

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

August 2024

SHARING ACOUSTIC MUSIC for 40 YEARS

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PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS ~ Peggy Kustra

Hello Everyone,

What a month July was. We lost a treasured friend, Terry Kozlowski. He will really be missed. I know all your thoughts and prayers are for Marsha and her family.

On a happy note, I hear Evert was very successful. Many pictures and tunes were on Facebook. It looked to me like folks were having a wonderful time. Happy music everywhere.

Silver Strings will host our Annual Picnic on August 1st. Come anytime and enjoy good food, good friends and awesome music. I hope you can make it.

There will be a Board Meeting at Holy Cross on August 15

Our next Jam at Holy Cross will be on August 15th.

The Midland Folk Festival is August 22-25. Guaranteed good times.

Variety Night will take place on August 29th, so practice up folks, we all love seeing you perform.

August will be very busy, so mark your calendar and join in on the merry music-making.

Many people have asked and enjoy playing our songs slowly on a Jam night. So, we will continue to try to play them slowly two times then up to speed two times.

As always, please feel free to let me know if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns. The board tries to address any issues as quickly as possible.

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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 me when you are having a difficult time.

Sue Tranquilla.... 734-751-8109

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AUGUST CALENDAR

01 - Jam at Holy Cross **CANCELLED**

01 - SSDS Picnic at Plymouth Township Park - 1:00 - dusk

15 - SSDS Board Meeting at Holy Cross - - 6:00

15 - SSDS JAM at Holy Cross ----- 7:00

29 - SSDS Variety Night at Holy Cross ----- 7:00

For more information on all upcoming events, click on:

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS...LET'S CELEBRATE!

3... George Gonyo

8... Bethanne Kelsey

14... Connie Major

16... AnnMarie Krause

20... Chris Wolschon

22... Darrell Everett

23... Linda Osgood

23... Katy Waters

30... Frank Duffey



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

Happy August everyone,

The SSDS Annual Picnic is here...August 1st.

We are gathering at the Plymouth Township Park again this year and we start at 1:00pm. (See map for directions)

SSDS will be providing the meat dish and if your last name starts with:

A-I Bring a vegetable

J-P Bring a dessert

Q-Z Bring a side dish

Paper products and drinks will be provided by SSDS.

We will have corn hole and frisbee there, and bring your instruments and be prepared to have a fun afternoon.

The **Evert Funfest** has come and gone for another year, but thanks to the many volunteers, it was a great success.

SSDS had over 1,200 square feet of shade tents up and they were used every day. We had a lot of new folks jamming with us this year and even picked up some new members.

It was a week of learning, jamming and visiting into the wee hours of the morning, and many of us needed a vacation when we got home!

Put it on your calendar for next year so you don't miss it; July 17-19 2025.

The **Midland Folk Music Festival is August 22nd-25th**, but most campers will arrive on Monday the 19th to get a good spot.

We have a **Variety Night on August 29th**. Get your act together and watch for a sign-up sheet at the picnic on the 1st and at the jam on the 15th. If you aren't making it to the picnic or the jam but will attend the Variety Night, please email me so I can get an accurate count.

There are plenty of opportunities to get out and play music this month...try to take advantage of it!

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TREASURER ~ Patty Wolschon

Happy Summer Everyone! It has been busy with the ODPC Funfest in Evert this month and planning for Midland in August. We have recently gained new members, bringing our membership list to 183 members. The messages I received from our campout and at Evert were that people value our club, our Dropbox music offerings, and want to be members even if they cannot attend jams with us, other than at music festivals. The other feedback I received was that our members make

everyone feel welcome, regardless of their experience or skills. That is great feedback to get!

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 memberships are \$20, and renewing members are \$15. Cash or checks are accepted in person at jams, by check made out to Silver Strings Dulcimer Society and mailed to our 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. Thanks to all who have renewed for 2024. I will be sending out another reminder notice to members who have not yet renewed.

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VP-BUSINESS NOTES ~ Cindy Semrau

Evert Funfest Report - SSDS Volunteers

Silver Stringers hosted six evening jams. Chris Wolschon and Carol Ann Matthews lead the jams with help from Linda Osgood, Mary Jensen and Scott Smetana. SSDS was invited to the Squirrels Nest for their annual Taco dinner. Dan Kafkas and Harold Crane joined Nicole Tressler on the main stage. Bill and Cathy Smith organized and led the Open Mic. Craig Dehmel helped manage the Stage Construction & Disassembly with help from Geoff Semrau and Wade Mullins. I saw Bob Patterson wrangling microphones on stage. AnnMarie Krause, David Smith and Mary Jenson led workshops. Also, AnnMarie Krause hosted the Friday evening Mountain Dulcimer Preshow and Mary Jenson hosted the Saturday evening Hammered Dulcimer Preshow. Chris & Patty Wolschon, Susan Diehl, and Sharon & John McAuliffe volunteered on the gates or in the ODPC office. Gail Van Amberg raced around to pick up and deliver dulcimers for the education program. *I know there were more. Thank you all!* I don't think the SSDS gang got much sleep - I'd be taking a turn around the campground before bed and find SSDS still up and having fun.

Evert Survey

If you attended the Evert Funfest – please please fill out the survey so we can make next year's festival even better! Click this link or scan the QR code.

<https://forms.gle/ca7D7sztZhxPDvUW7>



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Open Mic Night

at
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

REFRESHMENTS - 6:30 PM OPEN MIC FROM - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Join us for our next Open Mic Night on

FRIDAY AUGUST 16TH

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>



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/>

August 22nd - August 25th, 2024



MIDLAND FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL

WWW.FOLKMUSICSOCIETY.ORG

folkmusicsociety.org

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Gateway Dulcimer Music Festival

August 2 - 4, 2024

Fairview Heights, Illinois

gatewaydulcimer.org/

Michigan Fiddlers Convention

August 9 - 11, 2024

Hastings, Michigan

michiganfiddlers.com/

Redwood Dulcimer Day

August 16-17, 2024

Virtual Festival on Zoom

redwooddulcimerday.org

Midland Folk Music Festival

August 22 - 25, 2024

Midland County Fairgrounds

folkmusicsociety.org/

QuaranTUNE Fall Fest

October 3 - 6, 2024

Virtual Online

virtualdulcimerfest.com/

Silver Strings Playlist – August -September 2024

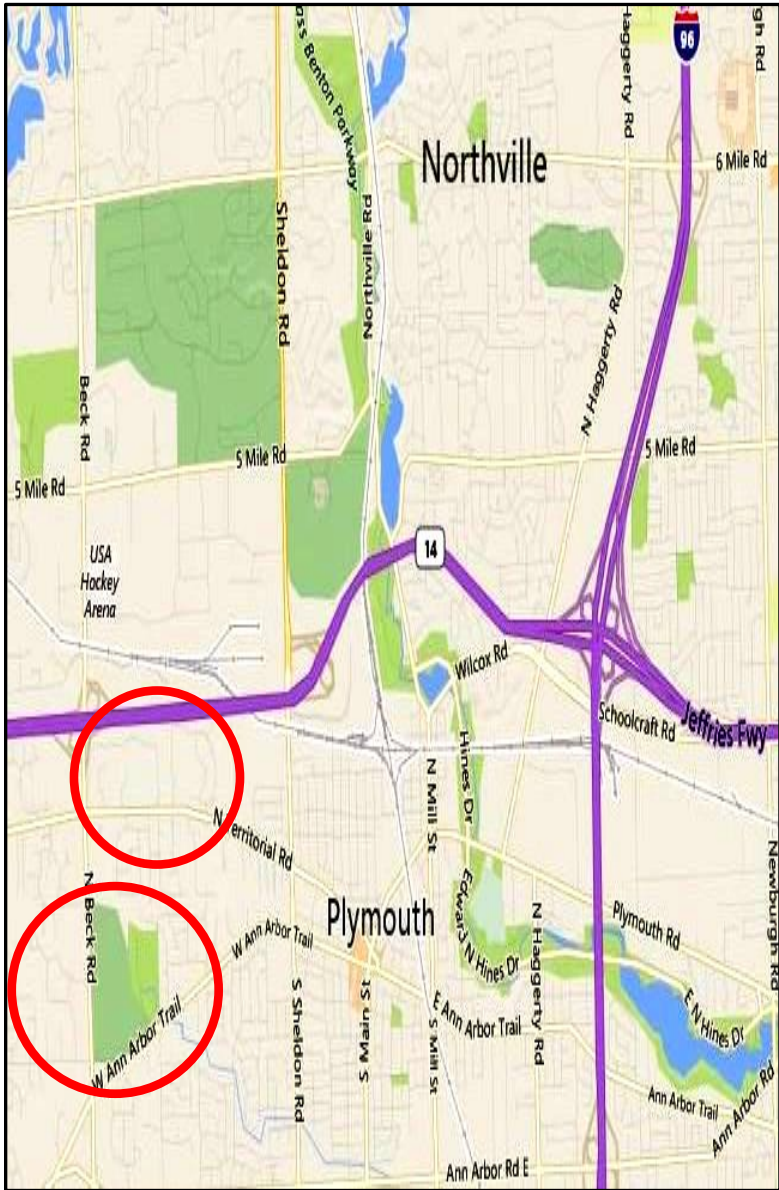
Key	Tune	Play
D	Ragtime Annie	3
G	Red Wing	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
D	Over the Waterfall	3
D	Black Mountain Rag	4
G	Down Yonder	3
Em	Tamlin	4
C	Tennessee Waltz	3
D	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5
Em	Dancing Bear / Missouri	2/2
D	Young Roddy McCorley	3
G	March of St. Timothy	3
G	Southwind	3
G	Yellow Bird	3
G	I'll Fly Away	3
G	Hundred Pipers	3
G	Maggie	3
A	Hangman's Reel	4
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3

Waltzs: HDs play soft the 2nd time. Let other instruments carry it.

Silver Strings Annual Picnic

August 1, 2024 1:00pm - dusk

Plymouth Township Park (also called McClumpha Park)
46640 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI



Thursday, August 1st – 1:00pm - dusk - SSDS Picnic – Plymouth Twp Park, 46640 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Music jam from 2:00 - 4:00. From 4:00 - 5:00 we will break to visit, play any outdoor games , we will have corn hole and bocce balls there, and you can enjoy the amenities of the park, etc.

Dinner will be at 5:00. SSDS will be providing the meat dish and if your last name starts with:

A-I Bring a vegetable

J-P Bring a dessert

Q-Z Bring a side dish

Paper products and drinks will be provided by SSDS.

After dinner, we will jam some more. We have the pavilion until the park closes at dusk.



Happy Silver Stringers performed at Addington Place of Northville on July 2nd.



Bob and Laire Patterson hosted a Pop-Up Jam on July 25th. Beautiful weather, a lovely patio and playing music with friends!

50TH EVART FUNFEST



Lots of well attended Jamming took place at the Silver Strings music site.

50TH EVART FUNFEST



37 musicians performed at the Friday Mountain Dulcimer Preshow led by AnnMarie Krause



43 musicians performed at the Saturday evening Hammered Dulcimer Preshow led by Mary Jensen



Peggy gets the audience involved as 19 Silver Stringers perform at the Novi Library on July 30th

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.

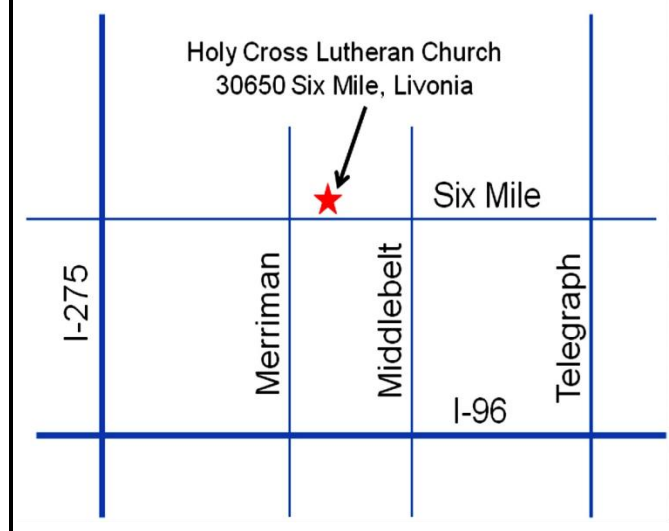
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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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