

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



March 2012

From the President . . .

Noteworthy information:

The meeting was well attended in spite of a slightly messy winter day... However, it has been the mildest winter in history! 70 degrees yesterday on March 12th... Snowbirds can come home now...

At the February meeting, the tune of the month for the workshop was a continuation of 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.

The March tune will be "Antique Pearls". This is a very nice song, not difficult to learn. It was written by our Michigan songwriter, Judi Morningstar, who has written so many beautiful songs. She is a wonderful songwriter, and the tunes just keep flowing out of her head onto her dulcimer.

Evart—ODPC news- You cannot pay in advance of renting your spot... The day you pay is the day you begin renting your spot... Last year we could reserve in advance if we rented for 10 days or more. This year that is not the case.

Member news: Joe Andrews continues to improve from his heart valve replacement and we are thankful for that. He may be back to the club very soon!

The new mountain dulcimer club got off to a good start. We have had two meetings. They are held the first Saturday of the month in Lake Odessa. We are learning basic beginner mountain dulcimer. If you have a mtn dulcimer or want to learn, come and join us. We will have an extra one there so if you don't have one, you can borrow one. Eventually we will have a beginning hour and an intermediate hour of playing.

Well I think that wraps up the news for this month. Hope to see you at the Meeting. Remember there are **5 Saturdays in March**, And the meeting is on the **4th Saturday!** 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!

Thought for the day—Talent is overrated, it's how much time you practice that really counts.

Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meeting:

****March 24**
4th Saturday!!!**

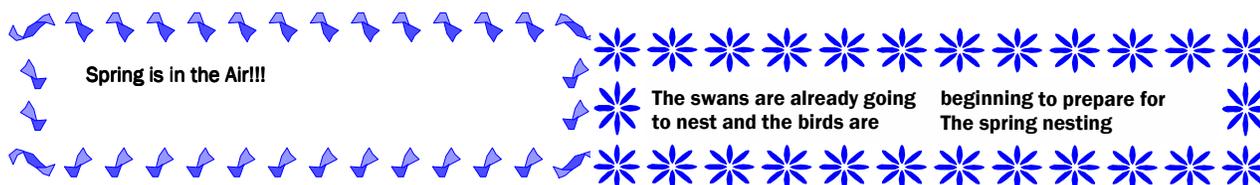
**Workshop
12 pm—12:45
"Antique Pearls"**

**TVDS Regular
Jam
1 -4 pm**

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

**Coffee, and tea are
furnished**

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**Maple Leaf Grange,
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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 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 \$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 mountain dulcimers for sale, McSpadden's
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

Michigan Fiddlers Jamboree, April 7th, Cunningham Acres, 4980 W. Tupper Lake Rd., Lake Odessa. Easy to find, located right on M 50 on the north side of the road, just about 4 miles west of downtown Lake Odessa. 2—5 pm, with dance from 6—9 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 tfclloggers@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—April 7, Saturday—10—1:30 pm , bring your mtn dulcimer and be ready to have fun. We did change the time for April “only” to an earlier time. Michigan Fiddlers is having their jam in the afternoon that day at Cunningham Acres. In Lake Odessa. We have many new players, as well as some experienced players. 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.

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