

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

May 2014

Hope you can make the Saturday May 24th potluck indoor picnic! Bring your best vittles to share! The club will furnish coffee, and tea. Bring your own place settings if you could. It helps save our earth if we can cut down on using all the plastic silverware and plates. It also helps cut down on the club's cost!

Last month we practiced many of the new tunes we have learned over the year. They all seem to be good club tunes as everyone was picking them up well and playing them. Thanks goes to Kathy Cook for helping us all year. She is a very good teacher and we appreciate her skills and her time spent with the club. Over the summer we will not have workshops. Many are off on vacation, going to festivals etc. We will pick back up on workshops in September. Bring us a tune from your travels this summer to Evart or other places.

Bring a friend to the club! We should continue to encourage others to come to the club. Membership changes over time and needs to continue to grow to keep the club strong and the dues reasonable.

Over the summertime, we will not have newsletters. If there is a playdate, I will send out emails to let folks know. If you are on paper newsletters, and are interested in receiving a call about playdates, let me know At the May meeting.

We have one playdate this summer which should be a fun one. We have been asked to play at the Dimondale Farmers market from 3 to 7 pm. It is on a Thursday. We will put out a basket for donations from customers, and sometimes the vendors give us their products in appreciation for playing. We are under a canopy. She said we were highly recommended!

See inside newsletter for more info on how to get to Dimondale.

At the last meeting we talked about name tags and the fact that very few of us wear them. If you have one dig it out, and let's wear them so we can remember our names and our friends! Lloyd Gross makes the nice name tags for our club. If you need one, talk to Lloyd at the next meeting! They are very reasonable. The club decided to discontinue paying for the name tags. The tags can be purchased directly from Lloyd if you wish to have one.

Have garage sale music items? Bring them to next meeting to sell! Books, stands, whatever!

Well, I think that is about it for now!

Hope to see you on May 24th, Saturday, at noon! It is on Labor Day weekend in case you are wondering..

Potluck is at 12:00 sharp, so get there early in order to set up and be ready to chow down. Bring your own table settings please.

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meetings:
Saturday
May 24
4th Saturday

Potluck at Noon
Jam 1-4 pm

Summer meeting
Dates for club:
June 21
July 26
August 16
1-4 pm

Coffee, and tea are furnished, along with a lot of smiles and laughs

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**Dues \$15 per year,
send to Treasurer,
address above.**

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 . Hand carvings in sound hole and rail, and microphone jack - \$800 each.

Cloud Nine—Michael Allen hammered dulcimer for sale. \$650 with case
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

Have something to sell? You can list here if you are a member !

PLAYDATE:

Dimondale Farmers Market— July 31st, Thursday. 3—6 pm. Dimondale is right off I—69 , **just south of Lansing, and north of Charlotte MI. It is right off I— 69 about 2 or 3 miles to the east.** If coming from the south , take exit 70 towards the Secondary State Complex. Merge onto Lansing Rd 1 mile, take a right on N. Canal Rd, Left on Windsor Highway. Windsor Highway turns into W. Jefferson St., and Left on S. Bridge St. .. Sounds complicated but it is a short distance with a lot of quick turns to downtown Dimondale. They tell me you can't miss the farmers market as the town is very small. The town is on the Grand River.

2014 Festival schedule—This is a short list! There are so many!!

**Dulci-more Festival—Lisbon, Ohio—May 23-25, -contact—234.564.3852 or bill@dulcimore.org
www.DulciMore.org**

Kentucky Music Week, Bardstown, KY - June 22-27 KentuckyMusicWeek.com

ODPC Funfest—Evert Michigan July 17-20 - www.dulcimers.com

Midland Folk Music Festival—Midland MI - August 21—24th <http://www.folkmusicsociety.org/p/folk-festival.html>

Evert Fun Fest Pre festival Workshops - 3 days, July 14, 15, 16

Two Excellent Teachers—Take advantage of this opportunity—you won't be sorry!!!

Rick Thum - hammered dulcimer teacher and performer

Rick Thum is having a 3 day hammered dulcimer workshop right before the ODPC Funfest at Evert, MI.

It's a great learning experience, from an excellent teacher. Rick makes learning enjoyable and fun.

I encourage you to check it out, or come again and brush up your skills. Find out all the information on Rick's website : www.rthum.com

Stephen Seifert—mountain dulcimer teacher and performer.

Stephen Seifert is also having a 3 day mountain dulcimer workshop right before the ODPC Funfest at Evert.... July 14, 15, 16 . This is the 2nd year for this 3 day workshop. Sign up for morning class for beginner—intermediate, or sign up for afternoon class which is Intermediate to advanced! Or you can sign up for both sessions! It will be walking distance from the fairgrounds to the high school right out the back gate of the ODPC funfest fairgrounds. Stephen is an excellent teacher, don't miss this opportunity!

For details see Stephen's website at :

www.stephenseifert.com

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