

# THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

February 2011

**Noteworthy information:**

Today is Wednesday, February 2. We had a blizzard overnight in Michigan and still more to come today. It's always more fun to have a big snow event if you are going to have one. No work, no school, no anything today! So I am writing the newsletter!

The January Meeting was well attended in spite of the weather. Dulcimer players came from afar, Aloe and Warren from Sparta, Judy and Dale from Jackson, the Maki's from Lyons, all arrived safely. We had a good jam. Everyone pulled up close to each other and we could hear each other really well. After the jam, several of us went to Mooville for ice cream. Mooville is right on M66 about 1 mile north of the Grange. It's huge, you can't miss it. The Best ice cream, milk and other products are from the farm right on the property.

In February, we will have the same tune of the month, East Tennessee Blues, and the same Beginners class. Deane Bellah was ill and so we postponed the classes until February.

Elections are in April—We have a nominating Committee now thanks to Margaret Vanderveen and Judy Cole. They will talk to you to see if you are interested in any position. You can run for any of the positions and we welcome candidates!

Attended a benefit for Jim Mills who has had serious health issues. Jim was there and was honored as a very giving promoter of music. He has had many jams at his barn and welcomed everyone. It was a great night with good bands in his honor.

Bill Robinson wrote a new tune, named Ann E, after his wife. It is on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) Just type in the search box: Ann E Bill Robinson dulcimer and it will come up. He actually teaches it on line and I learned it right from youtube. He plays it very slow and then a little faster. It's a great tune. I wrote and asked for the sheet music and Bill is going to have it written on sheet music, and we will teach that one when we receive it. It is not difficult to learn. If you want to hear a song, almost any song, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type in the name of the song. You will be surprised at how much is on there.

We have one gig for summer, Plainwell Music Org has asked us to play in the bandshell on the river again. Date to follow but towards the end of July. This one is worth the drive, big audience and fun..

In terms of winter weather, we will have the club meeting as long as we can get in the parking lot! If you have any questions call me, but I won't cancel unless it is a day like today!!!

Keep warm and we will see you soon,  
Paula

**TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Next Meeting:**  
**February 26, 2011**  
**TVDS Regular Meeting & Jam**  
**1 = 4 pm**

**Beginners Class**  
**11 am—11:45 pm**  
**Review songs and teach**

**Tune of the month class 12—12:45 pm**  
**East Tennessee Blues**

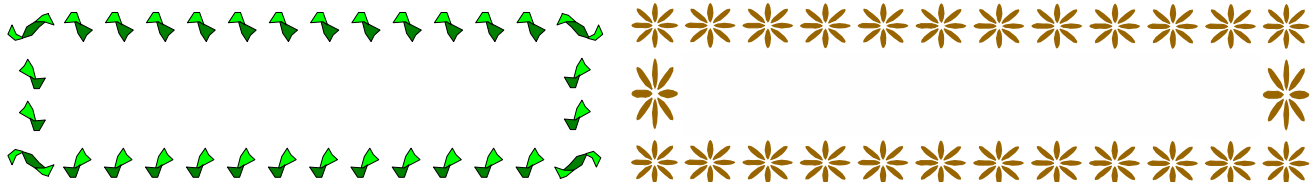
**Bring snacks to share**  
**We like our Vittles**  
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**Website:**  
**[www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org](http://www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org)**

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**Dues:**  
**Due in January**

**\$18 a year**





## **Good site for Sheet Music Free:**

<http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk/traditional-music/>

This website has a lot of different kinds of music, sheet music, sheet music with chords only, and tons of other information. You have to get used to the site to find your way around as it is huge, but it is worth it. You will find a search box and you can type in the name of the song you are searching for.

## **Buckeye Festival: March 9th—13th in Ashley Ohio. 4 1/2 hours from Hastings, MI**

If you are new to dulcimers, or just want to improve your playing, this is an excellent festival. You spend two full days with your instructor of choice, and there are special workshops on Saturday. There are jams every night, and concerts. Excellent teachers this year as always. You stay right there. It is a camp for disabled kids and is not used in the winter. Dorms for girls, and dorms for the boys. We have a lot of fun. They feed you, teach you, entertain you and it is as much fun as Evert to me. They have classes for mountain dulcimer, fiddle, auto-harp, etc. Cost for all that, food, lodging and teaching is \$280 for entire event from Weds to Sunday. Check it out. I am going again this year, and you can call me if you have questions. I recommend it! I can send you a flier if you don't have computer access.

<http://www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com/>

**Michigan Fiddlers: February 19th, Commission on Aging, 320 West Woodlawn, Hastings, MI. Plenty of jamming rooms and main stage too. Lots of fun. Starts at 2 pm, dinner at 5 pm on site, and square dance at 6 pm—9 pm.**

**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.**

Recipe! Thelma Fassett brought a delicious dessert to the club! Here is the recipe:

### **Swedish Raspberry Almond Bars**

3/4 cup butter, softened

3/4 cup confectioners sugar

1 1/2 cups flour

3/4 cup seedless raspberry jam

3 egg whites

6 tablespoons sugar

1/2 cup flaked coconut

1 cup silvered almonds, divided in half cups

Additional confectioner's sugar for sprinkling on top

In large bowl, cream butter and confectioner's sugar until light and fluffy. Gradually add flour and mix well. Press onto bottom of greased 13x9" pan. Bake at 350 for 18-20 minutes or until lightly browned.

Spread jam over baked crust. In large bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar 1 Tablespoon at a time on high until soft peaks form. Fold in coconut and 1/2 cup almond slices. Spread over jam layer. Sprinkle with Remaining almond slices.

Bake at 350 for 18-22 minutes or until golden brown. If desired sprinkle with Confectioners sugar.

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