



# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

## Soundboard

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### PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS ~ Peggy Kustra

*Hello Everyone,*

Wow was our SSDS camping trip a BIG SUCCESS!!!!

There was rainy weather and cloudy skies. Yet, Music filled the air with many sweet sounds, happy, smiling faces were everywhere. It was good to see old friends and make new ones and we were surprised when Marsha Kozlowski stopped by on Friday for a brief visit.

A BIG THANK YOU to Chris and Patty Wolschon. They did a terrific job keeping everything flowing smoothly. They always had a happy face and were willing to help anyone. Great Job you two!

Another big thank you to all the cooks, shelter movers, helping hands, workshop leaders(great job), birders, and music lovers. None of this would be possible without all of you. People were helping others who were in need. What a delightful group of folks the Silver Stringers are.

There will NOT be a jam meeting on July 4 and July 18. The first is a holiday and the second, many of us will be at Evert. However, a Pop-Up jam will be hosted by Laurie and Bob Patterson in Late July. Watch emails for details.

In case you haven't heard...Terry Kozlowski is home and happy. Continued prayers for God's Grace are always welcome.

### ***Vote for your Favorite Tunes!!!***

We have a long list of tunes. Some of them are going by the wayside and some are new tunes to add to our repertoire.

What are your thoughts?? Here is your chance to help the club grow musically.

By clicking on this link [Vote for SSDS's Favorite Tunes](#) you can find our list of tunes. Which ones would you like to add to our Thursday Jams? Mark the ones you would like to be played more often or start to learn. It is an easy and good thing to do. This way we will keep our club fresh and up to date, yet still holding on to tunes we dearly love. This is a great way to express your opinion. Enjoy choosing songs.

I will be putting a second order in for SSDS apparel. After seeing all our cool stuff many people wanted to order. Let me know what you would like and the size.

Summer is truly here with all the heat and storms. Stay hydrated and keep cool!!

Let me know of any ideas, questions, or concerns. I will try to take care of any in a timely manner. *Many people have done so. Don't be shy.*

Peggy Kustra .... 313-570-7844

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### JULY CALENDAR

4<sup>th</sup> - SSDS JAM Cancelled *Happy Independence Day*

18<sup>th</sup> - SSDS JAM Cancelled *Evert Funfest July 18-20*

(August 1<sup>st</sup> - Picnic & Jam at Plymouth Township Park)

*For more information on all upcoming events, click on:*

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

### JULY BIRTHDAYS...LET'S CELEBRATE!

4...Daphne Driskill  
4...Regis Proulx  
5...Karen Turner  
7...Debra Stringer  
9...Janelle Pacic  
14...Sally Niemczewski  
14...Richard Rowe  
15...Denise-Harris Feims  
15...Gerry Kustra  
17...John McAuliffe  
17...Mick Mastal  
24...Patty Wolschon  
29...Linda Lloyd  
29...Lynne Ellen Kaiser



## VP-PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Chris Wolschon

*Happy Summer all.*

It's July, and time for the ODPIC Evert Dulcimer Funfest, which is July 18-20<sup>th</sup>. Many of us arrive early to enjoy more jamming or meeting up with old friends. As usual, we will have the SSDS jamming tents set up for our afternoon and evening jams. I hope you can come and take advantage of the festivities, vendors, jams and workshops.

The annual SSDS campout in June was a success again this year, despite the cold and windy weather at times. We had 23 folks camping with 75 showing up for the Saturday workshops and dinner.

Thank you to all those who lent a hand in cooking breakfast, setting up and cleaning up on Saturday morning, and then again on Saturday night. Thank you also to all those who volunteered and did an amazing job leading a workshop. If you missed it this year, plan to come next year!

We have amazing people in SSDS who are helpful and kind in many ways. This is why we have such a great organization, great events, and are known far and wide as a premier club. Thank you all.

The SSDS Annual picnic is on August 1<sup>st</sup> this year. **Since there are no regular Thursday jams in July due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday and the Evert Funfest, there will be no sign-up sheets to take a count. Please email or text me that you are coming, so we can get a count for the main dish.**

We are gathering at the Plymouth Township Park again this year and we start at 1:00 pm. *(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 bocce balls there, and remember to bring your instruments and be prepared to have a fun afternoon. *See you at Evert,*

Chris Wolschon .... 313-410-0143

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## TREASURER ~ Patty Wolschon

*Happy Summer Everyone!* 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 our PO Box 51446, Livonia, MI 48151, or through PayPal (you can use a debit or credit card) on our website: [www.SilverStrings.org](http://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 contact me.

Patty Wolschon.... 248-417-2828

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## VP-BUSINESS NOTES ~ Cindy Semrau

*Holidays and Festival season is here!*

Be sure to check our Google Calendar to keep up with what is going on.

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

- July 2 we will perform for Addington Place.
- July 4 & 18 There will be NO SSDS meetings in July
- July 30 We will perform at the Novi Library. The Novi Library has plenty of space for as many want to come, so be sure to sign-up.
- July 18-21 The Evert Funfest is happening. Most of us that go, come a week or two early for the preFest. All your questions can be answered by visiting the website faq:  
<https://evartdulcimerfest.org/funfest-faq/>
- SSDS will not be performing at Evert this year. However, the mountain and hammered dulcimer players each have their show opener performance to practice for. To download the tunes to practice, visit: <https://evartdulcimerfest.org/funfest-about-stageshow/>
- Camping at Evert: You can't reserve spots, but many of us try our best to co-locate in one area of the campground. Whoever gets there first gets to help figure out where that will be! The SSDS tents will be set up, giving us and our friends a great place to play and reconnect.

Cindy Lou Semrau... 586-907-3668

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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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Marsha Kozlowski stopped by for a brief visit on Friday at the Silver Strings Campout.

# 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 July 19<sup>th</sup>

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/>



Mountain Dulcimer Group - Mountaineers



Bowed Psalterly Group - Sweet 'n Psalterly

The Mountain Dulcimer & Bowed Psalterly groups will be taking a break until October.

*Enjoy your summer and we will see you in October!*



Gerry Kustra led the "Birders Workshop" nature walk during the Silver Strings Campout at Groveland Oaks.

## UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

### Original Dulcimer Players Club FunFest

July 18 - 20, 2024

Ewart, Michigan

[evartdulcimerfest.org](http://evartdulcimerfest.org)

### Midwest Uke & Harmonica Camp

July 19 - 21, 2024

University of Toledo

[midwestukecamp.com](http://midwestukecamp.com)

### Gateway Dulcimer Music Festival

August 2 - 4, 2024

Fairview Heights, Illinois

[gatewaydulcimer.org/](http://gatewaydulcimer.org/)

### Michigan Fiddlers Convention

August 9 - 11, 2024

Hastings, Michigan

[michiganfiddlers.com/](http://michiganfiddlers.com/)

### Redwood Dulcimer Day

August 16-17, 2024

Virtual Festival on Zoom

[redwooddulcimerday.org](http://redwooddulcimerday.org)

### Midland Folk Music Festival

August 22 - 25, 2024

Midland County Fairgrounds

[folkmusicsociety.org/](http://folkmusicsociety.org/)

### QuaranTUNE Fall Fest

October 3 - 6, 2024

Virtual Online

[virtualdulcimerfest.com/](http://virtualdulcimerfest.com/)



**OUR 50TH FUNFEST**  
**ACOUSTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL**

- Evening Concerts
- Workshops
- Jamming
- Youth Activities & Concert
- Friday Night Old-Time Dance
- Vendors & Instrument Sales

**FESTIVAL ADMISSION:**  
\$10 for one day • \$20 for three days  
Kids 12 & under are Free

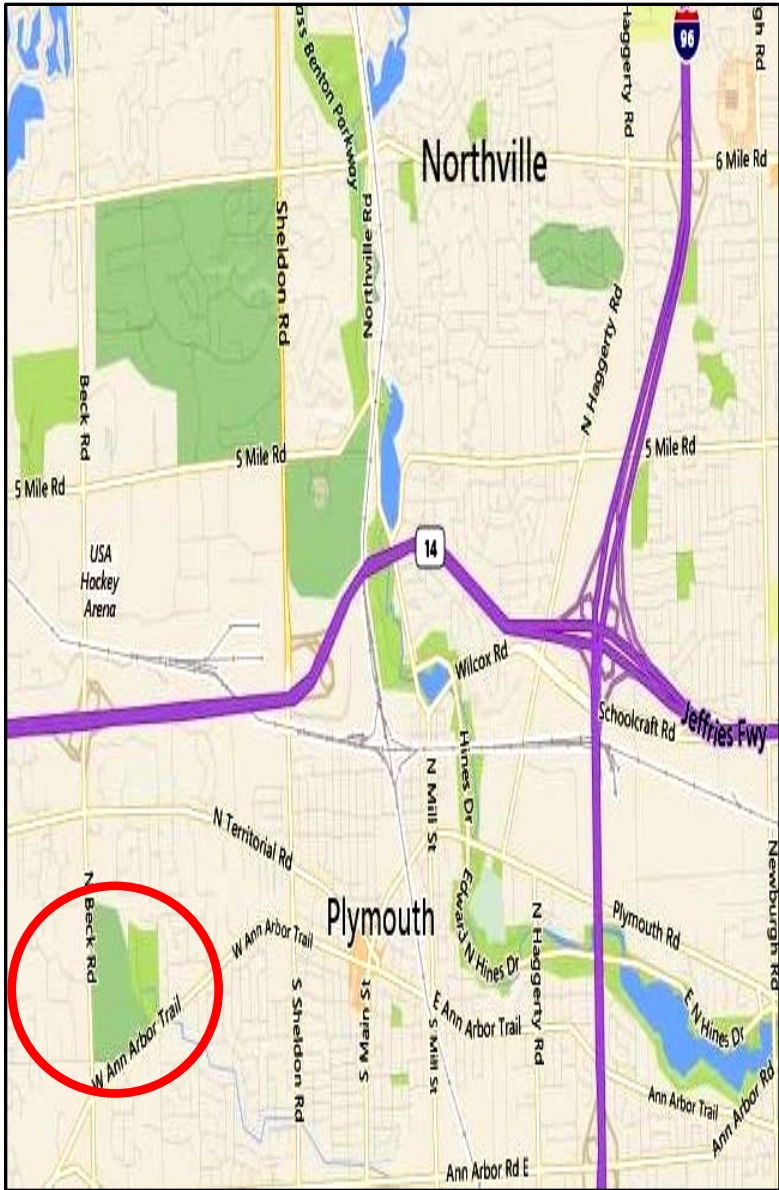
**JULY 18-20, 2024**  
**EWART, MICHIGAN**  
**EVARTDULCIMERFEST.ORG**

[evartdulcimerfest.org](http://evartdulcimerfest.org)



# 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.

## Silver Strings Playlist - July 7 -September 2024

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

Waltzs: HDs play soft the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Let other instruments carry it.

# Silver Strings Campout at Groveland Oaks July 5 - 12, 2024



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The Silver Strings Campout at Groveland Oaks in Holly, Michigan was a lot of fun. Lots of music jams, breakfast and dinner meals, workshops, games, singing around the campfire, and all around fun with our friends! Thanks to Chris and Patty Wolschon and all who helped to make this a wonderful even a success. [CLICK HERE for more Campout Photos](#)  
*All photos courtesy of David Smith, Cindy Semrau, and Ken Kaiser.*





30 members and several guests attended the June 20<sup>th</sup> Jam at Holy Cross.



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## Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

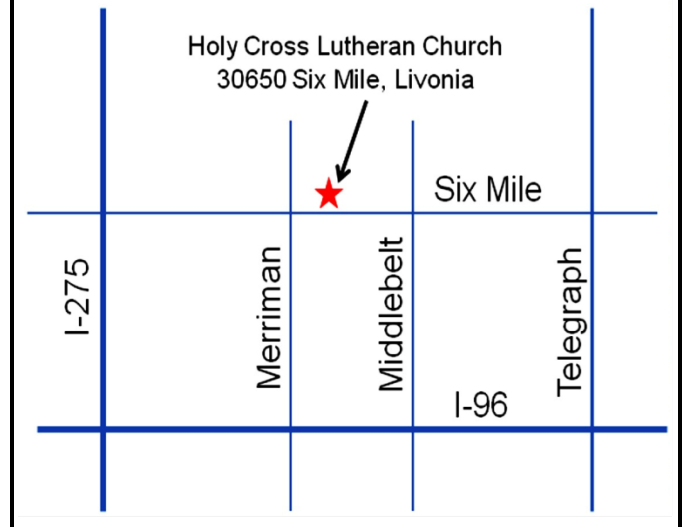
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,  
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome, contact David at [silverstrings.newletter@gmail.com](mailto:silverstrings.newletter@gmail.com)*

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