refrigerator, table and chairs, electricity, water nearby, outdoor cooking grill, picnic table, fire pit and microwave. Guests must provide their own linens.

Contact Groveland Oaks (248) 634-9811 for more information and for cabin/yurt reservations.

A **day-only** fee is \$5.00 per car for Oakland residents or \$12.00 for general admission.

Friday night we will have hot dogs and chips provided for dinner, followed by a bonfire and music/singalong

Saturday will start with a pancake & sausage breakfast, followed by jamming and workshops throughout the day, and finish with a pot-luck dinner with fried chicken as the main course. (a \$2.00 donation would be appreciated to offset the cost of the chicken.)

Please let us know how many will be attending the breakfast and/or dinner so we can purchase enough food.

Lemonade, water, as well as plates, cups, plasticware and napkins will be provided.

The park offers paddle boat, paddleboard, canoe, and kayak rentals, as well as swimming and fishing.

Chris Wolschon 313-410-0143
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MARSHA'S MUSINGS ~ Marsha Kozlowski

First I must thank all of you for your help and support these past few months as Terry and I have dealt with our respective health challenges. We are looking forward to coming back soon. You have made it easier to get through this time.

Highland SSDS Practice Group is back in business. Check the newsletter to dates and times. This is an open jam and a good time to get more group playing practice. Mark your calendar for scheduled 2024 dates at the Highland Library:

Mondays, April 1, 15, 29 and May 13 from 11-1.

Tuesday, April 23 from 11-1

Mondays April 8, May 6 and 20, from 10-12

Tune of the Month – It has been a while since we have had a tune of the month. I think it is time, don't you? The first tune of the month for 2024 is Dingle Regatta. I first heard the tune at Midland where Mary Lou Battley shared it. The tune can be played as a slide or jig. I notated it in the key of G and 6/8 time. Various versions

can be found, some with 2 parts and some with 3, each repeated. The name of the tune comes from Sean O'Reada, an Irish musician and bandleader. The tune was used in the score of the film, The Playboy of the Western World. It is considered a pub tune and can be heard in Irish sessions. Some groups add voice to the third part: "Hi, Ho yah da duh, da, da da, Hi Ho yah da duh da." Try it and see what you think. It could be a "call and response" opportunity. Tempo is generally peppy but depends on the group's preference.

Dingle is the only town on the Dingle peninsula in County Kerry, Ireland. It sits on the Atlantic Ocean in the southwest part of Ireland, 50 kilometers southwest of Tralee and 71 kilometers northwest of Killarney. It has long been a trading port and today is a tourist destination with several pubs where you can enjoy a music session.

Recycling – a good practice –What is one of your early SSDS favorites that isn't played very often? **Amelia, Peekaboo Waltz, Puncheon Floor, Ten Strike, Endless Medley, Columbus Stockade Blues?** Look through the SSDS music and at the next jam, pick one of your early favorites so it can be "re-cycled". If you are a newer member and the tune is new to you and you like it, record it so you can learn it by ear. The Practice Tune Videos may be on hiatus, but broadening your tune list should not be.

Speaking of recycling, Golden Slippers is one of the tunes for the Mass HD set at Evert this year. "Headin' to Evert", a tune of Bill Robinson's, is also on the setlist. Silver Strings has Bill's permission to play this tune, so maybe if we learn it, we can record it at a jam and send him a video. He loves to know his music is being played.

Marsha Kozlowski 734-239-4190

Silverstrings.Music.Coordinator@gmail.com

TREASURER ~ Patty Wolschon

Happy Spring everyone! It won't be long before we are can attend outdoor jams and music festivals. Thanks to all who already paid up on their membership renewals for 2024. If you have not done so yet, please do so soon.

Just a reminder that membership dues are annual, covering January through December. I begin collecting dues for the following year in the preceding October. New members \$20, renewing members \$15. Cash or checks are accepted in person at jams, by check made out to Silver Strings Dulcimer Society and mailed to:

PO Box 51446

Livonia, MI 48151

or through PayPal (you can use a debit or credit card) on our website: www.SilverStrings.org. PayPal will charge a \$2 service fee in addition to the actual cost of membership.

If you have any questions about the status of your membership, please call or email me.

Patty Wolschon.... 248-417-2828

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SECRETARY ~ Sue Tranquilla

We want to send out a card of support and encouragement when any of our members go through personal difficulties, such as illness, surgery, or the death of a loved one. Please contact Peggy Kustra or myself when you go through a difficult time.

Sue Tranquilla.... 734-751-8109
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Highland Library Music Jam

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

~ 2024 Jams ~

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Tuesday, April 23 from 11-1

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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 APRIL 19

Come share your music, song, original poetry/spoken word, or just relax, listen and enjoy free refreshments and wifi! No admission charge.

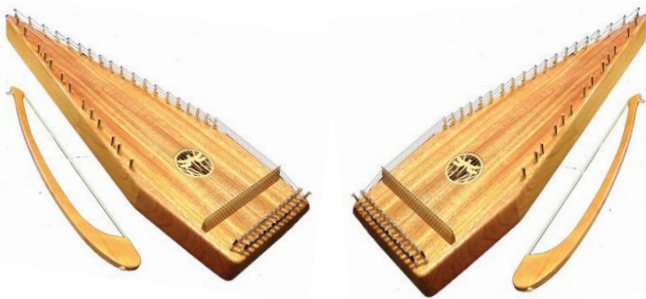
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
30650 Six Mile, Livonia, MI

Everyone is Welcome!

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

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

Attention Bowed Psaltery players



Tuesdays, April 9 & 23

We will meet the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month from **11:00 am to 12:30 pm** at Chris and Patty Wolschon's home; 14892 Fox, Redford, MI 48239.

We will be starting with the basics; tuning, bowing, etc. and working our way up to some 3 part harmony and beyond.

All levels are welcome, even if you have never played before.

Please contact Chris Wolschon for more information:
313-410-0143 or silverstrings.programs@gmail.com

MOUNTAIN DULCIMER PLAYERS

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

Tuesdays, April 9 & 23

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 - 3 pm**. 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.



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between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads



For further information contact :Bob: bsnemo@yahoo.com

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

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



UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Buckeye Dulcimer Festival

April 17 - 21, 2024

Ashley, Ohio

buckeyedulcimerfestival.com

Baltimore Old Time Music Festival

April 19-20, 2024

Baltimore, Maryland

baltimoreoldtimefest.com

Southern Wisconsin Dulcimer Festival

April 20, 2024

Elkhorn, Wisconsin

<https://southernwisconsinulcimerclub.com/>

Colorado Dulcimer Festival

May 2-4, 2024

Littleton, Colorado

coloradodulcimerfestival.com

Mighty Uke Day 14

May 10 - 12, 2024

East Lansing, Michigan

<https://mightyukeday.com/>

QuaranTUNE Summer Fest

May 30 - June 2, 2024

Virtual - Live Workshops

virtuuldulcimerfest.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

evarddulcimerfest.org

I don't play music because I think
I'm great at it;

I play because I think Music is
Great and I want to be a part of it!



37 musicians attended the March 7th Jam



March 21st. *The show must go on!* Without our president Peggy and music director Marsha in attendance, 28 members enjoyed a full evening of music.



March was "Irish Month" with 3 Silver Strings playdates in Farmington, Brighton and Northville.

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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.

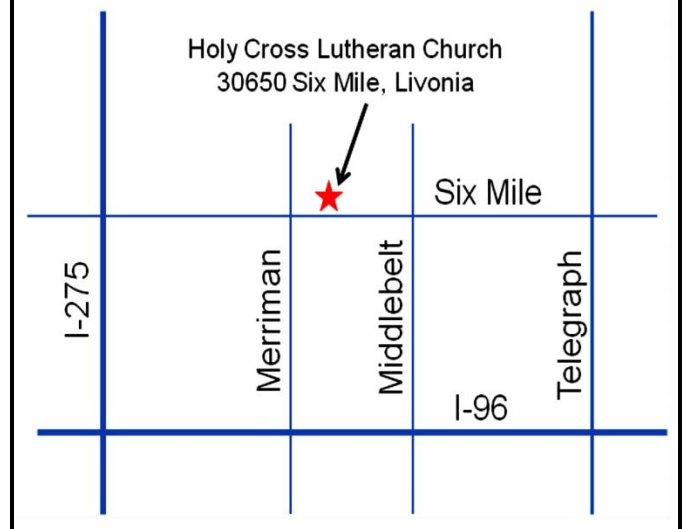
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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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