

August 2017 NWCA Newsletter

From the Editor

Happy Summer everyone! I hope everyone has been enjoying the warmer weather (once it finally arrived!). I know it's difficult to think that our annual Workshop & General Meeting is just around the corner, but it's true! This year marks 30 years of NWCA & the Board has been busy putting together a fun-filled weekend for everyone! There may even be some former NWCA instructors attending this year & hopefully some former members as well.

There's lots of information in this newsletter that pertains to the workshop so please read carefully! All Board positions are up for re-election this year so if you or someone you know might be willing to let their name stand for an office, please let me know either at the workshop or before. However, before putting someone's name up for election, PLEASE do ask their permission. I have included in the newsletter the job descriptions for each position as they appear in our Constitution. Have a look to see what is involved with each position & put on your thinking caps as to who you feel would best represent you as a dancer on our Board!

Each position is for a one-year term with the option of remaining in that position for another year. But after 2 years, the position must be filled by another member. The Board must be comprised of either 2 instructors & 3 dancers or 3 instructors & 2 dancers.

Barb

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer has arrived and is quickly moving on...every year goes by so much faster than the last one.

Below is a list of some upcoming workshops/dances, some local, some not so local, but all lots of fun.

SCCA Annual Convention

August 25th - 27th
Victorville, CA
Info: SoCalCloggers@gmail.com

NWCA Annual Workshop and General Meeting

September 22nd – 23rd
Vancouver, WA
Info: Mike McDow ... (503) 620-8032
Mary Dart... (360) 412-8142

Silverhawk Stompers "Back in the Barn" Dance

October 14th
San Marcos, CA
Info: Mary Gasteiger ... 39685 Ridgecrest Street
Murrieta, CA 92563

Late Harvest Stomp

October 28th
Santa Rosa, CA
Info: Michele Hill (millier_hill@yahoo.com millier_hill@yahoo.com)

SeaLion Stomp

November 3rd – 5th
Nanaimo, BC
Info: Barb Guenette ... (250) 722-2953

C.L.O.G. National Convention

November 23rd – 25th
San Antonio, TX
Info: <http://clog.org/>

As we have stated in previous newsletters and workshop, we are only 2 months away from our 30th anniversary & Mary is busy busy busy working and planning some fun things. One of our main focuses is to contact and invite past members of NWCA and we need your help. If you know of anyone who used to be a member NWCA, we'd love to know "Where Are They Now?" Let one of the Board members know if you have any information on these past members. They might even like to come for a visit on our 30th anniversary!

At this past NWCA Workshop/General Meeting, it was discussed about a "redesign" of the NWCA Logo. The idea behind the redesign discussion was to possibly bring the logo up to a more updated look. A motion was made to ask the membership if anyone could redesign the NWCA Logo for free and bring it to the next September meeting. So if any of you are good with graphics or knows someone who is, please give it a shoot.

NOTE: To date, there has been only 1 idea submitted.

It is time to start thinking about where the next NWCA Oldies workshop will be held. If you would like to have this workshop held in you hall or in your town, please contact either Mary Dart or myself.

And of course, if you have not renewed your membership for 2017, it has expired. Please remember, our membership runs from January 1 to December 31. If you are thinking about running for an office, you need to have been an active member for the past 6 months.

Speaking of running for an office, please consider running for an office. The association needs new people and ideas. If you are interested, please contact Barb Guenette.

If you have any suggestions/idea for making NWCA a better association, please send them to me. My email address is Mike_McDow@yahoo.com.

Mike

Olympic Mountain Cloggers

We have been having a great summer! Classes are going well. We graduated our one beginner student this year!

Performance group has been very busy performing around the area. We recently performed for the Elks campout. They were such a fun group. About 20 of them participated in our introduction to clogging routine. It was great fun! We are now schedule to perform for the Joyce Blackberry Daze (Blackberry pie!), the Clallam County fair and a car show. We are having so much fun this year!

After a short break in August we will be back in September with our classes and hopefully a whole new group of beginners.
See you on the dance floor

Alberta

The Emerald Cloggers

The Emerald City Cloggers have kept busy with their classes this summer. Our Advanced class is growing and we have maintained a steady Intermediate group as well. After taking a summer break from our Beginner / Easy Intermediate session, we're gearing up for a new session in September.

Our timing for the class couldn't have been better. We were recently featured in the fitness section of The Seattle Times Pacific Northwest Magazine. Their fitness writer visited one of our classes along with a photographer toting a camera with a BIG lens. Usually clogging groups perform at different venues to draw attention to our amazing form of dance, how lucky are we that they came to us!

It was interesting to dance while a person with a big camera was crawling around on the floor, mere inches from our feet. I don't know who was the bravest...us dancing with someone filming our every move or...the photographer having to trust that she wouldn't leave with a black eye from a wrongly placed step.

It turned out to be a wonderful experience. We got to talk about clogging, showcased our amazing form of dance, and hopefully gave people the inspiration to join us as the next new cloggers on the dance floor!! Here's a link to the article if you'd like to take a peruse... <http://www.seattletimes.com/pacific-nw-magazine/0730-fit-for-life/http://www.seattletimes.com/pacific-nw-magazine/0730-fit-for-life/>

Clogging with The Stars in Cle Elem, Washington by Vicki White, Victoria

I attended a great clogging workshop in a beautiful, relaxing campground setting on the 80acre Circle 8 Ranch from Fri May 26th to Sun May 28th. It is south of Seattle, Washington near the beautiful Cascade Mountains. This was my first workshop venture off Vancouver Island, BC and although I was a bit nervous at first, everyone there made me feel like family!

I had such a fun time that I will definitely be going back again year after year, and I expect to bring several Island cloggers with me. Next time I plan to camp there for an entire week since it is such a beautiful, serene place. The vast ranch area, lake & surrounding nature added to a perfect dance holiday weekend. Since the 3,200 sq ft dance hall was so huge, we had lots of room to dance.

I was pretty impressed with the skill level of all the dancers attending and there were several amazing expert clogging Instructors there. I enjoyed learning many new steps and felt that my skill level had improved quite abit. The highly talented Instructors included Anne Mills, Kay Velmire, Barb Guenette, Alberta Stamp, Kathy O'Brien, Matt Ellinger, Todd Harry and Tracy Turner. They were all very friendly which created a fun, relaxing environment to learn several awesome dances.

The instruction pace was great and there was lots of time to review steps. I still think that energetic Instructor Todd Harry had springs on the bottom of his clogging shoes!

We had a wonderful potluck dinner together on the Saturday night & I got to chat with several of the dancers from the US and other parts of Canada.

I had a fantastic weekend dancing, bought some beautiful clogging shoes and made several new clogging friends. If you are attending a dance workshop please come by and say hello. I will be the one with the fan in my hand trying to stay cool!



Clogover Vine Workshop in Kelowna, BC
by Vicki White, Victoria

I attended a really fun clogging workshop in sunny Kelowna from Fri June 16th to Sun June 18th. It started with what was advertised as a Friday night Wine & Cheese Meet and Greet, but it was more like an awesome gigantic potluck feast! There were 3 or 4 tables of amazing food & of course great wine and conversation too. Throughout the weekend I got to chat with several of the approximately 70 registered dancers. Again all the cloggers attending made me feel like I was part of a huge clogging family!

Darolyn Pchajek from Winnipeg, Manitoba was the most amazing featured Instructor. She has a very welcoming, friendly style of teaching and even though she is such an awesome advanced level dancer she did not hesitate to take time to go over steps. She even taught us some line dances during the Saturday evening fun dance time. I learned several great new routines from the other equally fabulous regional and out of town teachers including Barbara Bizovie, Elaine Brisebois, Denise Johner, Mary Dart and Mike McDow. There was a great energy all weekend!! My confidence and skill level went up another little notch, as I learned a lot more new steps this weekend.

I was most impressed and moved by the individual swag gift bags put together by Barbara Bizovie and her "Okanagan Cloggin" dancers who hosted the event. All items in our bags were contributed personally by several of their dancers. I especially enjoyed the dried sliced apples with a dusting of cinnamon & the cute little paper fan that fit just perfectly in my pants pocket. A really nice personal touch that was so appreciated!

The Clog Over Wine workshop will become another permanent annual entry in my dance calendar. I anticipate that several other Vancouver Island cloggers will want to attend this awesome weekend event as well.



The optional Sunday evening dinner cruise on Okanagan Lake was wonderful! Lots of great food & another opportunity to connect with many of the 47 cloggers who went on the cruise. What a wonderful way to end another perfect dance weekend!

Fun Social Dance in Mill Bay, BC

I attended a fun clogging evening in Mill Bay (Vancouver Island) on July 25th. Our wonderful Instructor Barb Guenette taught us some great new dances & we did some good oldies too.

Everyone loved the variety of yummy potluck goodies & we all had a great time enjoying some summer clogging!

Vicki White, Victoria, BC

Oldies Workshop

If you missed it you missed a great workshop. This year it was in Sequim, Washington. If you don't know where that is it's up in the Olympic Mountains in the northeast corner of the state. The drive was beautiful and some even came over on the ferry so had a nice boat ride.

Our host club this year was the Olympic Mountain Cloggers and they sure did a nice job. There was someone in the parking lot directing us how to walk to the hall. The potluck tables were all set up and ready to go. Thanks Alberta Stamp and the Olympic Mountain Cloggers for having us and a great job by all.

Thanks to our instructors Barb Guenette, Diane Jacobsen, Mike McDow, John Musser, Alberta Stamo, Tracy Turner and myself for teaching us 10 great dances. We had dancers from all over the state and some from Oregon. Thanks to all the dancers for coming and supporting this great workshop.

Tell all your friends what fun you had and mark your calendar for next year APRIL 21st, 2018 in Seattle. More information to come in your next newsletter.

With our upcoming elections of officers, I thought I would include the job description that is shown in our Constitution & Bylaws. Please have a look at them to see if there is a position on the Board of NWCA that you might be interested in holding. Or perhaps there is someone else you'd like to nominate for office. Just be sure you ask their permission for you to nominate them!

ARTICLE III – ELECTED OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section A: Executive or Board of Directors – The Executive Board and Board of Directors shall be one and the same Board. The word “BOARD” shall suffice hereinafter in this Constitution and Bylaws.

- 1) The Board shall be comprised of the elected officers and Past President. Each officer shall have one (1) vote in conducting Association business.
- 2) No Board member shall hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms, and shall not be allowed to hold more than one (1) Board position concurrently.
- 3) The duties of the Board shall be those of the elected officers as stated in the following.

Section B: Elected Officers and Duties – Shall consist of not less than two (2) instructors (cuers) and not less than two (2) non-instructors (non-cuers). The elected officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Chairman.

- 1) President – Shall preside at all meetings, appoint standing or special committees as needed with approval of the Board. Shall make appointments to fill any vacated elected Association office, or any unfilled elected office, by appointment with the majority approval of the Board, enforcing the Bylaws, and shall perform all other duties ordinarily required by the office of President. Upon completion of his term of office, he shall serve on the Board as an advisor, until that position has been filled. (as per motion dated September 25, 2010)
- 2) Vice-President – Shall upon the absence or incapability of the President, perform the duties of the President.
- 3) Secretary – Shall take the minutes of each meeting. Shall provide a copy of minutes to each Board member, and a copy of the Annual General Meeting to be given to the News Editor for summarization in a subsequent newsletter. Shall also keep a record of all those attending each meeting. Shall perform any other correspondence as directed by the Board.

- 4) Treasurer – Shall collect and be custodian of the Association funds received. Shall maintain such bank accounts as deemed necessary. Shall oversee any separate bank accounts processing dues and insurance fees maintained by the Membership/Insurance Chairman, and shall require regular financial reports as needed, no less than quarterly from the chairman. Two (2) signatures shall be required on checks issued on all bank accounts. Shall pay all approved bills promptly. Shall keep a written record of all income and expenditures. Shall provide a written financial statement for each meeting with copies for each Board Member.
 - a) An audit should be done annually on all bank accounts prior to new Treasurer taking office, or as needed, at discretion of the Board.

- 5) Publicity Chairman – Shall be responsible for promoting Association dances, activities and events through flyers, questionnaires, etc.; and that they are publicized in available dance publications (e.g. 'Oregon Federation News,' 'Washington Footnotes,' 'Double Toe Times,' etc.) and local news media as appropriate.
 - a) An annual budget shall be approved by the Board and paid by the Association.

The Columbia River Cloggers

The Columbia River Cloggers & Carousel Cloggers performed at the Columbia County Fair: Diana Johnstun, Karen Whetsell, Leslie Huffman, Jennifer Adams, Karen Knowlton & Pam Powell.

CAROUSEL CLOGGERS + MERLE HAGGARD TUNES = HOT TIME IN THE COUNTRY!

Even temperatures of 93 degrees couldn't keep 16 members of Carousel Cloggers from a delightful afternoon clogging as part of the featured entertainment at Customer Appreciation Day at Linnton Feed & Seed store, 10 miles north of Portland on the Columbia River.

For several years in August, there has been a big party with free BBQ and beer in the parking lot of the feed store to celebrate the store's anniversary. A band called Gerle Haggard, an all-girl Merle Haggard tribute band which includes Carousel Cloggers Jennifer Adams (bass guitar) and Amy Starke (fiddle) as musicians, has played for the party.

There was a good-sized audience on Saturday, Aug. 5, despite the heat, sitting on hay bales under a canopy, enjoying the free barbecue and side dishes, beer, face-painting, and watching the band perform.

This year Jennifer Adams arranged for Carousel Cloggers (with their instructors Leslie Huffman and Meredith Albert) to join Gerle Haggard and to take the outdoor stage at 2:30. They danced: "Party in the USA" (beginner); "Giddy on Up" (intermediate); "Fishin in the Dark" (beginner); "The Fox" (intermediate); "We Ridin" (advanced); "Knee Deep" (intermediate); "Blue Ridge Mountain Girl" (EZ Intermediate); "Suds in the Bucket" (intermediate+); "Geronimo" (intermediate) ; "Lord of the Dance"

Also included in the lineup were dances choreographed by Carousel Cloggers themselves that have proved to be among the most popular dances this year. They were "Disco et Fais Do Do" (advanced), choreographed by Meredith Albert, and "Working Gerle Blues" (intermediate), choreographed by Pam Powell, Jennifer Adams and Lindie Noonan. "Working Gerle Blues" is danced to a recording of music by the Gerle Haggard group.

During a clogging break, Carousel Cloggers Teri Kaliher danced a traditional solo Irish dance accompanied by Amy Starke playing "Tooth Fairy Jig" on the fiddle.

This party may become an annual Carousel Cloggers tradition as both band and cloggers have been invited back for the party in 2018. We're hoping for cooler weather!



Every year, Mary McLeod (clogger from whidbey Island, WA) has a family reunion talent show. This year, Mary, a beginner clogger, tied up her clogging shoes & performed to the tune of Tennessees Wig Walk. Mary dances every Thursday from 4-5 pm at the Equiped 4Life Gym in Bayview, Wa.



The Bastion City Cloggers

The Bastion City Cloggers have been a busy bunch this summer with performing. We danced for Canada Days in our Red & White & will be performing again Aug 19 at our local Fair here in Nanaimo. We dance all summer unlike some other groups, but need to dance since summer is when we do most of our demos & we need the practice!

We have also done demos for some of the Senior Homes in the area. Those we have performed at have asked us back several times now. I guess they like us!

We want to invite everyone to attend Sealion Stomp this year. Russ & Lelia Hunsaker will again be our featured instructors. Who knows what antics they will be up to? You can download the flyer from the nwcloggers website. Dates are November 3, 4, 5 this year. This is the only workshop you get to take a cruise to! Come visit us on the Island. If you need more info, please do not hesitate to contact me at bguenette@shaw.ca.



Here's a photo of my group dancing for Canada Days this year. I am so proud of my little group. They are such troupers!

30th Anniversary Workshop

It's time to get your registration in before September 1st. If you are a member and post marked on or before Sept. 1st you get: Workshops with Darolyn Pchajek

Dances with NWCA Cuers
Friday night Ice Cream Social
Lunch
Free polo shirt
Reception before dance

All for \$15.00.

We will have our raffle and lots of other give aways. Now think about it, how many workshop/dances can you go to for \$15.00?

Darolyn is from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. She will keep you moving, her energetic personality is up all the time. She will be teaching 6 dances and our own NWCA instructors will be filling in to give Dar a break here and there. They will also be cueing the evening dances.

Hoping to see dancers from all over the northwest at the reception.

If you have any questions please contact myself or Mike McDow

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See you all on the dance floor in Vancouver, Mary

Tanglefoot Cloggers

Can't believe summer is almost over. Didn't it just begin? The weather is telling us otherwise.

We started a new beginner class this year in April and just graduated three new dancers. It's so nice to have new dancers in our club. The last three classes we only graduated 1 per class so 3 is huge. Con graduations to Merry, Maria, and Pearl.

We have been busy working on our demos dances with lots of new ones this year. Our first demo was this last week at the Thurston County Fair and what a challenge it was. Our first night our CD would not play and after trying three different ones finally got a different player. It worked but kept skipping. So hard to dance in 96 degree weather, so we danced a couple, rested and then a couple more. Saturday we danced again, earlier so sun not in our faces and not as hot but music still skipping. My dancers did a great job under the bad circumstances. Thanks ladies and gent for a job well done.

Looking forward to dancing at the Southwest Washington Fair in Chehalis and the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. We love showing everyone what we love to do for fun.

After all this we will be starting another beginner class and getting ready for all the upcoming workshops. NWCA's 30th Anniversary will be the first and then the National Clogging Convention in San Antonio. What fun times we will have.

See you all on the dance floor somewhere, Mary