

NWCA News

Message from our President

Greetings, NWCA Members!

As noted in my earlier email to you all, our Sasquatch Stomp Workshop and General Meeting is right around the corner – September 25 & 26. If you haven't already signed up and booked your hotel room, now's the time to do so.

We hope that you plan to attend our short NWCA annual general meeting on Saturday, right after lunch during our Sasquatch Stomp Workshop festivities. Unlike boring business meetings, our NWCA general meetings are lively and fun – enthusiastic interaction encouraged!

We will have two important items on the agenda:

The general membership will vote on our new NWCA logo. Keep your eyes peeled in the next few weeks for more information about this.

Most important, this is when we hold the board member election for the coming year. All current board members have served for two years, therefore all board positions are open.

We hope you will seriously consider running for a position this year. As stated in the NWCA Constitution, "every Association member, 18 or over, shall be eligible for any elected Association office



after having been a member in good standing for six (6) months." Descriptions of each board member's duties are listed in the [NWCA Constitution - Article III, Section B.](#)

Thanks for considering running! We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor in Vancouver, WA.

Happy Clogging!

Tracy Turner

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Why be a Board Member?

Being an NWCA board member isn't a one-way street. Past and present board members will tell you that the rewards are real.

Lead the way and put your stamp on the annual meeting. Share your ideas and make a difference. Keep an eye on finances and the budget. Stay on top of upcoming events and helping to find ways to promote and publicize workshops. Help build new membership.

Most of all, be a step or two (or more) closer to the inner workings of the group we've known and loved for eons.

But hear firsthand from your fellow cloggers who have served.

"Originally, I wanted Canadians to be represented. But as the years go by, I realize we need the association to survive, so I will remain in a Board position with my friends. Oh, and did I mention the friendships I have made being on the Board for years?" – **Barb Guenette**, Bastion City Cloggers, Nanaimo, BC

"My sense of pride while serving as President has made my board membership so worthwhile. NWCA is an amazing organization with a dedicated and caring board. Being able to work with people to make their great ideas come to fruition has been so very heartfelt and rewarding." – **Tracy Turner**, Emerald City Cloggers, Seattle, WA

"I wanted to join the board for two reasons. First, to give back to the community that gave me supports I still benefit from today: mental and physical health and lasting friendships. Second, to help the NWCA grow and be part of the ever-evolving technological advancements of the clogging world." – **Meredith Albert**, Carousel Cloggers, Tigard, OR

"For me, it was to get to know people better and give back." – **Nomi Hershman**, Mill Town Cloggers, Everett, WA

"I joined the board to be able to be involved in something I enjoy, also another way of meeting and connecting with other dancers." – **Jean Zucht**, Bastion City Cloggers, Nanaimo, BC

"When a workshop is well attended, the energy is great, and the event is so much more fun! Bringing more fun to the equation is why I volunteered for Publicity Chair." – **Liz Wickham**, Carousel Cloggers, Tigard, OR

What Shape Are Your Taps In?!

Workshop coordinators sometimes ask the strangest questions.

Like for instance, “May I please see the bottom of your dance shoes?”

This is especially the case when the shoes are tap shoes and you’re about to step on a workshop dance floor wearing them. If you’ve ever been told you couldn’t wear your clogging shoes at a workshop, there are several reasons. And this is quite aside from the fact that your feet are tired and sore, and you just need a change!

But the reason first and foremost is the FLOORS! If you have ever had to clean a floor after a workshop – as many of us did at the end of last year’s Sasquatch Stomp – you’ll know what I am talking about. Black marks on the floors can be caused by different things, dirty tape on your taps and black-soled tennies being two of the most common ones.

If you have tape of any kind on your taps right now, it is recommended that you remove it and clean your taps before arriving at the workshop. The organizers will have new tape for you, or you can replace it with masking tape at home.

As for black-soled tennies, the best way to avoid leaving black marks is to leave those shoes at home and bring a different pair that have white soles!

Before heading off to a workshop, it is a good idea to check your taps to see if they are worn thin. How do you do this, you ask? Just run your hand over the tap. Do you feel the rivets (those things that hold the taps together)? Does the tip of your tap feel sharp? If you have nail-on taps, are the nails sticking out or coming out? These are signs your taps are worn and need to be replaced. Worn taps cause scratches and gouges in the floor and are very hard to disguise or fix, all of which means a lost damage deposit. Because of the bad rap cloggers have about damaging floors, we have to be very careful to take care of the hall floors when we host a workshop.

If you are unsure about your taps, we will check them for you. Also, bring an alternate pair of shoes just in case your taps are damaged in any way. We want you to be able to enjoy yourself and wear your favorite clogging shoes, so let’s work together to preserve the floors!

Another thing that will be checked is whether or not you have buck taps on your shoes. Do you even know what those are? They have that extension that goes up the front of your toe. In a lot of cases, those taps are not allowed at all. They can do some serious damage to wood floors, so avoid them if possible.

Barb Guenette

Bastion City Cloggers

Steps to take prior to attending a workshop*

1. Check your taps for rough areas, rivets that are sticking out, nails coming out, sharp edges, and so forth.
 2. Check to see if there is tape on your taps. If so, remove it and clean your taps.
 3. Replace with new tape (masking tape is best as it comes off more easily). If you do not have masking tape at home, we will have some for you at registration.
- *No pun intended



When your shoes look gritty...

...it's time to show them some love. Goo Gone®, a citrus-based cleaner, is one example of a solvent that can remove sticky residue from tape and other materials.



Put these events in your calendar

Earn Your Tape, September 5 & 6

Alderwood Dance Spectrum, Lynnwood, WA

Earn Your Tape has become a Labor Day tradition for west coast cloggers: Make your way to the Seattle area and get ready to dance for two or three days until you drop. The teaching lineup is always top-notch...sometimes one amazing featured dancer from Anywhere, U.S.A. Sometimes a teaching duo. And regardless of the lineup, right after the lunch break, you'll have the chance to learn a uniquely toe-challenging and possibly mind-bending new step or routine created especially for you by **Todd Harry**.

This year's EYT featured instructors – in addition to Todd – include **Diane Jacobsen** and **Roxanne Bolter**.

To register for Earn Your Tape, print the flyer below or go to EventBrite to register directly.

		
September 5th-6th Saturday Workshops: 9-5 Saturday Fun Dance: 7-?? Sunday Workshops: 9-4 Alderwood Dance Spectrum 19231 33rd Ave W Lynnwood, WA 98036	Featuring All our local cuers AND TODD HARRY WILL TEACH A NEW "EARN YOUR TAPE STEP"	\$50 Pre-Reg Price Includes all Dance Sessions FREE Catered Lunch on Saturday, and Parking AT THE DOOR: \$60 SATURDAY ONLY: \$35
REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM or FACEBOOK, SEARCH: Earn Your Tape		
NAME(S) _____		
EMAIL _____		
PHONE _____		
Mail check payable to: Roxanne Boelter 14023 Serene Way Lynnwood WA, 98087		
You will receive an email confirmation when received	FULL WORKSHOP \$50 _____	
	SATURDAY ONLY \$35 _____	
	SUNDAY ONLY \$25 _____	
	PRINTED SYLLABUS \$8 _____	
	TOTAL ENCLOSED _____	
Questions? DancingRoxanne@gmail.com		

The 37th annual NWCA Workshop and General Meeting, September 25 & 26
Washington Grange, Vancouver, WA

If you've been waiting to reconnect with clogging friends and have the best time ever, dancing to new choreography as well as old favorites, you already know this is the workshop event of the year.

Book your attendance and your hotel now, and we'll see you there! Register directly by going to <https://nwcloggers.com/members-and-workshops/>.



Northwest Clogging Association

37th Annual NWCA Workshop
& General Meeting



Sasquatch Stomp

featuring our own awesome instructors

September 25 & 26, 2026
Washington Grange -- Vancouver, WA



Sasquatch Stomp Online Registration

Visit nwcloggers.com/sasquatch-stomp for more
information and to register on-line

ClogtoberFest, October 16 & 17

Ft. Saskatchewan, AB

Featuring: **Andy Howard**. For more information, please contact blizzardcloggers@yahoo.com

Late Harvest Stomp, October 24

Santa Rosa, CA

C.L.O.G. National Convention, November 26 - 28

Orlando Florida

For more information, please contact clog@clog.org

2027 Workshops

4th Annual New Year's Day Clogging Party, January 1, 2027

Meridian Grange, 15422 SE 272nd St., Kent, WA

1-4 p.m. - \$20 at the door

Munchies provided – and accepted – but not required.

Featuring wonderful NWCA teachers **Todd Harry, Tracy Turner, and Diane Jacobsen**

Let's Clog 2027, January 16

Mesa, Arizona

Featuring **Darolyn Pchajek**. For more information, please contact dan@bearfootclogging.com

Northern California Clogging Association Convention, May 14 & 15

Sacramento, CA

SCCA Convention, July 24

Anaheim, CA

Washington State Festival, July 30 & 31

Everett, WA

Featuring **Michele Hill**. For more information, please go to www.2027sdfestival.org

As always, you'll find a complete list of upcoming clogging events in the Pacific Northwest and Canada at our website, <https://nwcloggers.com/upcoming-events/>