

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

September 2013

Hello!

Can you believe summer is drawing to an end! The leaves are just beginning to turn colors. I love the cool weather.

We had a great summer of jams! Our trial period of having the club meet all summer was a success. We had good attendance at every meeting. A lot of the snowbirds came all summer which was great.

September meeting is the 4th Saturday, September 28th starting at noon with a workshop session on "Cold Frosty Morning" This tune is a common jam tune around Michigan. It's fun to play, and one I never get tired of playing. Kathy Cook has graciously agreed to teach the tune to us. We will start at noon sharp, so come early to set up and have a cup of coffee. Jim and Pauline Reed always have the coffee pots going early for us! Don't forget to thank them!

Rick Thum is coming to Michigan in November for a day of workshops and jamming. Hold the date of November 9th, workshops starting at 10 am - Noon, and again from 2—4 pm. All Levels There will be a concert by Rick at 7 pm. It's a fun day, and Rick is a great teacher so you will surely enjoy. It is being held at the Calvary United Methodist Church, 1415 Miller Ave, Ann Arbor Michigan . Concert Cost \$10, and workshops are \$30 each session, or \$50 for both sessions. I have a flyer that I will bring to the club meeting for you. Rick also brings dulcimers to sell and if you are looking for something special let him know at 314 406 0690. or rthum@rthum.com

We will have a Board meeting in September to discuss buying T shirts, and buying a large chart for teaching songs. In addition, we will review the finances as dues will be coming up for renewal in January, and we need to decide the amount due in September.

Any decisions on purchases will come to you for a vote. Let us know if you have additional ideas for the club for the upcoming year. It's always good to change things for the better.

There are many ukulele groups popping up all over Michigan, Hudsonville, Lake Odessa, Mason, Lansing etc. They are a lot of fun to play. You play chords and people sing songs. They put the chord chart up that shows exact placement of fingers on the fretboard. It's actually easy to pick up the ukulele and learn 3 chords to begin with. We have been having fun attending some of the groups. If you would like information on ukulele groups, let me know.

Well, I think that is it for now. I hope to see you in September!

Paula Brawdy

**TVDS DATES TO
REMEMBER**

**Next Meetings:
Saturday
September 28
4th Saturday**

**Workshop:
Cold Frosty Morning
12: 00—12:45**

**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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**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

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 Bill Webster dulcimer, birdseye maple, with excellent coon hollow case. This is a beauty. It is in regular 5th tuning .

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

Rick Thum Hammered Dulcimer Workshop! Rick is teaching a one day hammered dulcimer class in Ann Arbor , Michigan, on November 9th, 2013. He is also performing and doing a concert that day at 7 pm. 10—12 pm is Beginner and past Beginner workshop. 2-4pm is All Levels workshop. Cost for workshops is \$30 each or \$50 for both sessions. The concert is \$10. Rick also brings instruments and supplies to sell. If you are looking for a dulcimer or any supplies or books, let Rick know in advance and he will bring them to Michigan for you. Location is Calvary United Methodist Church, 1415 Miller Ave, Ann Arbor, MI ... There is also an all day jam session in the basement for those not choosing a workshop . I have a flyer on the event and will bring to the club meeting.

Email Rick at rthum@rthum.com, or call him at 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 his classes over and over and there is always something new to learn.

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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