

# THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



## From the President . . .

January 24th, 2015

Greetings!! Spring is coming in 60 days!

Let's say that spring is in our future. The winter so far has been tolerable but cold. December was mild and so far we have had only one good snow in January.

The December meeting was fun. Starting with a big pot luck. We had lots of good food. No one left hungry. Members brought in gifts for the Christmas drawing. Many handcrafted gifts were given away.

The January meeting will have a workshop at noon sharp! We have a great tune this month called Kiowa Special. It is on the playlist for the Evert preshow for all the hammered dulcimer players. The tune is on our website along with a midi of the tune.

It is on youtube.com with Aaron O'Rourke playing it on mountain dulcimer. Of course he is embellishing like crazy. It is a traditional tune. Here is a link to youtube. Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHJ9JClqmXk>

It's a fun tune and fits nicely on the hammered dulcimer.

We have a playdate July 1, Wednesday, with the Plainwell Music Society in Plainwell. This is a fun place to play along the river in the Bandshell downtown. More details will be on the 3rd page under playdates.

It's January, and the yearly dues are due! This year it is \$18 family for 12 months of meetings. Yes we go through the entire year! You can't beat the value, and the great place to play. I love the Maple Leaf Grange!

The Charlton Park Village playdate in December was fun. We had a big turnout of musicians and the crowd was large this year. The weather was mild that date and so the village had lots of attendance. I had a call from Montague Michigan. This person had been to Charlton Park several times in the late 90's to see the club play in the church. He had a video on his camera of a 1998 performance and asked if we would like to have it. He is copying it onto a VHS and sending it to me. I will try and get it on youtube.com so you can all see it. I am excited to see who was playing at that time!

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

Paula Brawdy

**TVDS DATES TO  
REMEMBER**  
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**Next Meetings:  
Saturday  
January 24th  
Saturday**

**Workshop at  
12 pm  
"Kiowa Special"**

**Regular Jam  
1-4 pm**

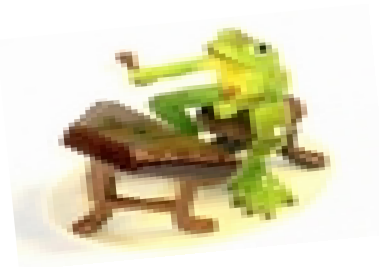
**Feel free to bring  
snacks! We like to  
eat!**

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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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**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:**

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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 ;**

**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**

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

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**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**

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**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/>**

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**Evert 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](http://www.dulcimers.com)**

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

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