

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

November 2011

Noteworthy information:

The October meeting was very well attended. We had a great jam and lots of tunes to play. We try to play whatever you choose and actually did well in playing All that was requested. There were 6 fiddles, a bazooka (?) which is a mandolin/banjo type of instrument. Warren Guiles played his jews harp, and all acoustic instruments are welcome.

Deane Bellah and Kathy Cook taught Glass Island Reel. Deane did the composers version, and Kathy taught an alternate version that helps with speed when you get in a hot jam! It's a great syncopated tune to play and we all need to go home and practice it now.

In November, Kathy Cook will be teaching Golden Keyboard in the workshop class. All levels are Welcome! It is an Irish tune and Kathy has added a syncopated beat to it that I really like. I think you will enjoy playing this one!

For the beginning class, If you would be willing to teach a tune, let me know and we can alternate instructors so that one person does not have to do it all the time.. We will not have a beginning class in November. I want to thank Deane for all her help with the classes, as we all appreciate her time and her good teaching skills! It has been suggested we use this class to teach tunes on our event playlist, and the playlists are included in this months newsletter. So if you know one, volunteer to teach it!

On November 5th, Saturday, we have a playdate., dinner and playing from 6—8 pm.at the Holy Trinity Family Center, 1200 Alpine church Rd, Comstock Park, Grand Rapids. We are playing for the Veterans in Grand Rapids in honor of veterans day. Arrive at 6 pm and social time is at 6:30 pm and we will play as people arrive from 6:30 to 7 pm. At 7 pm they are having a "really nice dinner," and desserts made by the ladies of the church. They are going to feed us and then we play for about a 1/2 hour again. Then they have a short veterans presentation for 15 minutes. More info in playdate area. If you want to play, you need to call me asap as they need a count for dinner.

It's time to pay your annual dues for 2012. The dues are \$18 and can be mailed to Chuck Mead, Treasurer-address is on the second page of the newsletter, or you can pay at the meeting. We keep you on the membership list until the March meeting, and then remove names at that time if not paid. It helps pay the rent, buy the coffee, supplies, but most of all it gets us all together to have a great time!

We have more playdates and interesting things coming up, and please see the playdate page for more information.

See you in November!!! Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meeting:

**November 26th
Maple Leaf Grange
Nashville, MI**

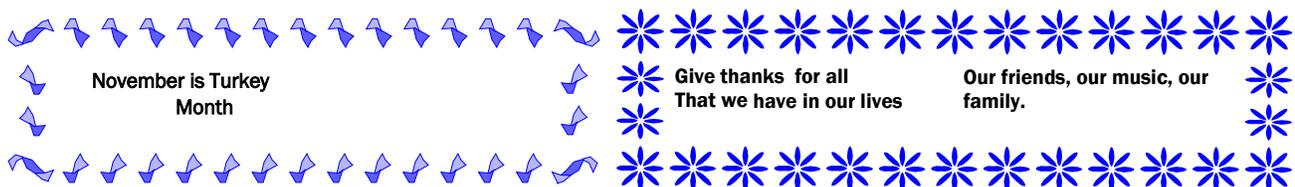
**Tune Workshop
Golden KeyBoard
12 pm**

**TVDS Regular
Jam
1 -4 pm**

Snacks are welcome

**Coffee, and tea are
furnished**

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**THORNAPPLE VALLEY
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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!**

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, 16/15 with built in microphone plug, walnut, floating soundboard, case, 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 \$625
Masterworks 16/15 Ultralight—with case, \$725.
Webster—3 yrs old with case, regular 5th tuning—great sound—\$1200
Dusty Strings 600—dampers, case, telescopic legs—extended range, with great bass . Most of the professionals play the Dusty Strings 600—\$3000
for 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

Have something to sell, put it in the newsletter and it is then on the world wide web as well! Just give me your add and I will post it in the next newsletter.

October 30—4 pm , Sunday—Just Friends in concert, Judi Morningstar, Cecilia Webster, Rosemary Kornacki, and Lori Cleland are playing. Hammered Dulcimer, guitar, banjo, mandolin, and bass. This will be an excellent concert and it is free. It will be at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2301 Ridgeway Road, Jackson, MI

November 5th, Saturday, 6—8 pm, Veterans event— Holy Trinity Family Center—1200 Alpine church Road, Comstock Park, MI

This is in Grand Rapids area. As you drive on I 96 in Grand Rapids, you take exit 30B which is the Alpine exit off of I 96 , and go north 2.5 miles. Turn left on Alpine Church Road. It is in the family center. They asked us to play for the veterans in honor of veterans day. We should be there and ready to play around 6 pm and we can play as people are coming in. We will have dinner with them at 7:00 pm, and we play for another 20 minutes and then they have a 15 minute veterans presentation. We will play God Bless America in the key of G . Should be a nice event for us.

December 11, 2011—12—4 pm Historic Charlton Park, 2545 S. Charlton Park Rd, Hastings, MI phone 269 945 3775

We are playing in the old church with the steeple . People come in to hear us, and the kids love to ring our sleigh bells to Jingle Bells. You can drive your car right up to the church, and park which makes it easy to unload. If you need help unloading, just come in and we will help get your dulcimer up the stairs and set up for you. At the gate, where most pay, let them know you are a musician playing with the club, and we do not pay. It's a nice Christmas experience. We will take a break from 2 to 2:20 pm to give you an opportunity to walk around, visit the old house and have chestnuts over an open fire, wassail, cookies. The school house usually dips candles and you can dip your own candle. The blacksmiths shop demonstrates, and there is a weaver in the weaving shop. There is a gift shop and museum.

We play Christmas tunes and our regular playlist is mingled in.

ODPC—January 21st meeting—will be in Hastings at the Commission on Aging. You are all welcome to attend. It will be the third Saturday of the month. TVDS will still be on the 4th Saturday as usual at Maple Leaf Grange. Details will follow in next newsletter.

Evart - PreWorkshops—All day class by Dan Levenson on clawhammer banjo on Tuesday, and fiddle on Wednesday., 9—5 pm. On the days before ODPC festival begins. All the details are on his website at the link below. Pam Groner, TVDS member, and Pam Kreuzen, TVDS member have been trying to organize a prefestival fiddle class for Evart, and Dan has offered to do so. It is all day, and there is a cost. It will be held at the Railroad depot in Evart

Link: <http://clawdan.com/index.php/schedule>

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