

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

December 2012

Happy Holidays!

As I write this newsletter, it is very foggy and warm outside. It is still fall after all!

We will be back at the Maple Leaf Grange on the **3rd Saturday** of the month for our annual Christmas potluck and Jam. Please bring a dish to pass. The club will furnish fried chicken and glazed ham. We will eat right at noon so plan to arrive around 11:30ish.

No workshop in December with the potluck and Christmas celebration taking up that timeslot!

We will have a good jam after the potluck! Hope you can all make this one, as it is festive and fun. If anyone needs a ride, please call me and we will be sure you have a ride!

We will resume our workshop schedule in January and will plan a good tune. The plan is to teach one month, and the next month have a slow jam to reinforce the tunes we have learned in addition to any tune folks want to call out. The first slow jam went well, and comments were positive about continuing this schedule.

We will be playing at "Christmas Past" event at Charlton Park, Hastings, MI, on Sunday December 9th, 12:30–4pm .

We play in an old historical church. We have a lot of listeners. We alternate between Christmas music and our common club tunes.

The tune list is On the website under club tunes on the left side of home page, and then under holiday list. Come and join us. The children love to hear jingle bells, and ring the bells. If you have some bells, bring them along.

On New Years Day, Bob & Lynda Warner are having a potluck and jam all afternoon at their Barn. The location is further in the newsletter.. Hope you can join us, we have a lot of fun in Bob's Barn.

Okay that's the news from the musician front. Hope you are all ready for the next jam!

Keep Hammering!

Paula Brawdy

**TVDS DATES TO
REMEMBER**

**Next Meetings:
Saturday
December 15th**

**Potluck at Noon!
Bring dish to pass**

**Regular Jam Always:
1-4 pm**

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

**Coffee, and tea are
furnished**

**Website:
www.thornapplevalley
dulcimer.org**



President
Paula Brawdy
1403 Iroquois Trl
Hastings, MI 49058
pbrawdy@jasnetworks.net
Cell 616 240 0445

Vice President
Thelma Fassett
5080 Morgan Rd.
Nashville, MI 49073
517 852 1869
ctfassett@gmail.com

Secretary
Penny Pierce
518 Michigan Ave
Bellevue, MI
269 763 3342
ppierce2005@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer
Chuck Mead
1248 8 Mile Rd
Union City, MI 49094
517 741 7896
meadc11@frontier.net

Sunshine Lady
Marcia Mellen
mmellen@jasnetworks.net
616 948 9025

NewsLetter
(Deadline 25th/month)
Paula Brawdy

**THORNAPPLE VALLEY
DULCIMER SOCIETY**

Meets monthly at:

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

**www.thornapplevalley
dulcimer.org**

**Dues \$15 per year,
send to Treasurer .**

NOTE:
Don't miss an issue of the TVDS
News. Dues are \$18 per year per
family and are due January 1.

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:

Extended Range Michael Allen dulcimer, birdseye maple, with excellent coon hollow case. This is the very large one! 20/19/8 size. Just like new! \$1850
Lost Valley hammered dulcimer with case 13/13, Birdseye Maple Excellent condition, spruce soundboard, and oak sides—\$1500 new, a bargain at \$500 ;
Webster dulcimer—\$800 with case—tuned as normal fifth tuned -excellent sound (2)
Lost Valley 16/16, and 16/15 hammered dulcimers, both in excellent condition with cases \$800 each

Also have several mountain dulcimers for sale, McSpadden's , Warren May, and Folkcraft—\$300- \$325

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

Sylvia Colles has a **Bob Tack full size chromatic dulcimer** for sale. It is a 15/14 with the 2 extra chromatic bridges, stand and hammers, wrench and music stand. \$700 . Call Sylvia at 517 543 3629 or email sylviacollesmg@gmail.com

December PLAYDATE for the club — December 9th, *Charlton Park Village*, 2545 S. *Charlton Park Rd.* • *Hastings* - Historic village! www.charltonpark.org

Come play from 1—4 pm in the white church. Arrive at noon and walk around the village . It's a beautiful place to be and it is the "Christmas Past" event. Water chestnuts roasting over an open fire, wassail to drink, dip a candle, and lots of other events are happening. When you arrive, let them know you are playing with the dulcimer group and they will not charge you to get in. You can drive right up to the back of the white church and park. Ask for directions at the gate if you are new to the event.

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

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

New Years Day event! Potluck and jam all afternoon.!!! Eat at Noon, and jam until the last person leaves!!!

For more information call Lynda or Bob at 616 374 8205, or email at tfcliggers@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—1st Saturday of every month, 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

Paula Brawdy
Thornapple Valley Dulcimer Society
1403 Iroquois Trail
Hastings, Michigan 49058-9757