

# THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



May 2010

## From the President . . .

Happy Spring!

The Grange Hall was filled with beautiful music at the April Meeting.

The beginning class reviewed scales, chords and arpeggio's in April. The May class will continue to review chords and arpeggio's. In addition, they will finish the 2nd half of the song, Joy to the World.

In the "tune of the month" class, we are going to teach "Bud's Waltz" in C. It will be on the website, and we will have copies at the workshop. If you sort of know it, and want a review, come to the class!

We are growing in membership! We had 4 new members join in April, and total of 14 since September 2009. Some new players, and some very experienced players have joined. Welcome to all the new folks!!

This will be our last newsletter and last regular TVDS meeting until September. There are opportunities every month to play at our playdates, and the festivals listed in the newsletter. If you have not been to Evert or the Midland festival, there are wonderful learning and jamming opportunities for everyone, at every level.

Our club has also been invited to the Silver Strings Campout, the Uncle Carls Club campout, and the Unfest campout in Hastings. You learn songs, campout at great parks, eat lots of food, jam and generally have a great time. I will have some information on each event at the May meeting. You can come for the day if you don't want to camp. I encourage you to attend, as you will know people, meet people, and just have a good time.

At the Evert festival, July 17, we will meet on Saturday morning in the Community Center for Donuts and Coffee at 9 am. It gives us a chance to see each other and talk, and has been our tradition over the years.

I think that covers it for now. Come to our last meeting of the season May 15th for a good jam, good vittles, and a good time!

See you then,

Paula Brawdy

### TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

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**Next Meeting:  
May 15 (3rd Sat)  
TVDS Regular  
Meeting & Jam**

**Beginners Class  
11 am—11:45 pm**

**Tune of the month  
class 12—12:45 pm  
Review of tunes**

**1 pm—4pm  
Regular Jam**

**Bring snacks to share  
We like our Vittles  
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**Summer break  
next meeting :  
September 25, 2010  
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**Website:  
www.thornapplevalley  
dulcimer.org**

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#### May Birthdays

- 2 Hilma Brace
- 3 Charlie Fay
- 4 Harriet Reed
- 13 Patricia Hoyt
- 15 Nancy Maki
- 28 Marge Andrews



#### May Anniversaries

- 2 Elyn & Joe Keur
- 4 Wendy & Ed Conklin
- 6 LD & Barb Becker
- 11 Joan & Don Fitzpatrick
- 18 Jim and Nancy Vanderwall

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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. Clean out those closets and find hammers, musical books, and other goodies related to music or just homespun types of things....they are okay too.**

**ITEMS for SALE:**

**Songbird Whippoorwill Hammered Dulcimer—16/15, mahogany soundboard, excellent condition, lightweight, with nice case, and hammers. Made in 2005, It has a great sound and will be at the April meeting if you want to try it out. \$650 for dulcimer, case, hammers and stand included. The whole package! Call Paula Brawdy at 616 240 0445**

**Musicians brains are wired differently:**

Neuroscientists study how we hear and play music because it is one of the few activities that use many functions of the brain, including memory, learning, motor control, emotion, hearing, and creativity, said Dr. Robert Zatorre of the Montreal Neurological Institute. "It offers a window into the highest level of human cognition" Zatorre said..

**Evert—ODPC—festival info—July 15-18th, 2010:**

Camping \$17 per night. Limited water & electricity. No advance reservations. Plenty of camping sites. Fairground office—231 734 5481. Festival cost \$5 for all events and kids 12 and under free.



**www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org**

**Playdates:**

**Plainwell Music Society—Confirmed - July 28th, 2010**

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 confirmed.** Take I 94 to Marshall, MI  
Go North on I-69. There is a sign about 5 miles up that says Turkeyville Road. And take that  
West about 2 miles and you will see the restaurant. It's big!

Here are the Turkeyville dates and times:

**June 5th, Saturday**—Garden Show at Turkeyville

1—3 pm

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

1—3 pm

**Gas & Steam Engine Show** at Charlton Park, Hastings—July 10th late afternoon,

**Putnam Library**, Nashville, MI on Tuesday, June 29th at 6:30 pm

**Festivals not to miss:**

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

More info at: <http://www.pgoelz.com/unfest1.html>

**Ewart**—ODPC Funfest—July 15-18th more info at [www.dulcimers.com](http://www.dulcimers.com)

**Michigan Fiddlers** at Hillsdale—Aug 13—15th

**Midland Dulcimer Festival**— Aug 26—28th more info at

<http://www.folkmusicsociety.org/festival>

**Uncle Carls Campout**—and you are invited! More info at [www.unclecarls.org](http://www.unclecarls.org)

**Silver Strings Campout**—and you are invited! More info at [www.silverstrings.org](http://www.silverstrings.org)

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