

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



March 2010

From the President . . .

Happy Spring!

The weather is getting warmer and spring and festivals are in sight! I can't wait for outside weather!

We had a fun jam in February. The weather was "iffy" that day, and the back roads were icy from the day before. That did not keep people at home, and we had a full house again! Thelma brought some delicious peanut clusters, homemade, and the Recipe! They were delicious.

We played lots of tunes. We are always open to new tunes. That's where we get the inspiration to learn new songs.

We have two more play dates this summer at Turkeyville, Marshall, MI. What a fun place this is to play! Look for the dates in the newsletter. One is during their craft show, and the other is during the Civil War Reenactment. They have a great restaurant serving turkey dinners, turkey sandwiches, and pie. Also way out back is a miniature steam engine club and a track that is a mile long and into the woods. If you have never seen this, you have to walk back. You can ride on the steam engines with a conductor back in the woods, over a bridge and through tunnels. They only ask for a donation.

We have some exciting news for March. The club is going to have a beginning class.

Several of you have mentioned that you would love to have a beginners class, and it has been a dream of mine. More news from Deane Plaxton, workshop teacher, later in the newsletter.

More news on the website! The picture Album now has photo's in it. I do want to continue to put pictures on the site, so bring your camera and send me digital pictures and we will add them as time goes on. We will have a video of the club on the site when we get one made! Other videos of playdates or club meetings are welcome, and we will post them for you on the site.

Do you have a newsletter article about dulcimers that you would like to post? We would love to have your articles to make our newsletter interesting.

Keep those hammers warmed up!

See you at the March jam!

Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 27
TVDS Regular
Meeting & Jam**

**Beginners Class
11 am—11:45 pm**

**Tune of the month
class 12—12:45 pm
"Tylers Trot"**

**1 pm—4pm
Regular Jam**

**Bring snacks to share
We like our Vittles**

**TVDS Regular
Meetings**

**April 24
May 15 (3rd Sat)**

**Website:
www.thornapplevalley
dulcimer.org**

Birthday & Anniversary Wishes

<p>March Birthdays</p> <p>31 Harriet Conklin</p> <p>2 Chuck Andrews</p> <p>4 Paul Perkins</p> <p>4 Gerry Parker</p> <p>6 John Hoyt</p> <p>7 Jim Green</p> <p>31 Wendy Conklin</p>	<p>March Anniversaries</p> <p>24th—Bill & Pat Troxell</p>
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NOTE:

Don't miss an issue of the TVDS News. You will if your mailing label date is more than one month prior to the date of this issue. Check it out.

Dues are \$12 per year per family.



Items for sale:

Email Paula, or call with items for sale and they will be placed in the newsletter for you. Every month is a garage sale! Bring your musical items to the jam.

ITEMS for SALE:

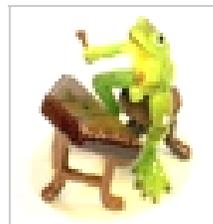
Songbird Whippoorwill Hammered Dulcimer—16/15, mahogany soundboard, excellent condition, lightweight, with nice case, and hammers. It has a great sound and will be at the March meeting if you want to try it out. Paula 616 240 0445

Workshop Corner

Starting at our March meeting, we will offer an 11:00 am beginner class. This is for people who are just beginning or can play a few tunes. Deane Bellah will lead the class and will teach learning the dulcimer with movable chords, scales, and appoggios. She will have handouts showing the movable chord patterns and how to find notes in the different places on your dulcimer. She will work on learning the codes (marks on bridges) and how we use them to gain speed. She will teach hammering patterns and how we use them in tunes. Easy tunes will be taught in a very slow tempo. If there is enough interest we would like this to be an ongoing monthly class. We hope the new class will help those in the beginning of their journey with the dulcimer, and help them gain knowledge, confidence, and a repertoire of tunes that will allow them to join into Jamming as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you there. There will be an extra dulcimer there tuned up for you and ready to play if you want to participate and don't have a dulcimer.

“Tune of the Month”

Tyler's Trot, by Bruce Armitage, will be taught at noon. It is a fox trot and has a great swing to it. Several of you have been interested in learning the song. It is copyrighted and so it will not be on our website except in name only.



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Playdates:

Plainwell Music Society

Location: Plainwell Band Shell

Downtown Plainwell/ N end of N Anderson St. at the River

Wednesday at 7:30 pm (plan to arrive at 7 pm)

Turkeyville Restaurant - two play dates below

I-69 , Turkeyville exit sign about 5 miles north of I 94

June 5th, Saturday—Garden Show

1—3 pm

Aug 14th, Saturday— Flea Market and Civil War Reenactment

1—3 pm

Festivals not to miss:

Evart—ODPC Funfest—July 15-18th

Michigan Fiddlers at Hillsdale—Aug 13—15th

Midland Dulcimer Festival— Aug 26—28th

Unfest—Whispering Woods Campground Hastings—June 18th—19th

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