

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

December 2011

Noteworthy information:

December is the last newsletter and meeting for 2011. The year flew by as they all seem to do. Thanks to everyone for making this club a welcoming place to be! Our club is friendly and welcoming to all who come, beginners, to experienced players. We all help each other and welcome new people. That is what makes a good club!

November meeting was very well attended in spite of it being Thanksgiving weekend. Paul Perkins brought his visiting family in along with his banjo playing grandson. His grandson is an excellent banjo player and he played a couple of tunes for us. Thanks Paul for bringing your family in to visit!

Kathy Cook taught us a new tune, Golden Keyboard. We all need to practice these new tunes and play them at meetings so we don't lose them.

At the December meeting, held on the 3rd Saturday, we will have our big Christmas potluck, and so we will not have any workshops for December meeting. Please plan to arrive early to set up so we can eat at noon. We will be back in January with another workshop for you. Bring us a suggestion on a song to teach for January, and we will see if we can teach songs that you request.

Potluck Dinner—Kentucky Fried Chicken and a nice Ham will be furnished by the club for the meeting. Bring your favorite dish to pass and we will be all set. Plates and silverware will be furnished but bring your own plates if you would rather eat on something sturdy!!

December 11, Sunday, we play at the Charlton Park Village, Hastings, MI. We start at noon and play until 4 pm. When you get to the gate let them know you are playing for the Dulcimer club and they will let you in. We park right behind the church, and so you will pull right into a fenced area and travel up to the church. Ask at the gate if you haven't been there before and they will direct you. If it is snowing be careful walking in as it can be slippery. Anyone needing help carrying dulcimer etc into the church, just come in and let me know, and we will carry your dulcimer, and other instruments in for you.

This event is a lot of fun. Kids come in and we let them ring the bells as we play Jingle Bells. Bring your bells with you as we always have more kids than bells.

In addition, we will take a 20 minute break to walk around at 2 pm. If anyone wants to continue playing they can surely do so as the audience continues to come in. The playlists are on the website, and were in the Nov. newsletter. We will play a Christmas tune, and then a couple of regular tunes to break it up. It won't be all Christmas tunes.

Time to pay dues for 2012. Please mail to Chuck Mead, address on 2nd page, or bring to the meeting. Thanks for making the club a good place to be!!!

Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meeting:

**December 17
Third Saturday**

**Holiday Potluck
Noon
Bring dish to pass
Arrive early to set up**

**TVDS Regular
Jam
1-4 pm**

**Coffee, and tea are
furnished**

**Website:
www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org**



Merry Christmas!!

Happy Holidays, and

Have a Great 2012!!!!

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NewsLetter
(Deadline 25th/month)

**THORNAPPLE VALLEY
DULCIMER SOCIETY**

Meets monthly at:

**Maple Leaf Grange,
Address: 7490 S M66,
Nashville, MI 49073**

**www.thornapplevalley
dulcimer.org**

**Dues \$18 per year,
send to Treasurer
above!**

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 \$18 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:

Sweatshirts & T Shirts— We have nice hooded sweatshirts, non hooded sweatshirts, and T shirts for sale with the club logo on it. Prices are reasonable. Check them out at the club meeting.

Need a Hammered Dulcimer Instructor? We have three folks who would love to teach you to play or improve your playing::

**Thelma Fassett, Nashville, MI 517 852 1869
Deane Bellah, Lowell, MI 616 897 0845
Aloe Guiles, Sparta MI 616 887 9436**

Looking for a nice Used Hammered Dulcimer?

Bob Tack, Pro Model, 15/15 with built in microphone plug, walnut, floating soundboard, excellent cond with case \$700

Lost Valley hammered dulcimer with case 13/13, Birdseye Maple Excellent condition, spruce soundboard, and oak sides—\$1500 new, and will sell for \$600 for both dulcimers above contact

Paula Brawdy at 616 240 0445 for more information

Mountain Dulcimers: Folkcraft dulcimer, Walnut back, sides, and soundboard, teardrop shape, excellent condition, 2008 model \$250

See Paula Brawdy for Mtn dulcimer above at 616 240 0445

Playdate:

Charlton Park Historic Village, Sunday, December 11, from 12 pm—4 pm, 2545 S. Charlton Park Rd, Hastings, MI phone 269 945 3775

We are playing in the old church with the steeple. It's a nice Christmas experience. Please join us, you will have a good time.

Let them know at the gate that you are a musician playing with the dulcimer club and they will not charge you to get in. If you need help unloading, feel free to come into the church and let me know, and we will unload your instruments for you. If you need a ride, let someone know. We have people who will give you a ride if you let us know.

January 1st, celebrate the newyear with potluck and jam at Bob & Lynda Warners Music Barn, 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa, MI , Potluck at noon, bring a dish to pass, and then music afterwards. Dulcimers and all acoustic instruments welcome. Bob has extended his invitation to the dulcimer club!!

ODPC Meeting in January 21st—Commission on Aging, 320 W. Woodlawn Avenue *Hastings, MI* 49058. Phone: (269) 948-4856 Hastings, MI. -

Board meeting in the morning at 10:30 am, anyone is welcome to listen. At noon there will be a potluck luncheon. Come and join as everyone is welcome. You will get the updates on the Festival in July and any other news. Around 1 pm there is a membership meeting, and then a jam follows which usually goes until about 5 pm.

Playlists -

Karen Turner added to our club playlist area of the website. It now has Christmas list, and the regular event list, along with the library list. Thanks to Karen for all her hard work for our club!

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