

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

November 2013

Hello!

We are approaching our November meeting which is November 23, the 4th Saturday. There are 5 Saturdays this month so don't come on the 5th Saturday or you will be lonely and hungry!

Last month we worked on March of St. Timothy with an easier second part version. This is a common jam tune in Michigan, and one that I hope will be called for in our jam!

The workshop this month is **Beaumont Rag**. Rag's are fun to play and have a unique rhythm.

The campground jam favorite "Beaumont Rag" most likely started life near the East Texas town of Beaumont that it was named after. Recorded in the late 1920s by Smith's Garage Fiddle Band and the East Texas Serenaders and about a decade later by Bob Wills' Texas Playboys.

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 newsletter.

The new T Shirts, sweashirts, 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!!

Christmas meeting this year—3rd Saturday, Dec 21st. We decided it will totally be a pot-luck this year.

So if you want to bring a meat dish that will be good. The club will not buy gifts for the drawing. Instead, anyone who would like to bring a homecrafted item, an elephant gift, a regifted item, a musical item, etc, may do so and we will draw as we always do.

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.

Secondly, another playdate at Kellogg Community College, Hastings, Dec 6th, at noon. More details in newsletter.

Well, I think that is it for now. I hope to see you at the November 23rd workshop and jam.

Keep practicing those tunes.

Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

**Next Meetings:
Saturday
November 23
4th Saturday**

**12: 00–12:45
Workshop
"Beaumont Rag"**

**Regular jam:
1–4 pm**

**Bring goodies for the
snack table
We like our vittles!**

**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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dulcimer.org**

**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**

Playdate Information -

December 6th

Arrive 11:40 to set up for 12—2 pm program.

Place—Kellogg Community College , Fehsenfeld Center, 2950 Gun Lake Rd. , Hastings, MI 269 948 9500

Setting—Classroom setting, they will be having lunch while we play and talk about dulcimers.

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!

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