

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

January 2013

Winter has arrived in Michigan

It's a good thing it is winter. Last year was too warm and we need the cold to renew the earth, kill off the bugs, and give us water from the snow.. So I am glad it is looking like winter.

We will be back at the Maple Leaf Grange on the **4th Saturday** of the month, our usual meeting time. We have all 4th Saturdays now until May.

Christmas potluck and Jam was fun as usual. Julaine and Jerry Smith decorated and supplied lots of goodies for everyone. In addition, some of the club members helped out with their hand crafted gifts as well. Thanks to everyone for providing a fun celebration.

We will have a workshop in January at Noon. Please come early to set up and be ready to go at noon. This is a great tune, "Coleman's March". It has a story behind it as well. Joe Coleman, a shoemaker, was accused of stabbing his wife to death near the town Of Slate Fork, Adair County, Kentucky in 1899. Convinced on circumstantial evidence and the testimony of a sister-in-laws who was living with them at the time, he was tried and sentenced to death. While being driven to the place of execution in a two wheeled ox cart, Coleman sat on his coffin and played a tune that has come down as "Coleman's March". And it is to be played slowly as you wouldn't play it fast if you were in his shoes!! Coleman protested his innocence to the last, and there are several stories existing of another man confessing later on his death bed.that he had killed Coleman's wife.

This is not a hard tune to learn, but it is a keeper!

We had a good time at Charlton Park We play in an old historical church. We had a lot of listeners, and children who rang the jingle bells. No snow that day, but we did partake in wassail and chestnuts over an open fire in the beautiful historic home. This has to be a favorite playdate for all of us.

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/>

Two members have come through surgeries with flying colors, Bill Switzer, and Pam Groner. You just can't hardly keep a musician down! Chuck Andrews is having surgery Jan 18th at Bronson, so keep him in your prayers!!

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

Next Meetings:
Saturday
January 26, 2013

Workshop on
"Coleman's March"
At Noon Sharp!

Regular Jam Always:
1-4 pm

Snacks and Vittles are
Welcome—we like to
eat!

Coffee, and tea are
furnished

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**THORNAPPLE VALLEY
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Meets monthly at:

**Maple Leaf Grange,
Address: 7490 S M66,
Nashville, MI 49073**

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**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:

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).

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 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 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 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!!

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

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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