

# THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



## From the President . . .

October 2014

Greetings!!

Word has it that there were a lot of musicians at The September meeting!

We had a playdate at the St. Cecelia Music Society in Grand Rapids . This is a beautiful place to play. We played for children who are in the music program and their parents. We showed them the layout of the dulcimer and explained it's history. They seemed very interested and asked a lot of question. Once we finished playing, each of the children performed. From little tiny ones, up to teenage children. After all was over, the children were invited up on stage to see the dulcimers. Several stayed and tried to play a song. I think we sparked some interest. In addition we received a nice check for the performance for the club.

The club has also been invited to play at Charlton Park On Sunday, December 14th. Charlton Park is a beautiful old time village with original houses from the 1800's . You can walk around the different houses and sample cookies, plum pudding, wassail, and chestnuts roasting over the fireplace. It is an enjoyable day. Bring your Christmas bells for the children to ring!

Another playdate in the works is the Plainwell Music Society. The setting is a bandshell in Plainwell, right next to the river. It is a very nice place to play. I received a call, and we are targeting June or early July for this playdate, They will let us know the date. tunes from our playlist on the website. The details are on page 3 of the newsletter.

We are planning a workshop to learn a popular tune—Black Bottom Strut. The clubs are all learning this song, and everyone likes Playing it. The tune is on the website., Please be set up and ready at noon.

If you would like to write an article of interest for the newsletter, let me know. Whether it is about playing, or a workshop or jam you went to, we would love to hear About it.

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 at the meeting!

Paula Brawdy

**TVDS DATES TO  
REMEMBER  
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**Next Meetings:  
Saturday  
October 25  
4th Saturday**

**Workshop  
12:00 pm– 12:45  
Black Bottom Strut**

**Regular Jam  
1-4 pm**

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**Coffee, and tea are  
furnished, along with a  
lot of smiles and  
laughs**  
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**Website:  
www.thornapplevalley  
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**Meets monthly at:**

**Maple Leaf Grange,  
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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:**

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**Looking for a nice Used Hammered Dulcimer? Call Paula Brawdy at 616 240 0445.** I have the following right now:

**Webster Extended range dulcimer, with dampers, and Coon Hollow case.** This is a 5th tuned dulcimer (not octave). It has wood insets all around soundboard. Excellent sound, floating spruce soundboard, and walnut rails. Has extra bridges on the left with all the chromatic notes. \$1850

**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**—\$450 with case— nice!- Belonged to Joanne Mix and was well taken care of. Great price too!

**Also have several mountain dulcimers for sale, McSpadden's , Warren May, and**—\$300- \$325

**Lay away available—!**

**Call Paula Brawdy on instruments above for more information 616 240 0445**

**Thelma Fassett is looking to buy a used hammered dulcimer case that would fit a Bob Tack dulcimer that may have a bad zipper and is laying around your house!! She needs a Tack, and she would buy it from you.**

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

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PLAYDATE:

**Charlton Park Historical Village, Hastings, Michigan**

**December 14th, Sunday**

**Time: 12:30— 4 pm**

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**Rick Thum Workshop! November 15th, at Good Hope Lutheran church, 28680 Cherry Hill Rd, Garden City, MI**

**Lots of fun! Jamming, Workshops, and a concert:**

**9—10:30am—beginners workshop on exploring the basics—\$25**

**11—1 - Applying chords, how to use chords—\$30**

**1-2 Lunch**

**2-4 Finding embellishments -\$30**

**6-7:30 Concert—\$12 , or if you attend a workshop it's only \$6**

**7:30—9 pm Organized Jam by Rick**

**Jamming in separate room going all day. Discount if you take more than one workshop \$5 off  
Interested in buying a dulcimer, let Rick know and I'm sure he will have one for you!**

**For more info, contact Rick Thum, phone 314 406 0690, email [rthum@rthum.com](mailto:rthum@rthum.com)**

**Website [rthum.com](http://rthum.com)**

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**Swedish Raspberry Almond Bars**

**3/4 c butter, softened**

**3/4 cup confectioners sugar**

**1 1/2 cups flour**

**Mix this in a bowl and blend with a mixer until creamy**

**Press this crust into a greased 9 x 13 pan. Bake 350 for 15 -20 minutes**

**Filling :**

**3/4 cup seedless raspberry jam spread over hot crust**

**In a bowl, beat 3 egg whites beating 6 T. sugar as you go, until stiff**

**Add : 1/2 cup flaked coconut**

**1 cup sliced almonds, divided in half**

**Pour over the raspberry jam layer**

**Sprinkle the other half cup almonds slices over the top.**

**Bake at 350 degrees for 18—20 minutes until golden brown.**

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