

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

April 2013

The March Meeting was well attended. We had a great workshop on Beaver Island Schottische... It's a good tune and we will need to keep this one alive and played at the club!

At the April meeting, we will have a slow jam at noon. Mary Colgan will lead the slow jam this month for us. Bring the tunes you want to practice and we will try and play them slowly.

April is election of officers for the term of two years. If you would like to put your name on the ballot for a position, please let us know. The election will be conducted at the meeting.

There are lots of fun things going on over the summer. The ODPC Evert Funfest is July 18, 19, 20th. This is an educational funfest with about 200 classes held over 3 days. It cost is \$5 for the entire weekend.. No one is paid at this festival. Instructors and performers come and share their knowledge with us. There are lots of vendors as well, and you can buy most anything dulcimer related.

The second hammered dulcimer festival is the Midland Dulcimer Folk Festival and it is held August 22—24th. I will include links on the last page of the newsletter for you to view for both festivals.

The Michigan Fiddlers Association also has a festival In Hillsdale, August 9—11th at the county fairgrounds. We have a fair number of dulcimers there as well, and have a good jam during this festival.

There is a proposal that we hold the Thornapple Dulcimer club meetings during The summer. We would like to discuss this At the April Meeting. In order to avoid the Dulcimer festivals, campouts of other clubs, etc, we would be looking at the 5th Saturday in June-29th, the 4th Saturday in July—27, and the 3rd Saturday in August, 17th.

In the summer months, if we vote to try this for a year and the attendance is good, we would not do a newsletter. The dates would be published on the website and in the May newsletter for the summer. We may/may not have the slow jam, or tune workshops. In addition, it would greatly limit the Opportunity for playdates as the summer is pretty full at this point. If we get someone to volunteer to lead playdates, we could go ahead and book some. So give that some thought and we will vote on this at the meeting.

We lost a member over the last month, Don Maki. Don and Nancy Maki faithfully came to the dulcimer meetings over the years.. We will miss Don. Prayers for Nancy and her family.

The rivers are high and flooding. I hope your basements are okay. It is really an interesting spring. Yesterday the temperature went up about 30 degrees in an hour to 70 degrees. Then it dropped towards evening. Today the wind is blowing 45 mph and it is 40 degrees at 1 pm on 4/19. Michigan!
Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

**Next Meetings:
Saturday
April 27**

**Slow Jam
12:00 to 12:45**

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

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

**Coffee, and tea are
furnished**

**Website:
www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org**



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**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

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

Bill Switzer has a Dusty Strings 12/11, D10, with case, hammers, wrench, Mel Bay Book, \$450 for all, call Bill at 269 685 5750. Electronic tuner—Sabine tuner, ST1100 for sale for \$15 (paid \$60).

Rick Thum Hammered Dulcimer Workshop! Rick is teaching a 3 day hammered dulcimer class in Evert, Michigan, the 3 days preceding the Dulcimer Funfest, July 15-17th, 2013. This is a chance to learn theory and techniques of good playing in sequential order. One technique builds upon the other. It is called the A to Z's of Hammered Dulcimer and is one of the best investments of time and money. Day one is spent at the beginning, which is a great review, to be sure we all have the same basis to work from and then build from there. Lots of work, and lots of Fun! Class is restricted to the first 50 to register so do not wait to sign up. Credit Cards accepted!

Email www.rthum.com and phone is 314 406 0690

I highly recommend this class for anyone at all levels. Rick is an excellent teacher, and this is a great opportunity! I know people who have taken it 6 times and still get something new from it. Paula

Stephen Selfert Mountain Dulcimer Workshop! Steven is teaching a 3 day mountain dulcimer workshop in Evert, MI, the 3 days preceding the Dulcimer Funfest, July 15-17th, 2013. This is an intensive 3 day workshop, with jam practice at night. Regardless of what level you are at, you will be challenged and encouraged. This workshop covers it all! Beginning players will cover essential information and get you playing better immediately. Intermediate and Advanced will focus on the foundational techniques that are essential to getting to a higher level of playing. The point is to PLAY. Take this class and you will be playing!! Email www.stephenseifert@gmail.com Send him your phone number and he will call you! Credit cards are accepted. Much more information is available on his website at www.stephenseifert.com

I highly recommend this class for players of all levels!! I took it last year, and it was Fantastic!!! This is an opportunity folks, playing with the best teacher and player in the country!!! You will love it!! Let Stephen know if you are interested please.

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. Call if you have questions!!!!

Evert Dulcimer Funfest—July 18—20 www.dulcimers.com

Midland Dulcimer Festival Aug 22—25 <http://www.folkmusicsociety.org/festival>

Michigan Fiddlers Association - Aug 9—11 <http://www.michiganfiddlers.com/>

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