

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

October 2011

Noteworthy information:

The September meeting was held at the Commission on Aging in Hastings. It's a nice facility and the meeting went well. We had a good jam and good workshops. Next meeting, we are back to our usual meeting place at the Maple Leaf Grange Hall on the 4th Saturday.

Deane Bellah taught Green Willis in the beginning class, and Kathy Cook followed up in the second class with Green Willis and added some embellishments for it.

We have 2 playdates coming up in October. The first one is October 1st, at Cornwell's Turkeyville Restaurant in Marshall. They have a civil war battle that afternoon and a craft/folk art show. We play 1-3 pm.

The second Saturday, Oct. 8th, at the Convis Township Hall. Marshall, MI. is the 60th anniversary of Gene And Harriet Conklin, from 2-5 pm. More details later in newsletter on place, etc.

On November 5th, Saturday, dinner and playing from 6-8 pm. at the Holy Trinity Family Center, Comstock Park, Grand Rapids. We are playing for the Veterans in Grand Rapids in honor of veterans day. They are going to feed us and then we play for about an hour.

Workshops for October Meeting

Deane Bellah will teach "Glass Island Reel" to the beginning class. It's a syncopated tune and a lot of fun to play. It has E minors in it so it sounds very cool. It will teach you a lot about chords, and hammering patterns to get the best speed in a song.

Kathy Cook will also teach "Glass Island Reel" in the second hour for the Intermediate Workshop. We can work on the syncopation and basically working out any rough spots, practice it, and add any embellishments that may dress it up a bit.

I wrote to the composer and he gave us permission to put on our TVDS website.

His website is www.ethanhw.com and he asked that I mention that this tune is found in his composition from his book of tunes call A for Avocado, and it can be purchased on his website above. Thanks Ethan for letting us use this great tune!!

Hope to see you all in October! Have a great fall!

Paula

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meeting:

**October 22
Maple Leaf Grange**

**Beginners Workshop
Glass Island Reel
11 am.**

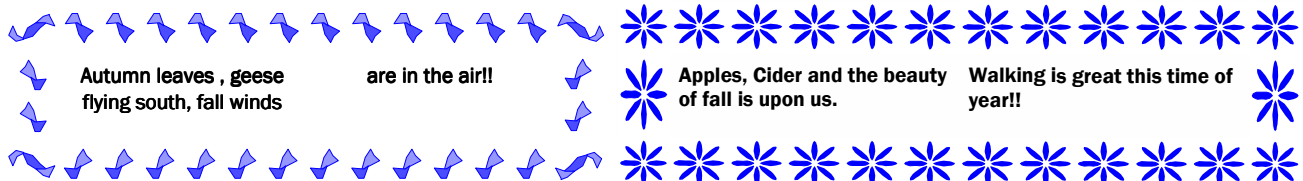
**Intermediate Workshop
Glass Island Reel
12 pm**

**TVDS Regular
Jam
1-4 pm**

**Snacks are welcome

**Coffee, and tea are
furnished

**Website:
www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org**



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NewsLetter
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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 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

**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!**

Fall Play Dates for the Thornapple Valley Dulcimer Society:

**Cornwells Turkeyville Restaurant, 18935 15 1/2 mile Rd, Marshall, MI .
October 1, 2011, 1-3pm Civil War battle and Craft and Folk Art Festival**

**Gene & Harriet Conklin's 60th Anniversary,
October 8, 2011 from 2 pm—5 pm
Where: Convis Township Hall, 19500 15 Mile Road, Marshall, MI
From I 94, take I 69 N, via exit 108
Exit 42 (N Drive North) turn left off the exit, then right on 15 MI Road
Very close to Turkeyville Restaurant if that helps!**

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

This is in Grand Rapids area. Just two miles north of 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 6:30 pm, and then they have a short speaker , and we play for another 20 minutes Or so. Should be a nice event for us. They will sing Star Spangled Banner and would like to to play along. So we will need to learn it or chord along.

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