

# THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



November /  
December 2016

From the President . . .

**TVDS DATES TO  
REMEMBER**  
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**Meeting Dates:**

**Nov 26  
Dec 17  
Jan 28**

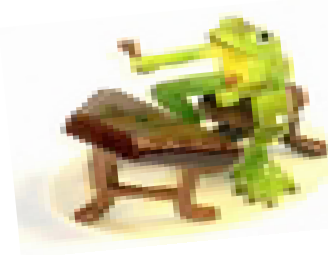
**Workshop  
12:00–12:45  
Learn  
“Ten Strike”**

**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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**Greetings!**

We had a good turn out of musicians to play at the Vista Springs Living where Don and Joanie Fitzpatrick reside. We played for an hour and they all seemed to really enjoy it. Don said the members really loved the hammered dulcimer music and want us to come back soon!

Julie Mester will be teaching our workshop in November. The tune will be a common jam tune, “Ten Strike”. Many years ago now, I remember Stan Pierce playing this tune. I hope you will come to the workshop and enjoy this tune!

We reviewed the finances for the Upcoming year, and have determined that we do “not” need to Raise dues. We have been really Conservative with the spending, and it has paid off. So dues will remain at \$18. Please plan to pay your dues before 1/1/17, and we can then move on to having fun. Please check to see if you are current on our membership list.

We have been asked to play for Charlton Park Village Christmas Sunday. This is an old time village with restored buildings, chestnuts roasting over an open fire, wassail to drink, and cookies as well. We play in the Historic church every year, and always enjoy it. Bring your jingle bells for the kids to ring. See the details on page 3 of the newsletter.

At the December meeting, we will have a potluck dinner at noon. Please plan to arrive at 11:30ish to set up your instruments, and to set up your food! Tableware is provided by the club, along with coffee, and tea. No workshop since we are having a potluck, and the jam will start at 1 pm!

This newsletter is for November and December! We will not have a December newsletter. I think that is it for now!

Hope to see you at the jam!  
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**Dues \$18 per year,  
send to Treasurer,**

**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.

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**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**

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**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:**

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

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

**Bob Tack Dulcimers— I have 4 fully chromatic Tack Dulcimers with cases for sale. Tacks have great sound! Call for more info... Paula 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.**

**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 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**

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**Playdates - Charlton Park—Old Time Christmas - December 11th—Sunday!!**

2545 S Charlton Park Rd, Hastings, MI 49058 [www.charltonpark.org](http://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. The playlist is on the website.**

**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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***Rick Thum—Full day of workshops and concert in the evening. I have a full flyer which I can email to you with all the information, just give me a call at 616 240 0445. Paula***

***Here is the abbreviated info. Jamming available in the basement all day between workshops or whenever! Rick has a small vendor table with supplies...If you need something, call him in advance as well.***

***Where—Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Rd, Garden City MI 48135***

***When: Saturday November 12, 2016 starting at 9 am***

***What: Workshops, Beginners—\$25—9 am—10:30 am—Will explore basics and more depending on level***

***All Levels—\$30—11:00—1 pm Chords and patterns and practice playing backup!***

***All Levels—\$30 2:00—4 pm Embellishments— quick and easy way to find!***

***\$5.00 discount for the additional workshops if taking more than one.***

***Concert: 6—7:30 pm concert \$12 - (if registered in a workshop concert is \$8)***

***Need to contact Rick? - [rthum@rthum.com](mailto:rthum@rthum.com) or 314 406 0690 website [rthum.com](http://rthum.com)***

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