

# THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



November 2009

## From the President . . .

The 25th Anniversary of our club was celebrated on Oct 24th with a wonderful pot luck and 68 plus people in attendance.

Everyone was glad to see Mitzi Pierce. She donated Stan Pierce's album of memories of the club dating back to the inception of the club.

We had a lot of pictures donated by Julaine and Jerry Smith and others as well. Chuck Andrews will also be working to put the pictures on a CD for us. The albums will be available at club meetings for everyone to see.

Gift certificates were given to the longest members of the club that were in attendance, with Mitzi Pierce, Aloe and Warren Guiles and Willard & Bessie Myers receiving certificates. The oldest dulcimer award went to Al Mumford who received a certificate for owning a 1861 hammered dulcimer. The most dulcimers owned award was awarded to Pat Troxell with 5 dulcimers in her possession!

At the November meeting, we can discuss the Xmas gathering and of course, the pot luck dinner for the December meeting! It is scheduled for the third Saturday in December, which is December 19th.

We are having a workshop on a new tune, called the "Woodchoppers Reel" at the November meeting. The work

shop will start at noon sharp, so be there and set up before noon. We will pass out the music at the workshop, and have a copy in the file downstairs if you want to copy one and cannot attend the workshop. I really encourage folks to come to the workshops. It's a free lesson and a benefit of your membership in the club! You can work out the hammer patterns and get the general feel of the tune. With any workshop, you have to go home and practice it every day for a few weeks to commit it to memory. It is really a cool tune. Deane Bellah will be teaching the tune.

This year we are playing at Historic Charlton Park at the church, which is our holiday tradition, from noon until 5 pm. The date is Sunday, December 13th, which is the second Sunday in December. We will need to practice up on our Christmas tunes, and I will furnish a list in the newsletter for the Charlton Park playdate of both holiday tunes and some of our regular tunes. It won't be all Christmas music, we will vary it.

See you after Thanksgiving at the November meeting!

Paula Brawdy

## TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 28th  
Club meeting  
Maple Leaf Grange  
12-1 pm workshop on  
New tune  
1pm-4 pm  
Jam**

**December  
Play Date—  
Sunday, Dec 13th  
Noon-5 pm  
Charlton Park—church  
Hastings**

**Club Meeting  
December 19th  
Maple Leaf Grange  
Potluck & Jam  
12-4 pm**

## Birthday & Anniversary Wishes

<p>November Birthdays</p> <p>1 David Kietzman 7 Neva Cordray 8 Mark Leavens 10 Bill Switzer 11 Pat Troxell</p>	<p>14 Rod Mix 14 Judy Smit 21 Jim Scott 24 Sharon Andrews 28 Rita Brown 29 Herb Jarrett 29 Dolores Pulver</p>	<p>November Anniversaries</p> <p>16 Willard &amp; Bessie Myers 18 Eugene &amp; Harriet Conklin 20 Lloyd &amp; Bess Gross</p>	



**Historic Charlton Park Church Playdate—December 13, noon to 5 pm**

**Charlton Park Playlist –  
Park right behind church  
Play each tune 3 times**

**Jingle Bells - G  
Redwing - G  
Westphalia Waltz - G  
Chinese Breakdown D  
Joy to the World - D  
Festival Rag - D  
It's a Small World - G  
Manitoba Golden Boy - G  
Silent Night - G  
Tick Tock Polka - G  
White Christmas—C  
Away in a Manger - G  
Soldiers Joy - D  
Over the Waterfall - D  
We Three Kings - G  
Simple Gifts - G  
Flop Eared Mule - D**

**Deck the Halls - G  
Columbus Stockade Blues - G  
Tennessee Waltz - C  
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer - C  
Maple Sugar—D  
Down Yonder—G  
Silver Bells—D  
First Noel—D  
Up on the Housetop—D  
Amazing Grace - G  
I Saw the Light—G  
We Wish you a Merry Christmas— G  
Southwind—G  
Midnight on the Water—D  
Golden Slippers—G  
Just Because D/A**

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