

THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



March 2016

From the President . . .

Spring is this weekend!

We had a great winter in Michigan, and didn't miss a jam!

Last month we worked on Sourgrass and Granite. Keep playing and practicing as this song takes awhile to develop the pattern and muscle memory. It is beautiful and one you can impress your family or your dog and cat with!

Miss Kathy will be teaching a Good Irish tune this month, and one that you will hear in jams. "Swallowtail Jig". This is another tune that you need to really work on the pattern that works or It can really mess you up. I still don't have the pattern down right and memorized so I am looking forward to learning how it should be played. Workshop starts right at noon, so come early to set up. Coffee is ready by 11:30 am!

Need suggestions for tunes for workshops so bring a list of tunes!

Dee Dee Tibbits is having a one Day workshop for both hammered and mtn dulcimers on April 9th, in Grand Blanc, MI For more information, give me a call and I can send you a form to fill out.

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 of Evert, and Midland Festivals inside the newsletter.

Doris Peck is home now, after breaking her hip. Hopefully she can join us at the next meeting!

Hope to see you at the jam!

**Paula Brawdy
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**TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

Meeting Dates:

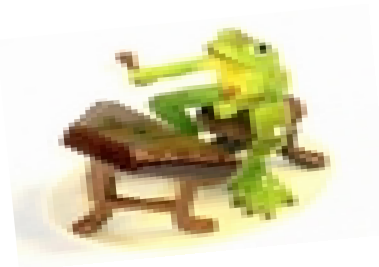
**4th Saturday's
March 26**

**Workshop
12:00–12:45
Teaching a tune!!
"Swallowtail
Jig"**

**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,
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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
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

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.

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

McSpadden Mountain Dulcimer and Warren May mtn dulcimer—\$300. Call Paula 616 240 0445

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

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

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

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