

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



Nov. & Dec 2015

From the President . . .

Greetings!!

It's snowing this morning as I write this on Nov. 21st... Looks like a bit of winter weather. I am grateful for all of you, a very friendly group of dulcimer players!! We are very fortunate to have a good club. I talk to a lot of people who are in areas of the country where there are no clubs, and they play alone.

We will not have a tune of the month workshop this month. Instead from 12–12:45 we will have a slow jam to practice any Of the past tunes, or anything else you want to play.

Last month we are worked on "Swinging on a Gate". I love this tune! It's is really fun to play once you get it down.

We will play at Charlton Park, Hastings, MI, in the old village church for their Old Time Christmas event. This is really a lot of Fun. Sleigh drawn horses, wassail, They roast chestnuts over an open fire. Details on page 3!

On facebook.com, I have set up a public page called Hammered Dulcimer Players. It is open to anyone to post a jam, workshop, post a tune, video, file etc. There are several hundred members already posting video's and events... Check it out!

We will have a potluck at the December meeting. Please bring a dish to pass. The December meeting is always on the 3rd Saturday of the month, December 19th. We will eat at 12:00 pm, so please arrive early to set up. Bring homemade goodies or other stuff for the Christmas Drawing. Doors will be open at 10:00 am. With coffee brewing!

This newsletter will be a 2 month newsletter, November And December!! We Hope to see you at the club meeting!

Happy Thanksgiving! Paula
Paula Brawdy

TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Meeting Dates:

**November 28
December 19
January 23**

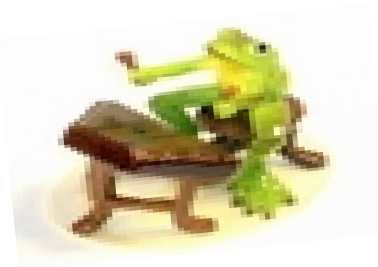
**Slow Jam
Or Workshop
12:00–12:45**

**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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**THORNAPPLE VALLEY
DULCIMER SOCIETY**

Meets monthly at:

**Maple Leaf Grange,
Address: 7490 S M66,
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**www.thornapplevalley
dulcimer.org**

**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

Paula Brawdy , Hastings, MI 616 240 0445

Instruments for Sale:

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

Jerry Read Smith 17/17 hammered dulcimer and case—\$500 call Paula Brawdy at 616 240 0445

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 Call Paula at 616 240 0445.

Folkcraft—12/11 hammered dulcimer and case—\$250—Call Paula 616 240 0445

McSpadden Mountain Dulcimers—\$300. Call Paula 616 240 0445

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 !

Playdates - Charlton Park—Old Time Christmas

2545 S Charlton Park Rd, Hastings, MI 49058 www.charltonpark.org

We play 12:30—4 pm in the Old Village Church. We play a mixture of songs and not all Christmas songs, the variety is good. When you drive up to the gate, just let them know you are playing with the dulcimer club in the church and they will direct you to park behind the Church, and show you how to get there. Bring any jingle bells you have as we bring the kids up front when we play jingle bells and they ring the bells!

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Ted Yoder, a hammered dulcimer player (tedyoder.com) is coming to Bob’s Barn in Lake Odessa, On January 24th, at 3 pm, for a concert. He was hammered dulcimer player of the year, and has been at Evart many times. It is a free concert, donations taken for the Barn to keep the heat and lights on! Address below for Bob’s Barn. Ted has a lot of video’s on youtube.com so check him out and come!!

Old Time Mountain Dulcimer Society, - 1st Saturday of every month— Bob’s Barn, 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa, MI... 10—1 pm. Call Bob for more info at 616 374 8205

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Mountain Dulcimer Jam— Hastings, MI

Every Tuesday night, 1716 N. Broadway, Hastings, MI—Church of the Nazarene, North Door

Check us out on Facebook under Mountain Dulcimer Jam—Hastings, MI

We meet from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm every Tuesday.

We primarily use Join the Jam 1, —by Stephen Seifert

Call Paula Brawdy, 616.240.0445

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