

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



April/May 2016

From the President . . .

Spring is here, and the snowbirds are returning!

We worked on Swallowtail Jig last month, and Sourgrass and Granite the month before.

We would like to review these tunes at the April Meeting. Both tunes require a distinct pattern to play up to speed and it's important to get these down!

We will meet for the Workshop on the review of the tunes at 12:00 sharp. Please be there early and the coffee will be on!

In May, we will plan a potluck as we usually do. The potluck will be at noon. Please bring a dish To pass and serving spoons. We will have the place settings furnished, along with coffee and tea. Since there is a potluck, we will not have a workshop at noon. The jam will start at 1 pm on that Day following the potluck.

Silver Strings annual campout is June 10–12th, Myers Lake. You are all invited to join, and you can call Myers Lake campground to reserve a spot. It is south of Flint.

I have dates for Evert, and Midland Festivals, and Hillsdale Fiddlers inside the newsletter.

This newsletter is a two month combined newsletter for April and May. Also we do not do Newsletters over the summer so mark the dates down. They Will be on the website as well.

We will be having a monthly jam all summer again this year. It was well attended last year. It does not follow the 4th Saturday schedule due to campouts and festivals. Please mark the Following dates for summer, June 18, July 30, and Aug 20th. During June-Aug, the jam starts at 1 pm, no workshops.

Hope to see you at the jam!
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**TVDS DATES TO
REMEMBER

Meeting Dates:

**April 23
May 21
June 18
July 30
Aug 20**

**Workshop
12:00–12:45
Review
“Swallowtail
Jig”
Sourgrass and
Granite**

**Regular Jam
1-4 pm**

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

Coffee, and tea**



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**THORNAPPLE VALLEY
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Meets monthly at:

**Maple Leaf Grange,
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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

**Paula Brawdy , Hastings, MI 616 240 0445
Mtn and Hammered lessons**

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

Lost Valley Dulcimer 16/15, Nice walnut with spruce soundboard and carved sound holes., with case, call Paula at 616 240 0445

David Lindsey, “Bill Spence” model 16/15 dulcimer with case... very nice and only 4 years old! Call Paula

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. \$1550 Call Paula at 616 240 0445.

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

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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, and Let’s Jam by David Haas

Call Paula Brawdy, 616.240.0445 or Call Sonnya Clinton 269 838 7100

Festivals for summer—save dates and reserve rooms and campsites:

Evert Funfest—the best festival in the country for hammered dulcimers, and for mtn dulcimers and other instruments as well— July 14–17th, Evert County Fairgrounds, Evert, MI

<http://evartdulcimerfest.org/>

Midland Folk Festival = Aug 25-28, <http://www.folkmusicsociety.org/p/folk-festival.html>

Midland County Fairgrounds—6905 Eastman Rd, Midland MI

Michigan Fiddlers Convention—Hillsdale County Fairgrounds—August 12 & 13th. Camping on site,

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