

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

April / May 2012

Noteworthy information:

Spring is upon us and in full bloom. What a beautiful year 2012 has been so far with the mildest winter in history, and a gorgeous spring.

The April meeting is the 4th Saturday as we normally meet, and the May meeting is on the 3rd Saturday of the Month so we don't conflict with Labor Day activities. Then we are off for the summer to Participate in festivals and summer activities. This newsletter is going to be a two month newsletter. If we get more playdates over the summer I will send out playdate updates by email, and by mail.

The March workshop tune was "Antique Pearls". This is a very nice song, and not difficult to learn. It was written by our Michigan songwriter, Judi Morningstar. In April, Elyn Keur will teach the embellishments to this tune.. It will be helpful if you have practiced this tune so all you have to concentrate on are the embellishments. The embellishments can be used on many tunes, and the concepts are ones that you will use over and over in other songs.

The May meeting will be our final meeting for the summer. We are having a potluck at Noon!! Sloppy Joes will be furnished by the club, and all your great dishes will make it a memorable meal! Bring a dish to pass and club will furnish plates/silverware, coffee and tea.

There will be no workshop in May due to the potluck luncheon.

We have a couple of playdates for summer so far. I expect we will have a few more come our way. Playdates are in the newsletter.

The big festivals of summer are:

ODPC Funfest—July 19-22 Thurs—Sun.

Prefestival 3 day workshops are also available from Rick Thum, hammered dulcimer, and Stephen Seifert on mountain dulcimer. I will have flyers and info on Stephen's workshop shortly. Rick Thum's info is on his website rthum.com The prefestival intensive workshops are on the 16th—18th of July and are at a reasonable cost. Best 3 days you will spend!

Midland Dulcimer Festival—August 23—26 at Midland Fairgrounds.. Much smaller than Evert and lots of jamming and workshops. Nice campground with trees!

If you have any thoughts on where we might get together for a jam during the summer, or a picnic type of get together for the club, let us know. Love to have someone sponsor a picnic!

Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meetings:

**April 28th— 4th Sat
May 19th—3rd Sat**

**April Workshop
12 pm—12:45
"Antique Pearls"
Embellishments**

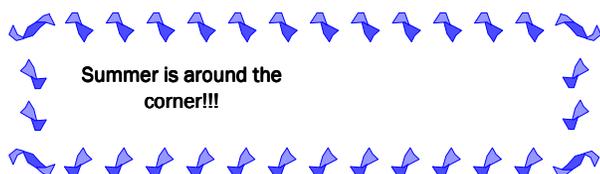
**May Meeting
Potluck at noon**

**Jam Always:
1-4 pm**

**Snacks and Vittles are
Welcome—we like to
eat!**

**Coffee, and tea are
furnished**

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www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org**



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**THORNAPPLE VALLEY
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Meets monthly at:

**Maple Leaf Grange,
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**www.thornapplevalley
dulcimer.org**

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

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 and at our cost. 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

Instruments for Sale:

Looking for a nice Used Hammered Dulcimer? Call Paula Brawdy at 616 240 0445. I have the following right now:

Lost Valley hammered dulcimer with case 13/13, Birdseye Maple Excellent condition, spruce soundboard, and oak sides—\$1500 new, and will sell for \$500
MasterWorks— 12/11, has the extra D# and G# at the top of the dulcimer. Like New, never played! Nice Case - \$450.

Tack—12/11— \$350 with case ncluded

Webster dulcimer—\$800 with case—tuned as normal—excellent sound.

Also have several mountain dulcimers for sale, McSpadden's - \$325

Bowed psaltery -very nice with case, bow, rosin—\$150

Call Paula Brawdy on instruments above for more information 616 240 0445

Original Fiddlers Jamboree, April 21st (3rd Saturday) , - 1—5 pm, with dance following from 6:30—9:30 pm. Dinner available on site. This will be held at the Commission on Aging, 320 W. Woodlawn, in Hastings. Call Paula Brawdy for more information at 616 240 0445

Bob's & Lynda's Music and Clogging Barn, 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa, MI—

Jam “every “ Sunday from 4—7 pm - Dulcimer friendly jam!

For more information call Lynda or Bob at 616 374 8205, or email at tfcloggers@att.net

Old Time Mountain Dulcimer Society— Bob & Lynda's Music Barn, location and contact info —1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa, MI 616 374 8205

Date—May 5th, Saturday, 1—4 pm. , bring your mtn dulcimer and be ready to have fun. We will have an extra dulcimer if you want to give it a try. We are using Tab and DAD tuning which makes it super easy to learn. All levels are welcome.

Uncle Carls Dulcimer Club—held on 2nd Saturday of the month, at Senior Center in Spring Arbor Michigan. 12:30—4:30. Teach workshop, have slow jam, and then a regular jam each month... www.unclecarls.org

Playdates—

Anniversary Party for Barb and LD Becker —Dulcimer Players are invited to come and entertain. It will be at the Convis Township Hall, 19500 15 Mile Rd, Marshall Michigan.... **1st Saturday in May, 2-5 pm.** The Convis Twnship hall is easy to find. It is 5 miles north of Marshall. From I-69, take the exit 42, and turn west. Go about a mile to Turkeyville restaurant and turn right or north on 15 mile road. It is up the road about 1/2 mile or so on your left. Beautiful new building with a copper metal roof on your left. The signage isn't good on the building but it is a big bldg and you can't miss it...

June 20—12:00—2 pm—Rockford Seniors Unlimited annual picnic, 220 N. Monroe, Rockford, MI - Located downtown Rockford in the Rockford Community Cabin . We will have lunch and then play from 12:45—2 pm.

June 28th, Thursday night—6:30—8 pm— Nashville Library Lawn, 327 N. Main St., Nashville. It is super easy to find, right on M -66 as you drive through town. (they will have a rain place inside designated just in case it turns out like last year where we were rained out!) They love us and really want us to come back and play.

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