

# THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



September 2010

## From the President . . .

### Welcome Back!

Summer comes to an end and fall begins with music in the Maple Leaf Grange Hall again. Many festivals behind us, and new tunes in our music books and in our heads.

We will again have a Teaching class at 11 am for beginners and also for those just wanting more music basics, chords, and other tips. Everyone is welcome.

At 12:00 pm, we will teach a new tune. Come prepared to be seated and ready to go at noon. We will provide music for the tune

At 1 pm, we start our standard jam. Everyone picks a tune, and we play at the speed chosen by the requester.

At 2:30, we go downstairs for good food and coffee/tea provided by all of you who bring great homemade snacks. We have a lot of good cooks in our club.

At 4:00 we end the jam.

We had very successful play dates Over the summer and we raised a good deal of money for the club. We tried a new strategy and did request a donation to play and specified a range. Phyllis will give us a recap of the money at the meeting. Thanks to all of you for your great participation. We had 10–25 people at every event.

Next spring, we will vote on officers and we will have a nomination committee for you to talk to if you would like to run for office. Give it some thought and we will update you as that get's closer. We always need help to keep the club running..

That's all for now. See you all on September 25, Saturday, at the Maple Leaf Grange.

Paula Brawdy

### TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

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**Next Meeting:**  
**September 25, 2010**  
**TVDS Regular Meeting & Jam**

**Beginners Class**  
**11 am–11:45 pm**

**Tune of the month class**  
**12–12:45 pm**  
**Review of tunes**

**1 pm–4pm**  
**Regular Jam**

**Bring snacks to share**  
**We like our Vittles**  
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**next meeting :**  
**October 23, 2010**  
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**Website:**  
**www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org**

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September Birthdays—  
Happy Day!

6 Mary Green  
6 Betty Strickling  
7 Lloyd Gross  
9 Jim Mills  
7 Joe Andrews

September Anniversaries

1 Bill & Sidney Crooks  
17 Herb & Bev Jarrett  
17 Bob & Sue Clemet  
23 Mark & Shari Leavens  
10 Joe & Marge Andrews

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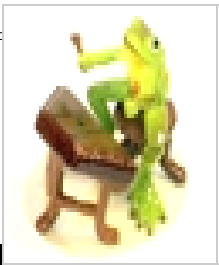
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**THORNAPPLE VALLEY  
DULCIMER SOCIETY**

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dulcimer.org**



**NOTE:**  
Don't miss an issue of the TVDS News. You will if your mailing label date is more than one month prior to the date of this issue. Check it out.

Dues are \$12 per year per family.



**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:**

**Songbird Whippoorwill Hammered Dulcimer—16/15, mahogany soundboard, excellent condition, lightweight, with nice case, and hammers. Made in 2005, It has a great sound and will be at the April meeting if you want to try it out. \$650 for dulcimer, case, hammers and stand included. The whole package! Call Paula Brawdy at 616 240 0445**

David Linsdsey Dulcimer for sale, full size, chromatic, bubinga rails, and mahogany soundboard, with nice case, tuner and hammers, \$650  
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Legend Hammered Dulcimer for sale, full size, chromatic, lightweight, nice case, tuner and hammers. \$650  
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**Member News:**

Most of you may know this, but some may not, but we lost a long time musical member of our club, Willard Myers who passed away at home in August. Willard was a great friend to many and shared his music with everyone. He started a jam in his home many years ago that grew and had to relocate at the Township Hall. That soon filled up, and the jam moved to the Maple Leaf Grange on Tuesday nights and it is still in full swing. People came from Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Ionia, and surrounding areas. From this jam, many people who came to the jam went back home and started one in their own towns, modeled after this one, and now there are jams in Ionia, Scotts, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, and I'm sure there are more we don't know about. It shows how one man sharing his home, and being gracious to everyone, can provide something very meaningful in terms of music, friendship, and a place people can go and have fun. It's pretty important in these times as people can become very isolated without places like the Grange, and people like Willard. We sure will miss him, but his music will play on all over Michigan at the various halls.

## Mountain Dulcimers-

I have had several of you ask about mountain dulcimers in the club. Yes you are welcome!! I know that you could form a group here. There is always the issue being able to hear yourself and there are several options for you. You can sit together at the jam and find a quieter spot corner of the main floor. Secondly, we have the whole downstairs as well. There is a nice area downstairs where we have jammed before and it is quiet in the one corner. The coffee and snacks are downstairs and there is usually a small group of non playing folks who drink coffee and visit. It's a big room and would be great for a mountain dulcimer group to form. All it takes is one or two to start coming and it will grow. So this is an official reach out to you to come!

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