

# THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

September 2011

## Noteworthy information:

It's hard to believe we are into the September meeting already. Evert ODPC festival was fun and the weather was good. Midland dulcimer festival also had an excellent turnout. I heard lots of good tunes to work on over the winter. One unfortunate incident happened, Ken Kaiser, of Kaiser family band, had his very expensive new video camera stolen right out of the main hall where he was filming the stage shows...

The club played at Turkeyville twice and we have another time coming up the first Saturday in October. The Plainwell playdate was rainy, so we were moved to the high school auditorium. They love the dulcimers in Plainwell, and the audience almost filled the auditorium. In addition, we had a playdate for the Delton Founders Day. All of the events, donated to the club which helps us pay the rent for the winter!

The September meeting is the 3RD SATURDAY, September 17th. Don't forget we changed the September meeting to the 3rd Saturday, leaving the 4th Saturday free for anyone to attend the Lansing Dulcimer Festival which is on September 24th. The Maple Leaf Grange was not available on the 17th, so the Commission on Aging, (Senior Center) in Hastings Was kind enough to rent to us for the same price as we pay in Nashville! It's a beautiful facility. Everything will be the same there. We will bring our own snacks, and use our supplies.

**Deane Bellah will teach the beginners class at 11 am. She is going to work with them on "Green Willis".**

**Kathy Cook will teach "Green Willis" at 12 pm—12:45 pm for everyone who comes. We hope you will all come for the tune so we can play it together!**

**We have a great dulcimer season ahead of us.**

## FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

### W. MICHIGAN BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION FALLFEST 2011

Sept. 16-17-18  
Kent County Fairgrounds, Lowell, Mich.  
Musical & nonmusical activities for family fun  
For information:  
Dave @ 616-897-6220 or  
[president@WMBMA.org](mailto:president@WMBMA.org)

### EAST LANSING DULCIMER FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011...10:am-9:30pm  
Coordinated with ODPC Board meeting  
Central United Methodist Church, Lansing, Mi.  
(across from the Michigan Capitol building)  
Meet & greet & register @ 10:am  
Workshops 10:30am - 3:15pm  
Jamming2: - 5:30pm  
Concerts 3:30-4:30 and 7-9:30 pm  
For more info. contact  
[www.tenpoundfiddle.org](http://www.tenpoundfiddle.org)

**TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER**  
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**Next Meeting:**

**Sept 17  
3rd Saturday  
Commission on Aging  
320 W. Woodlawn  
Hastings, MI**

**Beginners Workshop  
"Green Willis"  
11 am.**

**Intermediate Worship  
"Green Willis"  
12 pm**

**TVDS Regular  
Jam  
1 -4 pm**

**Snacks are welcome**  
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**Coffee, and tea are furnished**  
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**Website:  
[www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org](http://www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org)**

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Lansing Dulcimer  
Festival—September 24

ODPC = September 24th  
Same location!!

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**NewsLetter**  
(Deadline 25th/month)

**THORNAPPLE VALLEY  
DULCIMER SOCIETY**

**Meets monthly at:**

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

**[www.thornapplevalley  
dulcimer.org](http://www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.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, 15/15 with built in microphone plug, walnut, floating soundboard, 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 \$600 for both 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**

**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.

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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

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

Veterans— Holy Trinity Family Center—November 5th, Saturday, 6—8 pm

Alpine St. (north of I 96) Comstock Park, Grand Rapids. 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. 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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