

From the President

Can't believe it's the end of my term as being president of this great organization. It has been great. Thank you to my board for all the help and work you all did. You are all the best. Looking forward to seeing what the new board has in mind for the next year. Thank you to them for stepping forward and running.

The cold season is setting in and so I'm looking forward to the holidays, spending time with my family and all the workshops in the new year. I'm excited to dance with Josh King at Oregon Mid Winter Festival. We had Josh as our featured instructor back in 2000, so it's been awhile sense he's been out this way. If you can make it to Albany, OR, mark your calendar now for January 25-26, 2019.

It's the end of another year. This is when we dance more or just stay inside. I prefer the dancing more. So with that said, find another class to go to, a workshop to attend and enjoy this hobby we love. Great friends, great exercise and just getting out of the house.

Don't forget if you have any questions you can always go to our website or contact one of the board. Your new board is:

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Thank You All Again, See you on the dance floor soon,
Mary Dart

Tanglefoot Cloggers

Some of us have done some traveling to different workshops. We always have dances to bring back to class and learn. We continue to learn new dances, work on our favorites and just have lots of fun each week. Our dance night the last Monday of October we wore Pink for "Breast Cancer Awareness month".

November 5th we started a new beginner class with 3 new students. That's great, being the last few years we've only had one student per class. Hoping they all stay with us. Beginners are always so eager to learn and want more. Our dance for November we had the honor of having two others get up and cue for us, Kristen O'Brien and Donna LaVergne. Thank you for doing that.

December 10th will be our yearly get together potluck dinner at my house. This is always a great time and lets me be able to visit with my dancers. Never know what game I'll come up with to play.

We're looking forward to the new year. Workshops, new friends old friends and new dances. Believe it or not, starting in January we have been in the same hall all 30 years I have been teaching. That's hard to believe. Lots of changes to the hall and the surroundings.

We're looking forward to all the up coming workshops, Mid-Winter Festival, with Josh King, CLOG DOWN, with Eric Bice, Oldies, with NWCA Instructors, OSCA, with Area Instructors, State Festival in Puyallup with Michele Hill from California and all the other area Instructors/Cuers. Hope you check them all out on the NWCA website and come to at least one. Workshops are so much fun.

Happy Dancing, Mary Dart

Washington State Square Dance Festival

Mark your calendars for June 21-22, 2019, for Rainier Rendezvous, “if you build it, they will come” with Michele Hill from Santa Rosa, California. She will be our featured Clogging Instructor for the weekend. We’ll be dancing in the Showplex at the Washington State Fair Grounds in Puyallup. Dancing will start Friday morning with workshops all day and Saturday with evening dances in the evenings. We’ll have our area instructors to help with workshops and to cue at the evening dances. Our colors this year are, red, black grey or silver. So put your dancing shoes on and come to Puyallup for a great time.

Check out the Festival website, Facebook page and Twitter. You can register on line at washingtondancefestival2019.com. For more info you can call or email:

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News from the Misty Mountain Cloggers (Medford)

Hello everyone! It's that time of year again...our instructor, Denny Lantz is pulling out the cue sheets, Christmas music, and we are practicing clog dances for our Christmas Party which is scheduled for December 17th. That is always lots of fun! We bring lots of finger foods, all levels attend at the same time, and Denny cues already known dances alternating levels so all can take turns dancing and eating!

Last month, we were happy to have been asked to participate and clog for Rogue World Music, a local organization in Ashland. They promote music performance, education, and participation to build community and cultural awareness. The event included various groups within the community to share stories, song, and dance with a common theme "Celtic". We contributed by clogging Cajun Moon and Irish Spirit. It was great to see what others within their groups were doing and sharing. A fun event!

We are clogging again this weekend for an Assisted Living Center, also in Ashland. Always feels good to make people smile!

In the New Year we are marking our calendars as some of us would like to attend more workshops and conventions this next year.

Keeping it short and sweet! Merry Christmas everyone, Brenda Ferrario (Denny's student)

BASTION CITY CLOGGERS

The Bastion City Cloggers have had a fairly quiet fall season. We have one new beginner who is coming with her Grandma. Grandma used to clog with us many years ago with her children! Now she is back & bringing her granddaughter! It's been fun teaching a kid again!

The rest of us keep on plugging in between Barb's being away & the dancers having other commitments! Barb is hoping she can convince a couple of them to travel this year to some of the workshops coming up!

In July 2019, Cloggers are all invited to attend the B.C. Square & Round Dance Festival in Salmon Arm, BC. Salmon Arm is in an area called the Shuswap - so named because of the huge lake there! It is a prime vacation spot so if you are looking for somewhere new to vacation this year, why not come to Salmon Arm for July 11 - 13. The Cloggers will have their own hall with wood floors! There is so much to do in the area including swimming, boating, camping, wine touring, and not far away is an actual Drive-In Movie theatre! We hope there will be lots of Cloggers in attendance.

Another exciting event being planned in Canada in 2019 is the Premier Canadian Clogging Convention. It is being held in Waterloo, Ontario the first weekend in October! We'll have multiple halls so we can accommodate all levels of dancers as well as fun dances every evening. And we are offering CCI training sessions for the 2 days prior to the Convention for anyone who wants to improve their instructional skills or who is wanting to become a clogging instructor. Flyers for both events are on the Canadaclogs website.

Of course there are many more workshops available to you in the northwest as well. Be sure to check the nwcloggers website regularly for updates, etc. Workshops are great places to meet new clogging friends, learn some great new routines & also to reconnect with old friends! I really look forward to each one because I know I am going to see people I only see once or twice a year. But it's like we've never parted. Cloggers are the best people you can hope to meet!

For those of you following our Granddaughter Mackenzie, she is now in Regina, Saskatchewan at a radio station there. She accepted the afternoon anchor position & moved there Nov 13. It is quite a change for her from her last position in Timmins. She is not out & about with this position, but "has the power" to send others out to get the stories for her so she can write them & the report them. She reports every hour on the hour from noon to 6pm. Much more responsibility for her & another step up the ladder! And she is 2 Provinces closer to us! Much easier to get to her now!!!

SEALION STOMP 2018

Another Sealion Stomp has come & gone & it would seem that everyone had a great time. This year, we opted to not have a "featured" instructor, but to instead, feature our great panel of instructors! The last couple of years have not been kind to us with respect to numbers & the bank account was not liking it when our expenses were so high, so we invited our wonderful panel of instructors as well as 2 new instructors this year. Thank you to: Alberta Stamp, Jan Guise, Susan Woods, Lynda Colautti, Mike McDow, and our 2 new instructors this year, Tracy Turner & Barb Bizovie. We were able to put together a great weekend of dancing for those in attendance.

And speaking of attendance, our numbers were slightly up from 2017! Up is always a good direction to go!

Larry put on his usual great lunch & there was not much leftover for those travelling on Sunday. Usually we have lots left so people can make a lunch for the road. This year, there wasn't much leftover! Guess that means we did some good planning! LOL

Our pj dance on Saturday night was again fun. We tried s'mores this year instead of the ice cream social. Didn't hear too many complaints.

The raffle table was again a huge hit! Thank you to everyone who brought items for the raffle table. It is always a hotly contested site!

We have booked the hall again for 2019 & extended an invitation to all of the instructors from this year to return again in 2019. Hopefully you will add Sealion Stomp to your workshop must-attends as we do our utmost to show everyone a great time! Mark your calendars for November 1, 2, 3, 2019! Flyers will be coming out as soon as I get confirmation from the Best Western as to rates for 2019!

Emerald City Cloggers

The Emerald City Cloggers have kept busy over the past couple of months. We started a beginner class in October and are thrilled to have 7 cloggers graduating at the end of December. We've had a good turn out for our last two beginner sessions and have decided that starting them in late fall is better for us than starting them at the first of the year.

Normally we would have just finished dancing in the Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition, but it didn't work out this year. Instead of dancing, a few of us went down and actually got to see all of the participants in the event! It was really a lot of fun and we got to "check out the competition" for next year.

We always like to contribute something back to the community and this is one of the most rewarding times of year for the Emerald City Cloggers to do that. In years past we've participated in the Figgy Pudding event to raise money for the Pike Market Senior Center and Food Bank. This year our group made an individual donation to Figgy Pudding along with a couple of other organizations and giving trees. It's very heartwarming, knowing we are helping others in need.

As the holidays approach, the Emerald City Cloggers would like to wish you all a very happy, clogging-filled, holiday season!

CHERRY CITY CLOGGERS
by Grace Allen, Instructor



Left to right:

Minty, Cassie, Amy, Cathy, Patti, Grace, Libby, Sharon, Pat, Michele, Miranda, Diane,
Rolita (not pictured; Julie, Warren and Ed)

About Grace: It was 20 years ago when I registered for a Community College dance class advertised as *no-partner-needed*. Class was on Thursday nights in the multi-purpose room of an elementary school. Under the instruction of Carol Colton I was introduced to clog dancing. All levels of clog dancers were on the floor together – from the total beginner to the intermediate plus. Carol provided some individual attention such as her comment to me as she studied my flailing double-toe. “I think you’re doing a triple-toe.” Sigh . . . my nervous and humble beginning. I was determined to learn and I brought my cassette player to record Carol’s instructions and cueing so I could practice at home in my garage. Learning steps and dances made me feel good – like the best of exercise for my spirit, soul and body.

For several years clogging was all about me and I achieved a measure of success. As satisfying as that has been, sharing and teaching clog dancing is even more fulfilling. And this photo portrays Beginner Level Clog Dancers who have added to my life.

Each of these dancers could tell their own story of why they decided to try clog dancing and why they faithfully come to the Intro to Clogging class each week. I can tell you they started in September and will graduate in December having given their best effort at learning 42 steps incorporated into 10+ choreographed dances. They work hard and our class time ends with big smiles and enthusiastic clapping. Yes, we clap for ourselves! I love teaching this group!

Here are a few dancer comments:

"Last week I couldn't get the Rock Around and this week it was easy."

By Diane Stegmeir "It's a lot of fun and you are a great teacher."

By Pat Lippy

"I just love Clogging. I look forward to Tuesday. I enjoy learning new steps and love that we actually get to dance each week."

By Sharon Kaminski

"Clogging is fun and challenging. I love trying to accurately make it through a new dance. I may not always succeed but enjoy the process."

By Patti Lippy

"It was so exciting to do a whole dance this past Tuesday. When we finished I wanted to pump my hands in the air in celebration."

By Libby Stokes



Capital City Cloggers Christmas Party Dec 2018



Sealion Stomp 2018 - Promoting the Canadian Convention!



JDF Sr Cloggers @ Sealion Stomp

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! No matter how you celebrate the season, be safe & happy!