

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

May 2011

Noteworthy information:

The April meeting was well attended. We had a good number who came to the workshops as well. Kathy Cook taught Trillium Twirl written by Judi Morningstar. This is on the prestige show for Evert that we hope you will play at! Kathy simplified the song for us, and we also have the more complex version as well.

The May meeting will be our spring fling picnic potluck. We will have it indoors, and it will be a picnic menu of sorts. The club will furnish Sloppy Joes, and it will be a "bring a dish to pass" luncheon. So get out those prize winning recipes. Since we are having the lunch at 12 pm, we will not have work shops in May. This is our last official meeting until September. We do have play dates lining up and festivals to attend and that will give us an opportunity to play over the summer.

We have reserved the Maple Leaf building for The next season of September through May. We are going to start the season in September on the third Saturday, the 17th, for that month only. On the 4th Saturday of September there are two things happening in Lansing that you may want to attend. The ODPC quarterly meeting and jam, and also there is a dulcimer festival being held there that is organized by Wanda Degan, Last year was the first year for it, and it fell on our club day so we didn't have an opportunity to attend.

Board Elections were held in April, and thank you to the nominating committee Judy Cole, and Margaret Vanderveen for their help with the election.

The new officers are: President, Paula Brawdy; Vice President, Thelma Fasset; Secretary, Penny Pierce; and Treasurer, Chuck Mead. Non Elected positions are Historian and Backup for Building & Kitchen, Barb Burrill; Music Librarian & Building/Kitchen Administrators, Jim & Pauline Reed, and Sunshine, Marsha Mellen.

Thanks go out to Sharon Andrews for her time as Vice President, and to Phyllis Whitcomb as Treasurer, and to Chuck Andrews, Historian. We appreciate all your time and efforts for the club. Also thanks to Penny Pierce for being our secretary and continuing in that role!

ODPC Festival in July—Camping is again \$17/night. Changes were made in how you reserve you camping site. If you stay 10 nights, you can send a check in right now to reserve your campsite. If you stay less than 10 nights, you take what is available when when you arrive. Send your check with site selection to:
Osceola County Fairgrounds
101 Recreation Avenue
PO Box 346
Evert, MI 49631

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meeting:

May 21, 2011

**Picnic Pot Luck
12 pm sharp!**

**TVDS Regular
Jam**

1 -4 pm

**Bring a dish to pass for
the potluck**

**Place settings, coffee,
tea are furnished**

Website:

**www.thornapplevalley
dulcimer.org**

**Fall Meeting:
September 17, 2011**



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NewsLetter
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Paula Brawdy

**THORNAPPLE VALLEY
DULCIMER SOCIETY**

Meets monthly at:

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

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

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?

David Lindsey hammered dulcimer with case, 15/14—Beautiful, just replaced all the strings and it is just like new. \$475

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

Russell Cook Edition Masterworks with case, 16/16, top of the line, excellent condition, sounds heavenly, \$2500 new, and will sell for \$1500. This is a life-time dulcimer!

**for all three dulcimers above contact
Paula Brawdy at 616 240 0445 for more information**

Mountain Dulcimers:

**Applecreek Dulcimer with case. Really compact but still has all the frets you need. \$95 with case
See Paula Brawdy for Mtn dulcimers above at 616 240 0445**

Festivals and other playing events:

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 jam-
ming and potluck, June 17th, June 18th.

Evert Funfest— July 14, 15, 16th

Rick Thum has a special 3 day class from beginning to intermediate all rolled into one right before Evert 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 Play Dates for the Thornapple Valley Dulcimer Society:

Putnam Library, 327 North Main St., Nashville, Michigan, June 23, 6:30—8:00 pm

This is a fund raiser for the library. We played there last year, which was the first year for this and they loved our group.

Plainwell Music Organization— This is really a nice site and a 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.

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

June 4, 2011, 1-3 pm

August 6th, 2011, 1-3 pm

October 1, 2011, 1-3pm

Three 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 timemonths newsletter. Cornwells is also opening up a big RV park on site on July 1st, so you can camp if you like.

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