

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

February 2012

Noteworthy information:

The January meeting was well attended in spite of a slightly messy winter day... As I look out the window today, Feb 6th, the Algonquin Lake has open water! A lot of the birds are still here, and winter has been very mild. The sun is shining again today!

In January, the tune of the month for the workshop was Steel Guitar Rag. This is a song we play almost every month and many don't know how to play it. It has many chord patterns, and it's definitely a "memorize the pattern" type of song. Kathy Cook will continue work on this tune at the February Workshop. We would like to review and really get the patterns down at the workshop.

After the jam, anyone is welcome to stop in at Mooville for some ice cream, sandwiches, or chili. We had a great discussion there in January about WWII. We have WWII veterans in our club, as well as fathers, who took part in the war. It was a fascinating discussion. Lloyd Peck is a WWII vet, and was a tail gunner in the war. My father was a prisoner of war held by the Japanese, and captured the day the war started and held until after the war ended. Lou Guernsey is also a WWII vet and he was a tail gunner. It's amazing what you learn about our members. And the ice cream is the absolute best!

Member news: Joe Andrews had open heart surgery and a new valve put into his heart the last Thursday in January. He is doing well and recovering in Charlotte at the Healing and Recovery Center.

Also, Jack Wallen, bass player, has been undergoing radiation and treatment. We need to keep all of our members in our prayers. We have other members who have ongoing health struggles that we continue to pray for.

Well I think that wraps up the news for this month. Hope to see you at the Meeting. If you have any question about the weather, call me. My number is on the second page of the newsletter and is a cell phone so I have it with me all the time. We will not cancel unless it is absolutely impossible to get into the parking lot!!! Who knows, maybe we will still have some winter, but I hope not!

Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meeting:

February 25th

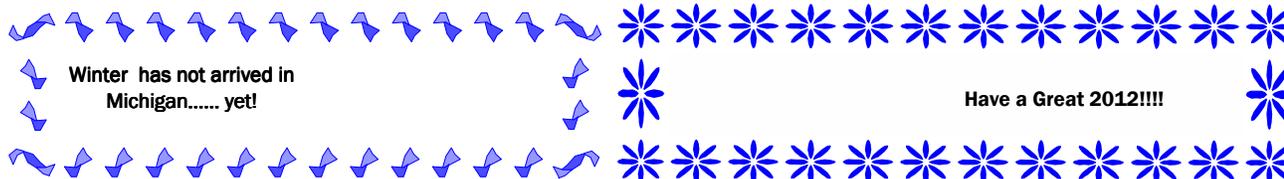
**Workshop
12 pm–12:45
"Steel Guitar Rag"**

**TVDS Regular
Jam
1 -4 pm**

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

**Coffee, and tea are
furnished**

**Website:
www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org**



Winter has not arrived in
Michigan..... yet!

Have a Great 2012!!!!

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DULCIMER SOCIETY**

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

**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:

Bob Tack, Pro Model, 15/15 with built in microphone plug, walnut, floating soundboard, excellent cond with case \$700 ; also have a fully Chromatic Bob Tack with the extra small bridges. Sounds Wonderful!

Lost Valley hammered dulcimer with case 13/13, Birdseye Maple Excellent condition, spruce soundboard, and oak sides—\$1500 new, and will sell for \$600

MasterWorks— 12/11, has the extra D# and G# at the top of the dulcimer. Like New, never played! Nice Case - \$450.

Also have several mtn dulcimers for sale, McSpadden's

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

Thelma Fassett has two instruments for sale:

Washburn mandolin—\$89

Full size fiddle—\$45

Call Thelma for more information at 517 852 1869

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 tfclloggers@att.net

Old Time Mountain Dulcimer Society— Bob & Lynda's Music Barn, location and contact info above

Date—March 3, Saturday—12:30—4 pm , bring your mtn dulcimer and be ready to have fun. We had the first official meeting in February, and we had a good time. We had many new people, as well as some experienced players as well. We may 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.

Buckeye Hammered and Mtn Dulcimer Festival—Ashley Ohio—March 7-11th

This is a great festival held at a camp. You stay in bunkhouses (with heat!) and take classes all day, be entertained by instructors on stage in the evening, and jam into the night if you can still stay awake after all ! <http://www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com/>

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

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