

# THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



## From the President . . .

March 2013

The February Meeting was well attended. A little snow, but nothing that kept anyone home. We had A slow jam at noon and reviewed a lot of tunes. The Food was great as usual and we all enjoyed the vittles and each others company. I hope you can all attend this month and the weather is good. This should be the last meeting that we have to be concerned with weather until next year! Keep in mind that there are 5 Saturdays in March, and we meet on the 4th Saturday which is March 23!!

At the March meeting, we will have a workshop that Kathy Cook will lead "Beaver Island Schottische" We all loved the tune that Glen Hendrix brought to the club and played for us. You don't hear schottische's played much anymore and it will be great to have a new one to play. It is a traditional tune and Glen believed that it came by way of Canada to Beaver Island, and now on to Nashville, Michigan.

Thank you Kathy Cook for all your workshops! It takes time and effort to prepare to teach a song. Kathy had to learn this song, and she took the music and put it on a program that made it clearer to read.

### Election of Officers—

It's time to elect officers for the next two year term. Those that have agree to run so far are :

President—Paula Brawdy  
Vice President—Aloe Guiles  
Secretary—Penny Pierce  
Treasurer—Chuck Mead

Anyone wanting to run for one of these offices is more than welcome to put their name on the ballot.

We need new ideas and that comes from new board members who can keep the club fresh. The existing board members have all agreed to run, but are all very happy to allow others to fill the roles as well.

### Member news:

Bill Switzer had successful lung surgery and is recovering very well with an excellent prognosis.... Thanks for your prayers .

If you need a ride to the club meeting for any reason, let me know in advance and we will find you one!!

Keep Hammering!  
Paula Brawdy

### TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

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**Next Meetings:  
Saturday  
March 23**

**Workshop on  
Beaver Island  
Schottische  
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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**NewsLetter**  
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**THORNAPPLE VALLEY  
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**Meets monthly at:**

**Maple Leaf Grange,  
Address: 7490 S M66,  
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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**

**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**

**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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