

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



January 2012

From the President . . .

Noteworthy information:

The Holidays are behind us now, and we are into the New Year. We celebrated in December with a potluck and a jam. Jerry and Julaine Smith decorated and brought lots of goodies for the drawings and many went home with gifts. A New Year always brings thoughts of what is important as the years pass by so quickly. I am thankful for the friendships we all have in the dulcimer club. Music brings us together. I hope everyone has a healthy new year and plays lots of music together!

In January, the tune of the month for the workshop will be 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 teach the tune. Bring your Golden keyboard music with you as we are going to play it in the jam.

The Charlton Park Village event went very well. We had lots of musicians and lots of listeners. We had a hard time having a break as they just kept coming in the door. Several of us snuck down to the house where the wassail and chestnuts were roasting. There was also plum pudding and we had to have some of that as well. We had lots of bell ringers and the kids played them to the sound of jingle bells.

The ODPF Funfest Membership is having the Winter meeting in Hastings at the Commission on Aging. There will be a potluck at noon, membership meeting follows, and then a good rousing jam. Details in the newsletter.

I was asked to run for Trustee of the ODPF because I belong to 3 clubs, TVDS, Uncle Carls and Silver Strings. The job of the trustee is bring input to the board from the membership. If you have suggestions or input on the Funfest that you would like shared with the Board, please call me or let me know in advance of the meeting on the 21st Jan. My phone number is on the 2nd page of the newsletter.

For the mountain dulcimer players, Stephen Seifert contacted me about coordinating a workshop day in advance of Evert off site. He is the one of the best teachers around the country in addition to being a great player. So watch for details .

Well that's the news for now. Hope to see you at the Meeting. If you have any question about the weather, call me. We will not cancel unless it is absolutely impossible to get into the parking lot!!!

Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meeting:

January 28th

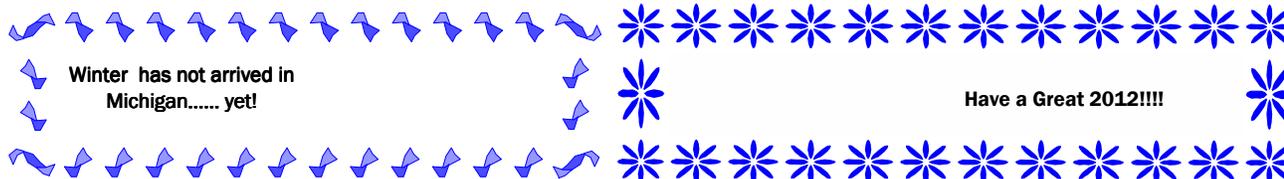
Workshop
12 pm—12:45
"Steel Guitar Rag"

TVDS Regular
Jam
1 -4 pm

Snacks and Vittles are
Welcome—we like to
eat!

Coffee, and tea are
furnished

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**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. 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.

Thelma Fassett has two instruments for sale:

Washburn mandolin—\$89
Full size fiddle—\$45

Call Thelma for more information at 517 852 1869

ODPC Meeting on January 21st—Commission on Aging, 320 W. Woodlawn Avenue *Hastings, MI* 49058. Corner of M 43 & Woodlawn, easy to find. Phone: (269) 948-4856 Hastings, MI. -

Board meeting in the morning at 10:00 am, anyone is welcome to listen. At noon there will be a potluck luncheon. Come and join as everyone is welcome. You will get the updates on the FunFest Festival in July and any other news of the festival. Around 1 pm there is a membership meeting, and then a jam follows which usually goes until about 5 pm.

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

In addition to the every Sunday jam, some Sunday's have additional fun packed in! See below!

January 21st—Bob's barn—Music and Potluck—1—5 pm jam, 5 pm potluck, 6-9 round, and square dancing and jamming as well. Come join the fun.



Jan 29th Bob's Barn— Special Guest—Luke Lenhart Family Band 3-4 pm; Good jamming for everyone from 4—7 pm.

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