



# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society



# Soundboard

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## PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS ~ Peggy Kustra

### Top 'O' the Mornin to Ye Now!

There will always be fun performing the St. Patrick's Day Playlist. The music is very peppy or extremely solemn. We have 3 playdates in March. Check out which one you would like to sign up for. Use the website calendar or an email, or sign up at a jam.

I believe jamming in a circle or semi-circle is working well. I can hear all the instruments much better. I hope all of you can as well.

We now have a Sound Engineer Crew. A big thank you to Bob Patterson, Chris Wolschon and Don Phelps for signing up for this duty. You can always count on Silver Stringers to help out.

Please remember to pay your dues. Contact Patty Wolschon to do so.

A great number of members have asked about jackets and apparel with the SSDS Logo. We are looking at ordering: jackets, sweatshirts, zip-up hoody sweatshirts, T-shirts (white with green lettering) and hats. There will be sign-up sheets to choose what you would like. We will need your size, and there will be an extra charge to have your name embroidered on the jacket. (a good idea as so many would have the same jacket). Have fun choosing. We do look rather cool in our SSDS apparel at a jam or campout or just any time.

Feel free to contact me at any time. Let me know about your ideas, questions or concerns. I will bring all the information to the board to discuss.

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[Silverstrings.President@gmail.com](mailto:Silverstrings.President@gmail.com)

## MARCH CALENDAR

07 - SSDS Board Meeting - - - - - 6:00 pm

07 - SSDS JAM - - - - - 7:00 pm

21 - SSDS JAM - - - - - 7:00 pm

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

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

- 5...Mary Barden
- 7...Penny Cook
- 12...David Smith
- 15...Adarsa Antares
- 15...Margene Scott
- 23.. Julie Kafcas
- 23...Don Phelps
- 24...Stephen Beck
- 30...Bob Niemczewski
- 30...Lauren Maynard



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

## VP-PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Chris Wolschon

March is here! It has been a mild February weather-wise, and spring is right around the corner.

We had a great Variety Night this past Thursday with many performers. The next Variety night will be May 30<sup>th</sup>, so start practicing.

St. Patrick's Day will be coming up on the 17<sup>th</sup>, so we will be "wearing the green" on the 21<sup>st</sup> when we jam.

You can sign up for the **SSDS annual campout** at our regular jams starting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. If you can't make it to any of the jams to reserve a site, contact Chris Wolschon @ [silverstrings.programs@gmail.com](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> and departing Wednesday morning, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
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.

## VP-BUSINESS NOTES ~ Cindy Semrau

We have a busy month of Irish Gigs. Break out your wacky Irish getup or green SSDS shirts. Practice those tunes! (Ok I'm talking to myself now. Cindy - practice those tunes!!) There are a couple more slots to fill on the signups - check the calendar to sign up.

- **March 12 Addington Place of Northville**
- **March 19 American House**
- **March 26 Cartel of Brighton**

I'm glad people were able to figure out the new online signup system. My hope is that online signups will make signing up more accessible and enable more people to give gigging a try.

So together, let's develop a deep bench of players and challenge ourselves to sign up and play a gig....*because ya know, it is fun!*

Cindy Lou Semrau 586-907-3668



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[YouTube](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ [Facebook](#)

## 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](mailto:silverstrings.secretary@gmail.com)

## TREASURER ~ Patty Wolschon

Greetings everyone! What a wild winter it has been with temperatures ranging from the low teens to over 70 degrees. Outdoor jams and music festivals will be here before we know it.

Thanks to all who have paid their membership dues for the year. Emails have been going out to remind those who have not yet renewed for 2024. Just a reminder that membership dues are annual, covering January through December. I can 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 call or email me.

Patty Wolschon... 248-417-2828

[Silverstrings.Treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:Silverstrings.Treasurer@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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  
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between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads



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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 MARCH 15**

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>

## MOUNTAIN DULCIMER PLAYERS

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

**Tuesdays, February 12 & 26**

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

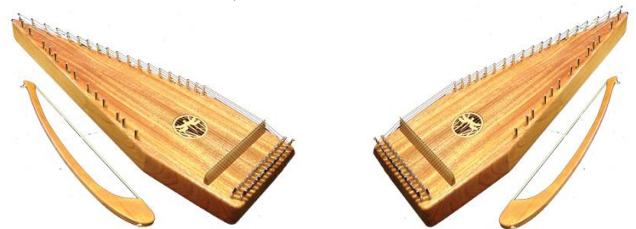
Meetings usually take place on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month from 1 - 3 pm.** Players of ALL levels are welcome as well as rhythm and back up players!



Contact Linda Osgood at:

[losgood10424@comcast.net](mailto:losgood10424@comcast.net) or text at 734-649-3843

## Attention Bowed Psaltery players



**Tuesdays, March 12 & 26**

We will meet the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:silverstrings.programs@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

### Ohio Valley Gathering

March 15 - 17, 2024  
Louisville, Kentucky  
[ohiovalleygathering.com](http://ohiovalleygathering.com)

### Buckeye Dulcimer Festival

April 17 - 21, 2024  
Ashley, Ohio  
[buckeyedulcimerfestival.com](http://buckeyedulcimerfestival.com)

### Baltimore Old Time Music Festival

April 19-20, 2024  
Baltimore, Maryland  
[baltimoreoldtimefest.com](http://baltimoreoldtimefest.com)

### Southern Wisconsin Dulcimer Festival

April 20, 2024  
Elkhorn, Wisconsin  
<https://southernwisconsindulcimerclub.com/>

### Colorado Dulcimer Festival

May 2-4, 2024  
Littleton, Colorado  
[coloradodulcimerfestival.com](http://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  
[virtualdulcimerfest.com](http://virtualdulcimerfest.com)

### Gebhard Woods Dulcimer & Traditional Music Festival

June 8 - 9, 2024  
Morris, Illinois  
[gebharddulcimer.org](http://gebharddulcimer.org)

### Kentucky Music Week

June 23 - 28, 2024  
Bardstown, Kentucky  
[kentuckymusicweek.com](http://kentuckymusicweek.com)

### Original Dulcimer Players Club FunFest

July 18 - 20, 2024  
Ewart, Michigan  
[evarddulcimerfest.org](http://evarddulcimerfest.org)

## Silver Strings Playlist – March 2024

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna / Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Hundred Pipers	3
G	Maggie	3
Em	Drunken Sailor	4
Am	Star of the County Down	3
D	Young Roddy McCorley	4
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Southwind	3*
G	Dusty Bob's Jig	3
D	Painters Polka	4*
D	John Ryan's Polka feature other instruments on A part	4
D	Chinese Breakdown	3
D	Eagan's Polka	4
D	Danny Boy	2
G	Bellman's Jig	3
A	Hangman's Reel	3
	<i>Extras</i>	
G	Rakes of Mallow	3
D	Hey Polka	3

\* 2nd time If instruments are available, Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it. HD'S play softly.

\*\* Last time thru, take the 4 count "hold" in chorus.







26 members showed up on February 1<sup>st</sup> to play music and dispell the "Winter Doldrums".





On February 15<sup>th</sup>, 34 members enjoyed a full evening of music and fellowship and snacks. *What fun!*





Our first Variety Night of 2024 took place on "leap year", February 29<sup>th</sup>. After having a meal of pizza and salad, 10 acts performed and entertained. Thanks goes to Chris Wolschon for picking up the pizza and setting up the beverages, Carol Ann Mathews for the wonderful salad, those who brought desserts to share, Bill Smith for being the MC, our "sound Engineers" Bob Patterson, Don Phelps and Chris Wolschon for handling the amplification and of course our brave performers who entertained us for the evening. Also, new for Variety Night we had sale and free tables of music related items.

Our **next Variety Night** will take place on **May 30<sup>th</sup>**, so practice up a tune or two and we'll see you then!

## 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.

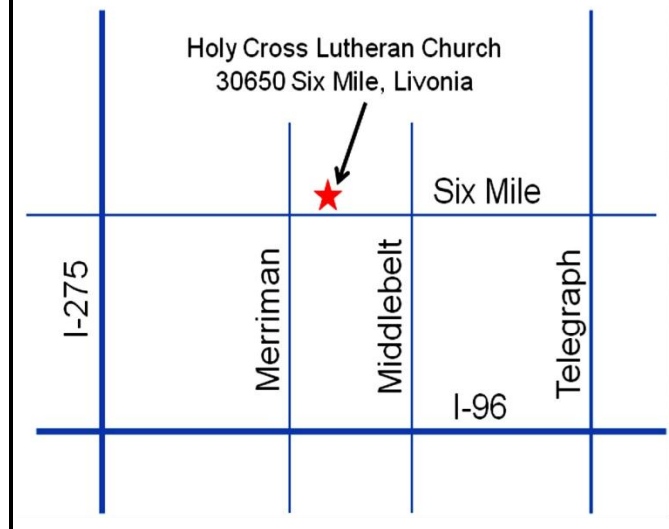
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,  
picnics, fun and fellowship.

**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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