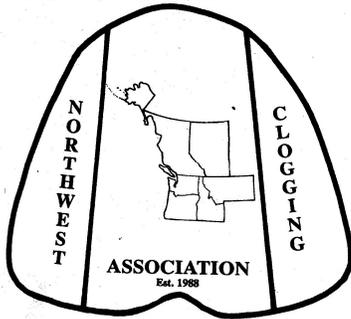


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Northwest Clogging Association News

A Note From Your President



If you haven't already made plans to attend the annual Northwest Clogging Association's workshop & General Meeting in Vancouver, WA the weekend of Sept 26 & 27 – WHY NOT? It's a chance for you to learn some great new fun routines from our very own talented instructors, to dance with your fellow northwest dancers & may-

be even win a free registration to your next favorite workshop! Check out our website at nwcloggers.com to download a flyer and registration form. If you are a member, there is a discounted price for you as well! The host hotel is close to the hall so you don't even have to get up real early Saturday morning to get to the dance hall!

It's time too, to think about running for office for our association. It involves a year of your time but not even that much! We meet about 4 times during the year to plan the workshop. These meetings are held at other workshops where the majority of the Board will be in attendance. This year we even had a conference call meeting cause we couldn't all be at the last workshop before ours. We don't ask a lot of your time – just need your help with the running of our organization. If you are interested in any of the offices, please feel free to contact me or any of the other Board members about what their office entails. Board members are also listed on the website!

But before that workshop happens, don't forget to register for Kick Off in Tacoma on the Labor Day weekend. This year Russ Hunsaker from California will join the instructor staff. There are 3 levels of teaching going all weekend for your dancing pleasure. For this and other workshop events please check our website for more information.

Have a great rest of the summer dancing or whatever else you are doing, and I hope to see you on the dance floor at the NWCA workshop at the end of September

Barb Guenette

“Blast From the Past 4” was a B L A S T !



In April a person's thoughts turn to Spring, flowers, sunshine, and of course Clogging. That is what happened this year on April 12 when about 40 people gathered in Tigard Oregon for the 4th annual NWCA Oldie's workshop. It was a fine spring day filled with clogging, friendship, clogging, food, clogging, great music, and did I say clogging?...Old routines including You Can Depend on Me, Mama Mia, Coco Jambo and others were taught... Lunch was delicious and we had a great time catching up with each other. Leslie Huffman

taught her very first workshop dance for NWCA and she was fantastic! At the end of the day we had sore feet and tired legs, but I saw many smiles and a great enthusiasm to keep the Oldie's workshop going. The routines taught this year will be danced at the evening dances this September.

Keep in mind we are looking for a hall for next year! The date is April 11, 2015, so start looking and the Oldie's can come to a hall near you. If anyone has a hall they would like to propose, please send the information, including price, to Alberta or Barb. The hall needs to be no more than \$200 for the day and we would need to have kitchen facilities if at all possible. *-Alberta Stamp*

Workshop & General Meeting

September 26-27, 2014

Featuring

***Our Own
Instructors***

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Vancouver, WA

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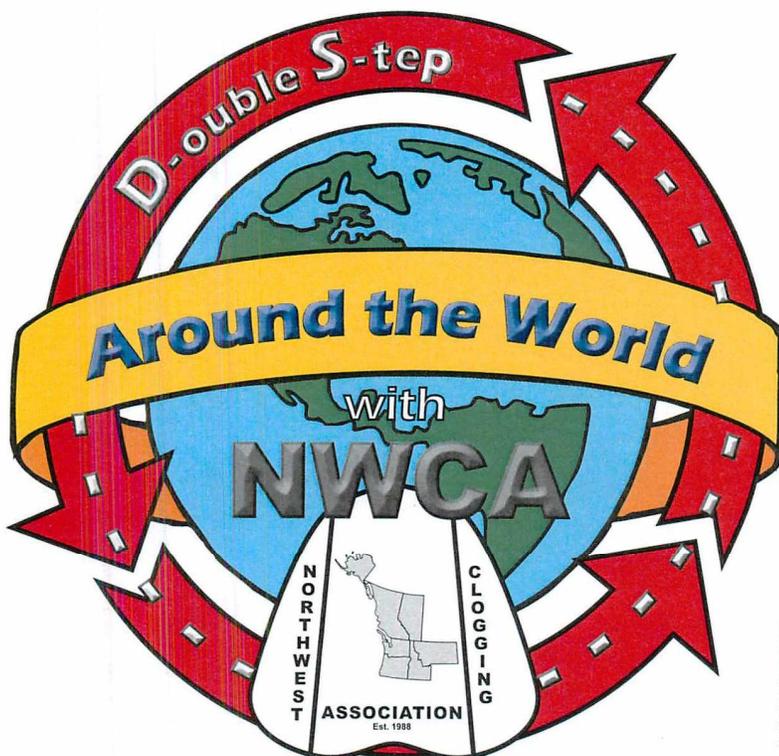
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***Pre-register before September 1st
and get a FREE NWCA Polo!***

Featured Instructor—Billie Weidenhaft

Bob and I were square dancers at the time I first saw clog dancing. We were at the Mid-Winter Festival in Eugene at the time and part of the entertainment was a group of young people and children. Mike and



KayAnn McDow were the instructors and cuers. Everyone loved it. The next time I saw the group, Mike's mother and father were dancing with them. I thought, WOW, if they could clog dance then why couldn't I do that? I told a square dancer friend, If you hear of anyone teaching that, let me know. Well, she noticed a flier on the wall at a square dance hall. Two girls from Portland were studying at the U of O and were starting a beginner clogging class. Well that opened the door for me. The girls went home for the summer, but Bob, I and clog dance friends kept on dancing at our home on our enclosed patio. We were all having such a great time, that we started doing

exhibitions at local festivals, alternating between square dancing and clogging. There's just so much you could do with Cotton Eyed Joe, basics, triples and vines. By the way, that was when I first met Loy Samples and her husband from Redmond. They were spectators at one of our performances at the Eugene Hotel that summer. She introduced herself to me as a clogger also.

That was the same year "we" decided to start teaching clog dancing. Well, the fliers went up in the square dance halls. The people started showing up at our house and I was signing them up and stalling 'til the other cloggers got here. Finally one of the gals said, "when are we going to start". Well, that's how I became an instructor. The other cloggers got there after I had already started the basics. It never was in my head that I was going to be the teacher.

The rest is history. We later formed a club "Misty Valley Cloggers" and joined the "Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Assoc." I taught for the Misty Valley Cloggers, Eugene Parks and Recreation, Willamalane Senior Activity Center, and Lane Community College. I had also been working a day job and Bob & I were getting about ready to retire, so I turned Misty Valley Cloggers over to our daughter-in-law Lauri and our son Rick.

I am still teaching seniors every week at our home, and we enjoy entertaining mostly at local care & rehab centers. I no longer teach new dancers, but I made a promise to the group that I will not quit clogging as

long as there is anyone that comes out to dance. They just keep showin' up. We are all in our 80's now and the oldest clogger will soon be 92. We must be doing something right.

Just in case anyone is interested, 18 years ago I started a country band because I didn't think I could clog this long. We're still pickin' & a grinnin'. Both groups are going strong. Keep active is my advice. -Billie



9th Annual

C L O G G E R S D O W N

Workshop and Dance

Clog Down.....

Hummmm! Sounds like a downer, but it isn't.

Clog Down is a fun workshop and dance held at the Hazeldell Grange near Vancouver. Mary Dart and I went for the weekend, and had a great time. As always, Eric Bice is a talented and upbeat instructor. Eric and his wife, Michelle, make the weekend enjoyable and something to look forward to each year.

Clog Down: A dance routine played to music without cues. The last person clogging the steps

Attendance was good in spite of the always

present rain. Lois Elling and several other cloggers from Northern California Cloggers Association joined us.

As usual, lunch was provided by the Carousel Cloggers. Leslie Hoffman and friends served a delicious lunch of BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches. Very Yummy!! Other cloggers contributed to the potluck, and after lunch, I think we all had full tummies and ready for a nap. BUT...there was clogging so we all went back to dancing to work off lunch. This year each of us brought a stuffed animal to donate which was our payment for lunch.

Eric taught "Compass" by Lady Antebellum as the Clog Down dance. Fantastic dance. We practiced the dance over and over. Then, Saturday night, Eric puts the music on and the fun begins. There were many brave souls that started the routine without the benefit of cues. And, one by one,

the floor began to empty as each one would make a mistake and exit the floor. Then there were TWO on the floor and the real suspense began as we watched intently to see who the winner of the Clog Down would be. Amazingly, neither dancer made an error.

Normally there would be a dance-off, but they chose to split the reward. Congrats went to Alberta Stamp and one of our California dancers.

Another year of fun. Thanks much to Mike McDow for sponsoring this workshop. If you clog, and you want to have a good time, come on down to Clog Down. You won't be sorry. Hope to see you all next year.

-Donna LaVergne



Eric and Michelle Bice



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will be on hand during NWCA Workshop with all your clogging needs! Check out their website: www.petticoatjct.com. Specific size? Email your request ahead of time!

Hello from the Olympic Mountain Cloggers.

We have been busy this year with beginner classes, and performance team. With new outfits and new routines the performance team hit the stage at the Irrigation Festival in Sequim with was their first performance of the year. The rain held off for us to be able to perform at the State's oldest festival. This festival has been running for 119 years.

By the time the Lavender Festival rolled around, we were pros!

Don't forget to come down to Vancouver in September and

join us for this year's NWCA annual workshop. What part of the world will you be representing?

Alberta Stamp, Olympic Mountain Cloggers



Hello NWCA Members,

It is I, Donna Welch again. I know you are asking the question, why is she doing another article?

The answer is: I have this traveling companion who happens to be one of the Editors and on our road trip she turns it into a guilt trip. I need articles she cries. So, this is just random stuff that you may or not enjoy.

#1 It occurred to me in the middle of the night, that our Editors of this wonderful newsletter are quite unique. One is the tallest lady I know and the other is the shortest. I guess you could say our Newsletter has the long and the short of it.

#2 Question: What is it that women pay an average of \$44 for and men pay \$28. Answer at the end.

#3 Question: What follows 2 days of rain in the Northwest? Answer at the end.

#4 I attended OSCA (Oregon State Clogging Assoc.) workshop in May and had a grand time. Suggest if you want a fun time, head down south to Springfield, OR.

#5. On a personal note. I hung up my instructor shoes, in March. But, all good things must come to an end. Few students, sound equipment getting old and my body getting old, illness and the hall being sold, made this old gal give it up. Twenty years, is a good number to stop on. I may do some classes in my basement, but right now I am getting used to doing nothing on Wednesday nights.

#6 I am looking forward to NWCA workshop in September. Hope to see a lot of you there. As always, a major event on my calendar.

Answers: #2 Haircut. #3 Monday.

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