

# THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



## From the President . . .

February 2013

The January Meeting was well attended. We had good vittles and a good teach on Coleman's March.

In February, at noon sharp, we will have a slow jam this month as we are alternating teaching a song one month, and the next month doing a slow jam to reinforce and review songs that we have learned.

We will review last months tune, Coleman's March, as well as tunes that have been taught in past months such as Isle of Capri, Cold Frosty Morning, Antique Pearls, Steel Guitar Rag, Golden Keyboard, and Glass Island Reel. Bring your music with you, and we will go very slowly through them. We won't reteach them, but will play them slowly.

This summer at Evart, our club will go on stage on Thursday. We will put together a list of songs, usually about 6 that we will play together on stage. Think about what songs we should play and let me know your thoughts.

**DUES:** Just a note that everyone's dues were due in January. We reduced the dues this year to \$15 a year, which is \$1.25 per month.... You can't beat that considering we pay the building rent, furnish photocopies, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and eating supplies.

We will make up the paid member list in March and this will be the last newsletter if you aren't on the paid list...

Please send your \$15 dues to:

Chuck Mead  
1248 8 Mile Rd  
Union City, MI 49094

We want you as a member!!!! Too much fun to leave you behind!! If you don't know if you have paid or not, call Chuck at 517 741 7896

**Buckeye Dulcimer Festival in Ashley, Ohio, is coming up in March. DeeDee Tibbits is teaching... This is a great winter retreat that goes from Weds.—Sunday. You bunk in barracks style, they feed you, and the classes and everything is included in the price of \$280. You have 3 intense days with the same instructor, jamming, and classes for other instruments as well.**

Check it out at:  
<http://www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com/>

### Member news:

**Bill Switzer is back to Bronson on Feb 21st. He has a shadow on his lung that they are going in to test, and depending on results, he may be home in a few days, or may have a more extensive surgery and treatment ahead of him. Please pray for Bill... Prayers do work and we want this to be a minor surgery with good results!!**

**Okay that's the news from the musician front. Hope you are all ready for the next jam! If you need a ride for any reason, let me know in advance and we will try to find you one!!**

**Keep Hammering!  
Paula Brawdy**

### TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

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**Next Meetings:  
Saturday  
February 23**

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

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

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

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**Coffee, and tea are  
furnished**

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**Website:  
[www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org](http://www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org)**



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**NewsLetter**  
(Deadline 25th/month)  
Paula Brawdy

**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  
Deane Bellah, Lowell, MI 616 897 0845  
Aloe Guiles, Sparta MI 616 887 9436**

**Instruments for Sale:**

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**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**

**Sylva Colles has a Bob Tack full size chromatic dulcimer for sale. It is a 15/14 with the 2 extra chromatic bridges, stand and hammers, wrench and music stand. \$700 . Call Sylvia at 517 543 3629 or email sylviacollesmg@gmail.com**

**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).**

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**Rick Thum Hammered Dulcimer Workshop!** Rick is teaching a 3 day hammered dulcimer class in Evart, 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](http://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**

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**Stephen Seifert Mountain Dulcimer Workshop!** Steven is teaching a 3 day mountain dulcimer workshop in Evart, 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](mailto: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](http://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!!**

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Bob's & Lynda's Music and Clogging Barn, 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa, MI—

Jam "every" Sunday from 4—7 pm - Dulcimer friendly jam! And all acoustic instruments!!

**For more information call Lynda or Bob at 616 374 8205, or email at [tfclloggers@att.net](mailto:tfclloggers@att.net)**

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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!!!!

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