

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



From the President . . .

September 2014

Greetings!!

Fall is upon us, and it seems too soon. What a nice summer for those that like cooler weather. Lots of great jams and festivals over the summer.

We played at the Dimondale farmers market twice and that was fun. The vendors gave us treats when we finished. People were very interested in the dulcimer and many had never heard one.

We do have a playdate at St. Cecelia Music Society, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This is the first Friday of October. We need 6—8 players for this event. I will need to know who would like to be there. I will pick tunes from our playlist on the website. The details are on page 3 of the newsletter.

We lost several members this summer. Joe Andrews, violin player, and long time member passed away. Joe will surely be missed, both for his big smile, optimism, and wonderful playing. Joe inspired me to begin playing violin, and I am sure he inspired many others. Joe loved birds as well. He always had some kind of bird, peacocks, or a canary. Another WWII era veteran.

Gene Conklin passed away. Gene and Harriet Conklin are long time members as well. Gene made several Dulcimers both for Harriet and his daughter. Gene had been ill for quite a while.

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!

We will not have a workshop in September, but will have one in October.

Come at noon for a slower jam, and review tunes you would like a refresher on.

Well, I think that is about it for now!

Hope to see you at the meeting!

**TVDS DATES TO
REMEMBER**

**Next Meetings:
Saturday
September 27
4th Saturday**

**Slow Jam at
12:00 pm**

**Regular Jam
1-4 pm**

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

**Website:
www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org**



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**THORNAPPLE VALLEY
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Meets monthly at:

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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 —\$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

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

PLAYDATE:

St Cecella Music Society, 24 Ransom Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI

When: Friday, October 3, 2014

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.

It's a beautiful auditorium and quite an honor to play there! Hope you will volunteer to play!

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

Website rthum.com

Mtn Dulcimer Jam— 1st Saturday of each month, Bob's Barn, 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa,

What time : 12:30 pm to 4 pm.

Bring snacks if you like, coffee and tea furnished.

We have a nice group going. We play each tune a couple times slow and then a couple times up to speed. We are using the Stephen Seifert, Join the Jam Book, the first book. And we have some we have added outside the book as well. Contact Bob Warner, at 616 374 8205 for directions or other info.

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