

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



February 2015

From the President . . .

Greetings!! Spring is coming is less than 30 days!

In January we learned a new song, Kiowa Special. I learned this from Tom Whitehead who learned it at Evert from someone else.

For those of you that know Tom Whitehead, he has had a bad month. He was in a car wreck and in critical condition. The Drs. Thought he would not wake up at all, but the thing they didn't know was that he was a dulcimer player. Dulcimer players do not give up as they have tunes to play! All the sudden Tom woke up and said "What!" He has a long road ahead, but his mind is good and he has Evert to look forward too!

In February, Kathy Cook will teach Stockfish Schottishe. We don't know why it is called a Schottishe as it doesn't sound like one.. It is a great tune! So much fun and it fits the dulcimer very well. Don't miss this one.. This song will hook you!

By the way, Kathy Cook was a music major in College. How lucky we are to have Kathy as our Workshop teacher. And on top of that, she has a big smile, and a bigger heart! She does a great job teaching tunes.

So far we have not missed a meeting this winter. Let's hope for good weather Saturday.

Well, stay warm, and get the tunes of the month out and practice. We will try and play them at the club jam!

See you Saturday. Don't forget Mooville follows the club jam. Ice cream and good company. If you haven't stopped at Mooville you are missing a great dairy, with ice cream, milk, cheese, and all made right there at the farm. The ice cream is sold in the best restaurants in Grand Rapids. I like the salt sea caramel ice cream!

Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meetings:
Saturday
February 28
Saturday

Workshop at
12 pm
Stockfish Schottishe

Regular Jam
1-4 pm

Feel free to bring
snacks! We like to
eat!

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

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Meets monthly at:

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**Dues \$18 per year,
send to Treasurer,
address above.**

NOTE:
Don't miss an issue of the TVDS
News.

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:

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

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: July 1, 2015, Wednesday, 7:30 pm. Plainwell Music Society, downtown in the bandshell on the river. We play for 45 minutes. It draws a big crowd and is a nice place to play. More details to follow

Buckeye Festival—Ashley Ohio, March 4-8th, This is a fun festival. You stay right there on the site, they feed you and have great instructors. <http://www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com/>

Evart Funfest—The largest hammered dulcimer festival in the country, and for only \$5 for the entire festival !! July 16-19th, 2015. More info at www.dulcimers.com

**Midland Folk Festival— August 27-30th, Midland County Fairgrounds
<http://www.folkmusicsociety.org/p/folk-festival.html>**

**Old Time Mountain Dulcimer Society, - 1st Saturday of every month— Bob's Barn, 1417 Johnson St.,
Lake Odessa, MI... 11—3 pm. (time changed) Call Bob for more info at 616 374 8205**

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