

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



March 2011

From the President . . .

Noteworthy information:

Spring is arriving in Michigan this week, March 15, as it is warming up!! February was a long winter month, but we are over the hump now and on to outside activities.

I just got back from Buckeye Festival in Ashley, Ohio. It is a Wednesday to Sunday event. You sign up for a teacher for 6 hrs a day for 2 days! All levels of Dulcimer teaching, both hammered and Mountain Dulcimer were taught. It's really a nice winter get-away. Guy George, Steve Schneider, Timothy Seaman and others taught the classes. Something to look at next year if you want a dulcimer retreat. Other classes are available as well, autoharp taught by one of the best, Les Gustafson Zook, fiddle taught by an old time teacher, claw hammer banjo, and guitar.

Dan Duggan, Paul VanArsdale's grandson, was at the festival. He is a fantastic player. Paul's grandfather was also a dulcimer player. Can you imagine all the generations of dulcimer players in that family.

At Evert this summer, there are two songs on the list for the big gathering of all the dulcimers, Headin' to Evert, by Bill Robinson, and Trillum Twirl by Judi Morningstar. Both Tunes are on the dulcimers.com site with printable music. Deane Bellah will teach the Headin' to Evert for the tune of the month at the March meeting. She is also going to work on this tune with the beginning class. So the beginning class will have a slower teach, and then can keep working on it during the noon Tune of the Month session. This will help get us all ready for Evert and get us in the spirit!

There are two other dulcimer clubs in proximity to us with a bit of driving. WMDC meets in Spring Lake, Michigan on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Uncle Carls meets the 2nd Saturday of the month in Spring Arbor Michigan. Both clubs are fun and lots of playing, eating, and friendship at both groups. I will put the addresses and times in this newsletter in case you would like to check them out.

Board Elections are in April, and the nominating committee will have a slate put together for us to vote on.

Other than that, I will see you at the Grange Hall on the 26th!

Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Beginners Class
11 am—11:45 pm
Learn Headin' to Evert

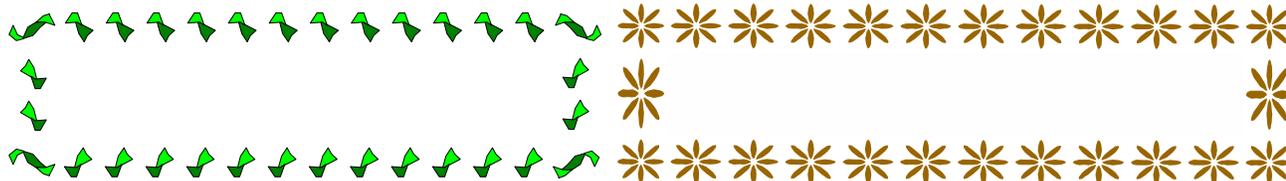
Tune of the month class 12—12:45 pm
Headin' to Evert

Bring snacks to share
We like our Vittles

Website:
www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org

Dues:
Due in January

\$18 a year



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.

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

Michigan Fiddlers campout—Hillsdale MI—Aug 12, 13

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

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