

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

December 21, 2013

Happy Holidays!

December has arrived with all the festivities. Our December meeting is always a fun one. Arrive around 11:30 am and set up your instruments and potluck. We will eat at noon sharp, so be there or be at the end of the potluck line. The club will not provide meat this year, although I am bringing a ham, Julaine is bringing meatballs.

The club will not buy gifts for the drawing. Instead, anyone who would like to bring a home-crafted item, an elephant gift, a regifted item, a musical item. A baked item, etc, may do so and we will draw as we always do.

Then be prepared for a fun jam! No workshop this month due to potluck. Practice up on March of St. Timothy and Beaumont Rag as we will start with those two songs.

Charlton Park—We do have a playdate on Sunday, December 15th in the church at Charlton Park. If you have not played there before with the club, you will surely enjoy it. It is a historic village. We play in the church from 12—4 pm. More info in this newsletter.

The new T Shirts, sweatshirts, and zipped hoodies are in and will be at the meeting. So come browse! Good Christmas gifts to yourself!

Also, bring things to sell as this is a great time to unload all that music stuff you are not using. It can change homes and take up space at someone else's house!!

We want to keep our costs in line so we can maintain the \$15 a year rate. We did vote to keep dues at \$15 for 2014. Please plan to pay your dues in advance of 1/1/14. If you need to mail your dues, Chuck Mead's address is on page 2.

We have a playdate at St. Cecelia Music Society, 24 Ransom Ave NE, Grand Rapids MI on Friday, more details in newsletter! December 20, at 4:15—4:45 pm.

Keep practicing those tunes.

Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

**Next Meetings:
Saturday
December 21
3rd Saturday**

**12: 00—1:00
Potluck**

**Regular Jam:
1—4 pm**

**Bring potluck dish to
share**

**Coffee, and tea are
furnished, along with a
lot of smiles and
laughs**

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Meets monthly at:

**Maple Leaf Grange,
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**Dues \$15 per year,
send to Treasurer**

NOTE:
Don't miss an issue of the TVDS
News. Dues are \$15 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 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:

Lost Valley hammered dulcimer with case 13/13, Birdseye Maple Excellent condition, spruce soundboard, and oak sides—\$1500 new, a bargain at \$500 ;

Bob Tack Lightweight —\$650 with case—tuned as normal fifth tuned -

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 —\$300- \$325

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

December 20th:

St Cecelia Music Society, 24 Ransom Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI

Arrive at 3:45 pm. And we talk and play intermittently for 1/2 hour to high school students who have never seen a dulcimer.

We will play in the Royce Auditorium. Come in on Barclay St. on the side of the bldg. They share a parking lot for unloading with the Methodist Church. Hit the buzzer for the parking lot and tell them you are unloading and they will let you in. Noone is in the auditorium ahead of us, so we can go in and set up.

We play at 4:15—4:45pm. Then if we can stay one more half hour and listen to the students perform for each other, we can then load up after that, so around 5:15 we will depart.

December 15th -

Charlton Park Historic Village, 2545 South Charlton Park Road, Hastings, MI

We play in the church from 12 to 4:00 pm

Park right behind the church and come in front door. Dress warm! When you come through the pay gate, just tell them you are playing with the dulcimer players in the church and they will let you and your spouse through the gate free. Ask them to direct you to the church if you haven't been there before..

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