

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

<http://www.unclecarls.org>

FEB 2013

“This and That” from Julie

It's a new year; which means a fresh start, a clean slate just waiting to be filled with life's activities.

Where to start, hmmm well, first things first; an introduction. As you all know now, my name is Julie. I'm married to Scott 30+ years, 2 grown children, 17+ years working at Manchester Market and a life-time love of music. :-> LOTS of music! I can't imagine a life w/o beautiful music. Yup, I was a Band Geek...and totally proud of it! I'd seen dulcimers before but never had the opportunity to "play" one. Well, an invitation to the Adrian Jam changed all that! I met Ann and Pennye and they gave me the opportunity to extend my musical talents. Thanks girls! :-> Pennye took me under her wing and I was hooked immediately on the hammered dulcimer. Now look where life has taken me. 3+ years later and I'm president. I'm so looking forward to what this year brings musically. Look at all the opportunities to learn more songs! Meetings(learn a song), campouts (learn more songs), jams (learn even more songs) and festivals.....WOW! Where do we start? One note at a time. :->

Just a little side note: Eva Hakes was my grade school teacher. It's such a small world, isn't it?

Julie Mester

We Were a Hit!

The club did not play anywhere since the last newsletter. Make sure to keep an eye on our Upcoming Events section where they will all be posted. We need to have a photographer for all of our playdates. Pictures are great for the newsletter and our photo gallery. If you have a camera, bring it along and take a photo or two, or have someone else take them for you. Make sure to send them to the newsletter editor.

UCDC Board Meeting: There will be a board meeting on February 9 at 11:00 am at Maria's Pizza in Spring Arbor. Open to members.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our New Officers

President—Julie Mester

Vice President—Pennye Scheiber

Secretary—Ramona Hadley

Treasurer—Wendy Conklin

Workshop Corner by Paula Brawdy

Front Porch Waltz was January's tune of the month. Once you get this tune down, it is fun to play. I always use this tune when I try out a dulcimer as it takes you all around the dulcimer and you can move it down to the Key of D and play it there as well.

February's tune is "Shennandoah Falls". This is an Old Time Traditional Breakdown played in A Major. This tune goes back in time and it is unclear who wrote it. It was passed down from a Vermont fiddler who learned it from a west coast musician, Carol Robinson, who was originally from Sebastapol. She learned it from a mandolin player named "Cookie" and it was an untitled piece. So there you have it, passed down, passed around and now it arrives in Spring Arbor, Michigan at Uncle Carl's.

Buckeye Dulcimer Festival

March 5 — 10, 2013 in Ashley, Ohio

Check out their website for the schedule and prior pictures and videos. Great place to have a music "retreat" and get motivated to learn and play.

<http://www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com/>

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Don Johnson, 2nd

Nancy King, 3rd

Janis Franklin, 7th

Barb Davis, 14th

Kathie Campbell, 15th

HAPPY ANNIVERSERY

Steve & Ramona Hadley, 14th

Scott & Julie Mester, 20th



Practice with Pennye Christmas CD now available.

Practice with Pennye 3 CD set of UCDC repertoire to practice with, or choose which tunes you want on one CD. Contact Pennye at 517-547-7448 or pennyes@comcast.net for more information.

Hammered Dulcimer Lessons Accepting new students. Contact Pennye at 517-547-7448 or pennyes@comcast.net.

Mountain Dulcimer Lessons in your Home

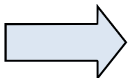
Learn to play the mountain dulcimer—single melody string to chord melody style with emphasis on strumming, plus some flat-picking and finger-picking.

Contact: Mary Jane Cookingham 517-740-6589

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City MI.

<http://www.silverstrings.org>

UCDC Name Tag: to order, contact Wendy Conklin 517-542-2291 or weconklin@dmcibb.net



UCDC Membership Dues Reminder:

Dues are due for 2013 in January. \$15/family. Please make checks out to UCDC and mail to Wendy Conklin, 7186 W. Sterling Rd., Litchfield, MI 49252. Covers January thru December 2013.

Hammered and Mountain Dulcimers for sale - Great collection of used hammered dulcimers for sale - Lost Valleys' 16/15 with cases, 2 Websters with regular tuning and cases, and several mountain dulcimers, McSpaddens, Folkcraft, and a few others. Call Paula Brawdy at 616 240 0445 .

Upcoming Events

Arrive 1/2 hour before performance to set up, blue vests.

Feb 2 Nettle Lake Jam, Montpelier, OH, Contact Terry Steinke for information 419-459-4436

Feb 3 Bethany/Assisted Living, 1000 E. Porter St., Jackson, 12:30 pm. This is the monthly Sunday dinner for the residents.

Feb 9 UCDC meeting, Spring Arbor, MI. Starting 12:30 pm

Feb 23 Maumee St. Jam, Adrian, MI, Contact Pennye Scheiber for information 517-547-7448



Pre Funfest Workshops for Hammered and Mountain Dulcimers

Rick Thum will be teaching a three day hammered dulcimer class in Evert the three days preceding the Dulcimer Funfest. This is a chance to learn the theory and techniques of good playing in sequential order. One technique builds on the other. It is called the A to Z of Hammered Dulcimer and is one of the best investments of time and money. Day one we start at the beginning, which is a great review, to be sure we all have the same basis to work from and then build from there. Lot of work and lots of fun. Class size is restricted to the first 50 so do not wait to sign up. Credit cards accepted. www.rthum.com or call Rick at 314-406-0690.

Mountain dulcimer teacher and performer, Stephen Seifert, will teach a 3 day class in Evert right before the festival. \$165 for 3 days and 3 nights of work, laughter, and a great learning experience. Limited to 30 students. Register early. Credit cards accepted. Information is on his website:

www.stephenseifert.com

2013 PreShow Funfest Tunes

1. Golden Slippers (2xD/2xG)
2. Red Wing (G)
3. Scotland the Brave (D)
4. Prairie Flower (G)
5. Peter's Kick (G)
6. Old Joe Clark (G)
7. Sophrina (G)
8. Spider on the Bedpost (D)
9. Maple Sugar (D/A)
10. Hey Polka (D)



Followed by the Star Spangled Banner (G)

Shennandoah Falls

Traditional

The musical score for "Shennandoah Falls" is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some half notes. The piece includes a first ending (measures 8-9) and a second ending (measures 10-11). Chord annotations are placed above the staff to indicate the guitar accompaniment. The chords used are D, G, A, and Em.

1 D 2 G 3 D

4 A 5 D 6 G

7 D A 8^{1.} D 9^{2.} D

10 Em 11 12^D 13

14 Em 15 16^D D 17^D



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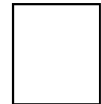
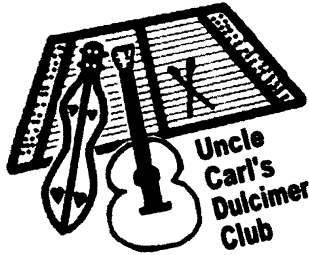
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