

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

April 2011

Noteworthy information:

The March meeting was well attended. We had a good number who came to the workshops as well. Kathy Cook taught Headin' to Evert, by Bill Robinson and it is a fun tune to play. Bill likes the syncopation in his songs, which is what really makes them fun to play.

The April workshops will feature the Trillium Twirl, by Judi Morningstar. Kathy Cook has volunteered to teach for us. This is one of the tunes that we will play at the big preshow at Evert. We try to get a couple of hundred dulcimers on the stage and around the stage and play a set. If you are new to dulcimers, come and play at the stage with us. You can play what you do know. The list of songs is on the www.dulcimers.com site.

We want our club to be a club that helps new players develop. I would still love to have a mountain dulcimer group or autoharp group take over the downstairs area. All it takes is someone to take the lead in organizing it. We have the room, and we may as well use it. If you know someone who could lead one of those groups, talk to them, or let me know, and I will contact them and see if we can get something started.

We lost a long time club member, Neva Cordray. Neva and Bill Cordray were good musicians. Neva played hammered dulcimer, and Bill played guitar. Bill helped Bob Tack build his dulcimers. Bill also repaired instruments for all of us. We hope they find a wonderful jam together in heaven!

Board Elections are in April, and the nominating committee will have a slate put together for us to vote on, if we have more than one person for each position. If we don't have more than one person for each position, we will look for a motion and vote accordingly. If you are interested in running for a position, you need to let Judy Cole or Margaret Vanderveen know early on the meeting day of the election.

Annual Dues for the club were due in January. We pay only once a year for the entire year and it is \$18. If you joined mid year last year, you would have paid a prorated amount for 2010, and then would pay again in January for 2011. Check with Phyllis at the meeting if you are unsure whether you have paid or not.

There are 5 Saturdays in April, and we will meet on the 4th Saturday as we normally do. May will be our last official meeting until September. We do have some playdates during the summer. I hope to line up all the playdates by the May newsletter if possible.

Enjoy the green trees and grass which are going to be bursting out. I have a pair of swans building a nest right out my back door in the lake!!! Take care and see you soon. Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meeting:

**April 23 2011
TVDS Regular
Meeting & Jam
1 =4 pm**

**Beginners Class
11 am—11:45 pm
Learn Trillium Twirl**

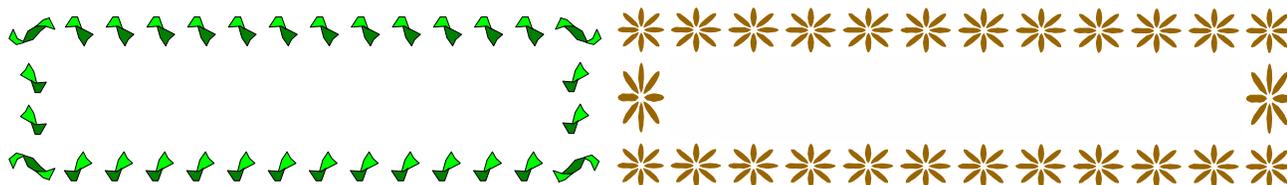
**Tune of the month
class 12—12:45 pm
Learn Trillium Twirl**

**Bring snacks to share
We like our Vittles

**Website:
www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org**

**Dues:
Due January 2011**

\$18 a year



Original Fiddlers : April 16th, Commission on Aging, 320 West Woodlawn, Hastings, MI
Starts at 1:30 pm, dinner at 5 pm, and square dance following. We are hosting the Original Fiddlers and trying to get them closer in distance, so hope you can come and support them. Lots of good fiddlers, and jamming rooms for all.

Uncle Carls Dulcimer Club—2nd Saturday of the month—12:30—4:30 pm
They teach a tune, have a slow jam, and then an up to speed jam. It meets at the Sr. Center in Spring Arbor, right behind McDonalds Restaurant

West Michigan Dulcimer Club—Meets in Spring Lake—3rd Saturday of the month—1 – 5pm, at the Spring Lake Wesleyan Church, 15550 Cleveland (M104), Spg Lake, MI

Unfest Dulcimer campout, Whispering Waters Campground, Hastings, MI—informal jamming and potluck. June 17th, June 18th.

Evart Funfest— July 14, 15, 16th

Rick Thum has a special 3 day class from beginning to intermediate all rolled into one right before Evart starts. It cost \$165 for the 3 days. They jam at night and generally it is a really good class. All levels will learn a lot. If you are interested there is a form to register on his site. Here is a link you can copy and paste for all the details.

<http://www.rthum.com/performer/event-schedule/details/28-a-to-zs-of-hammered-dulcimer-in-evart-mi>

Michigan Fiddlers campout—Hillsdale MI—Aug 12, 13

Midland Dulcimer Festival—Aug 25, 26th, 27th

Summer PlayDates for TVDS Club:

1. Plainwell Music Organization— This is really a nice site and big audience for us.

July 27, Wednesday, at 7:30 pm,- 9 pm. Concert is right by the river in a Bandshell in downtown Plainwell, on N. Anderson St. (in case of rain, they will contact us for alternate indoor site)

Look for the river and you will find it. Plan to arrive at 7 pm to set up.

2. Cornwells Turkeyville, 18935 15 1/2 mile Rd, Marshall, MI .

June 4, 2011,

August 6th, 2011.

Two play dates for Cornwells. Another really fun place to play and they usually have a flea market or craft show going on at the same time. I will have the time we play by next months newsletter. Cornwells is also opening up a big RV park on site on July 1st .

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