

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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SHARING ACOUSTIC MUSIC for 40 YEARS

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PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS ~ Peggy Kustra

Here we are, February has arrived already. Why is time moving so quickly when I want to savor every moment? Have a lovely Valentine's Day!

Remember to watch your email on these delightful snowy, rainy, and sleety days. You have just got to love winter. Before leaving your house, check your email on dicey weather days. However, we had 36 members come to our last chilly jam.

Dress warm on jam days due to the heating issues at the church,

Here are some bullet points the board is considering:

- First half hour usual songs, after hours songs after that.
- Attempting to play songs slowly for people to learn, then up to speed.
- Second Jam of the month we can do the playlist for the next month.
- We are trying to form a circle (or semi-circle) during jams.
- We are investigating playing background music at farmers' markets to give new members an opportunity to play in public.

These are some of the ideas the board is discussing. Feedback is very much appreciated on any of the above.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please feel free to contact me: Peggy Kustra.... 313-570-7844

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 01 - SSDS Board Meeting - - - - - 6:00 pm
- 01 - SSDS JAM & 'After Hours' - - - - - 7:00 pm
- 15 - SSDS JAM & 'After Hours' - - - - - 7:00 pm
- 29 - Pizza Party & Variety Night - - - - - 7:00 pm

For more information on all upcoming events, click on:

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS...LET'S CELEBRATE !

- 10...Bob Ewald
- 10...Christine Hurt
- 10...Edie Swanberg
- 13...Ed Konstal
- 15...Greg Guy
- 15...Cynthia Merenbloom
- 15...Maureen Treppa
- 18...Jocelyn Shaw
- 19...Susan Monroe



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

TREASURER ~ Patty Wolschon

Hi Everyone... Hope you are all staying warm and dry.

We have finally received all of our payments from playdates performed from October through December 2023. I have calculated the payouts for members who have performed and will have the payments available at our jams.

We are doing well as a club financially and our current bank balance is over \$4300. Our funds allow us to reserve space at music festivals for our SSDS tents, reserve space for our annual campout and picnic, pay for our rent and other expenses for jams, parties, and Variety Nights. Our dues make all of our activities possible. Thanks to all of you for your support!

We currently have 170 members on our SSDS roster and 87 members are current for 2024 dues. Just a reminder that membership dues are annual, covering January through December. I can begin collecting dues (continued on next page)

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 our PO Box 51446, Livonia, MI 48151, or through PayPal 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 at

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

VP-BUSINESS NOTES ~ Cindy Semrau

Before I begin, I want to take a moment to thank all our past officers and club members. Through their hard work creativity and love, they built, maintained, and led our club to become what it is today. Thank you.

January is always a time of transition. Old year to the new. New leadership and new ideas. It is also the time for snow & ice, and indoor arts & crafts. Learning a new instrument. Resting. Puzzles. Trips to the south.

I as the new business manager have been working hard. I've been reading and organizing the papers and files from my predecessors. I've also sent a letter of introduction to our prior customers. I've been working on lists, spreadsheets, & processes, all to help me keep it together when our schedule picks up again.

So far, we have eight engagements in the hopper. Three are art fairs, one community concert, and four senior centers. I'm sure there will be plenty more.

Cindy Lou Semrau 586-907-3668



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VP-PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Chris Wolschon

Hello February!

We sure had a wild January with just about every kind of weather that Michigan can fit in one month!

We are now into February and getting closer to all the outdoor music and camping!

Speaking of camping, we will start signing up for camping in March, so set aside June 5-11 for a week of fun.

We have a Variety Night coming up on February 29th. The next time that we have a variety night in February, will be in the year 2052! *I sure hope Silver Strings is still going strong in 2052.*

There will be a sign-up sheet at the jams this month, or you can email me to sign up if you can't make the jams. So...get your act together and sign up!

Chris Wolschon.... 313-410-0143
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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
silverstrings.secretary@gmail.com

MOUNTAIN DULCIMER PLAYERS

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

Tuesdays, February 13 & 27

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 - 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

Highland Library Music Jam

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

~ 2024 Jams ~

Mondays, April 1, 15, 29 & May 13 from 11-1

Tuesday, April 23 from 11-1

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

Denise Harris-Fiems deniseharrismiti@yahoo.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 FEBRUARY 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>

Attention Bowed Psaltery owners



We are starting a SSSS Bowed Psaltery group in February. 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



UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

QuarantUNE Winter Fest

February 1-4, 2024
Virtual - Live Workshops
virtualdulcimerfest.com

Central Florida Dulcimer Festival

February 8 - 10, 2024
Mount Dora, Florida
centralfloridadulcimerfestival.com

Dulcimer Doin's

February 16 - 18, 2024
Maria Stein, OH
daytondulcimers.com/

Ohio Valley Gathering

March 15 - 17, 2024
Louisville, Kentucky
ohiovalleygathering.com

Buckeye Dulcimer Festival

April 17 - 21, 2024
Ashley, Ohio
buckeyedulcimerfestival.com

Baltimore Old Time Music Festival

April 19-20, 2024
Baltimore, Maryland
baltimoreoldtimefest.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/>

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
Ewart, Michigan
evardulcimerfest.org

SILVER STRINGS PLAYLIST

February 2024

Key	Tune	Play
	<i>Looking for love:</i>	
C	Five Foot Two - S	3
G	South Wind	3*
G	Yellow Bird	3
Am	Bei Mier Bist Du Schoen	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna / Riding on Load of Hay - C	3/3
G	Muss I Denn	3
G	Let Me Call You Sweetheart - S	2
	<i>Troubled Love/ Love Gone Wrong:</i>	
C	Tennessee Waltz - S	3
D	Over the Waterfall - C	3
G	Red Wing	3*
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
G	You Are My Sunshine - S	4
	<i>Where There is Love.....</i>	
D	Lover's Waltz	3*
D	Egan's Polka	4
G	Walking Branwyn	4
G	Westphalia	2*
G	Maggie	3
	<i>Extras</i>	
Em	Katushka	4
D	Hey Polka	3
<p>*2nd time: If instruments are available, Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it. HD'S play softly. S: invite audience to sing along 2nd time and/or 3rd time C: get audience to clapping in time</p>		



The first Silver Strings jam of 2024 took place on January 4th. 37 members (and 2 guests) showed up for a fun filled evening of music, socializing and snacks.



On January 18, even with the cold, snowy weather and a faulty furnace at our meeting spot at Holy Cross Church, 36 brave musicians showed up and enjoyed a full evening of music, snacks and socializing. What fun!

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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.

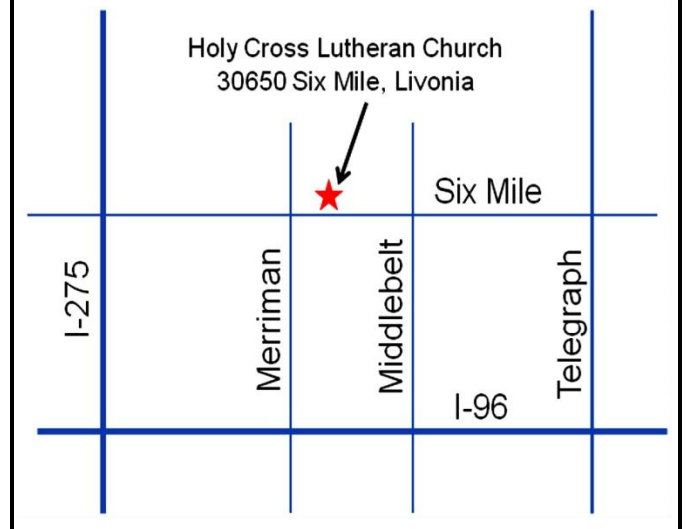
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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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