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Official Newsletter of the National Clogging Leaders Organization

B I G S M A S H H I T! DESERVES RECOGNITION

Lezlee Moultrie, Independent Clogging Reporter

Reviews are in on the 6th Annual Juniper Clickin' Cloggers Workshop, Hostess/Instructor Jan McDonald, held on (April 24-25 2009). This workshop in Madras, Oregon was great because it represents these key ingredients for success: Approximately 60 in attendance, and this is why... **Welcoming Warm Friendly Camaraderie Community Sharing Fun Affordable!**

It comes natural to Juniper Clickin' Cloggers to make their clogging guests feel part of "their clogging family". This ingredient alone is critical to it's success and to any other workshop, so pay attention! If you come by yourself this group will take you "under it's wing" trust me, you won't be alone. You'll have fun no matter what! Making new friends and learning great routines in a relaxed environment. Northwest instructors are fabulous!

Friday night dance for fun featured kids from Weiser, Idaho with clogging Instructor MaryAnn Walker. These kids (ages 7-12) are a vibrant and happy addition to any workshop environment. Big pizza party with great homemade cookies! The kids do an exhibition routine that is always a joy to watch. Each year MaryAnn brings a new set of kids. Our youth is our clogging future that will carry on the clogging tradition.

Featured Northwest Instructors included:

- . Oregon: Mike McDow, Mary Bray, Jan McDonald, Lezlee Moultrie
- . Washington: Mary Dart, Diane Jacobsen, Anne Mills, Kay Velmire
- . Idaho: MaryAnn Walker

So when you're ready to throw that dart in the direction of a great family oriented fun workshop... MADRAS, OREGON is your TARGET! Representing the BEST in Central Oregon this workshop has always been successful under Jan McDonald's creative leadership abilities, this group knows just how lucky they are!

These are the kind of workshops moving clogging forward in a positive direction...hooray!

Located in the hub of recreational activities, fishing, hiking, dining, shopping & best of all fantastic weather lots of sunshine and the mountains are breathtaking. Just plan a vacation around this workshop, it's worth it. In today's struggling economy you need a leading edge and they have it, it comes naturally. **They will take extra good care of you and that's a promise! Great Raffle/Registration table thanks to Connie, Linda, Elizabeth, & Veneta! A big thanks to Craig McDonald for airport pickups & assembly of the stages!**

**Well Done JUNIPER CLICKIN' CLOGGERS -It's About TEAMWORK!
DANCE WHILE YOU CAN**



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Marge Callahan

by Jeff Driggs:

Legendary clogging instructor **Marge Callahan** of Florida passed away on April 18, 2009. She will be remembered for her warmth and wit and her many contributions to clogging in Florida, nationally and internationally. Her choreography to "White Lightning" remains on the USA national dance list as one of the most enduring routines throughout the years.

Photo courtesy of The Double Toe Times

From the Jacksonville, Florida Newspapers:

CALLAHAN Marjorie A. Callahan, 83, of Jacksonville passed away April 18, 2009. She retired from the United States Navy after several years of faithful service. She was a member of the Florida Clogging Council and was the first member of the Florida Clogging Hall of Fame. She was preceded in death by her parents, Merrill R. and Effie Callahan. She is survived by her brother, Mike Callahan; sister, Jody Kersey; nephew, Ken Kersey; nephew, Kevin Callahan. There is no memorial service at this time. Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 5753 Blanding Boulevard, Jacksonville 904-777-5727. Please Sign the Guestbook @ Jacksonville.com

Celebration of Life Carol Jane Colton

February 16, 1958 - March 15, 2009

Carol Jane Colton, 51 died unexpectedly at her home, Sunday, March 15, in Corvallis, Oregon. A shock felt throughout the entire clogging community. Carol was born in San Antonio, Texas, February 16, 1958, the daughter of Major John O. Colton, USAF (Ret) and Jane Ellen Colton (Patterson). She has one brother, John Colton living in Eve of Nederland, Colorado.



Carol was employed by Oregon State University in the College of Veterinary Medicine for 19 years. Carol was an avid birder, LOVED CLOGGING and being with her friends, pets and family. As part of the ceremony the Cherry City Cloggers including cloggers from all over the immediate area & Central Oregon danced in Carol's memory 3 of her choreographed dances: •Mr. Pinstripe Suit •I Feel Lucky •Passion & Power. Carol Colton will never be forgotten, she has a permanent place in our Clogging Hearts, she will be remembered as a 'true inspiration' in Clogging Communities everywhere.

Donations in her memory may be made to Heartland Humane Society, Oregon Humane Society or the Linn Benton Food Share, in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 205 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97333.

Written by : Lezlee Moultrie

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BIG SMASH HIT

NOT TOO MANY ...JUST ENOUGH PERFORMANCES!

Local Talent, John Casey Mamma Mia Sisters -Girls Just Want to Have Fun!



(You try bending like a Pretzel & Walking on Air!)(Jan McDonald, Kathy Marston, Mary Halter, Lezlee Moultrie)

TAKE-A-CHANCE-ON-US!



CCI Education

Excerpt from the CCI Training Program



MODERN CLOGGING by Bill Nichols

Until the late 1950's, there were no clogging instructors, no clogging classes, and no clogging workshops. There were clogging competitions. If you wanted to clog, you watched someone who could, and imitated them to the best of your ability. Then, as now, young people learned more quickly. When Dennis Abe organized the first clogging workshops in Fontana Village, North Carolina, there was an instant demand for clogging instructors.

The formation of the National Clogging and Hoedown Council (NCHC) and the Clogging Leaders of Georgia (C.L.O.G.) presented organizations that became training grounds for clogging instructors. Soon a regional pastime became the fastest growing form of participant recreation. Leaving behind the traditional cloak that hindered growth, clogging became intermixed with Scot-Irish Step Dance (which we mistakenly call Buck Dance), and Canadian Step Dance and the rebirth of Folk Tap occurred.

Modern American clogging is a reflection of a society in which we live. Many men have become couch potatoes, there is little effort to do anything as a family unit, and the couple goes in separate (opposite) ways. The line dance is a reflection of a society without partners. Lots of women don't have a partner, and furthermore, don't want one. Many men who want a partner cannot find one because they will not get off the couch long enough to look.

If you are interested in learning more about the CCI Training program either to enhance your teaching skills or just learn more about the history and tradition of clogging, please go to www.clog.org for more information.



BUZZ'S JIG

Artist: The Elders

Easy Intermediate: Fast tempo Irish

CD: Pass it Down

Choreo: Alberta Stamp CCI, 101 Montihill Lane, Sequim, WA (360)683-7487 astamp@olympen.com

Wait 16 beats

Left Foot Lead

Sequence Into, A, B, C, ½ B, ½ A, Intro, B, C, D, Break, Bridge, A, Intro

Intro: (32 counts)

Heel Rock

Ds H(w) S R S H(w) S
 L R L R L R L
 &1 & 2 & 3 & 4

Triple ¼ right

Ds Ds Ds R S
 R L R L R
 &1 &2 &3 & 4

Repeat 3 times in a box

Part A (32 counts)

2 Cross over touch backs

Ds Dt(xif) Hc Dt(ots) Hc T(b) Hc
 L R L R L R L
 &1 & 2 & 3 & 4

2 Rock Steps

Ds R(b) S
 L R L
 &1 & 2

Fancy Double

Ds Ds R S R S
 L R L R L R
 &1 &2 & 3 & 4

Samantha

Ds Ds(xif) Dr S(b) Dr S(b) R S Ds Ds R S
 L R R L L R L R L R L R
 &1 &2 & 3 & 4 & 5 &6 &7 & 8

2 Fancy triple

Ds Ds(xif) Ds (xib) R S
 L R L R L
 &1 &2 &3 & 4

Part B (64 counts)

Buzz's step

Ds Br(xif) Ds T(b) Hc Ds(ots) Ds (xib) R(ots) S(ots) Sl S R S R S Ds R S
 L R R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R
 &1 &2 &3 & 4 &5 &6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 &11 & 12

2 Basics ½ left

Ds R S
 L R L
 &1 & 2

Triple Hop left diagonal

Ds Ds Ds K Hop (diagonally left)
 L R L R L
 &1 &2 &3 & 4

4 Runs back

Ds Ds Ds Ds (return to face front)
 R L R L
 &1 &2 &3 &4

Triple Hop angle right (right foot lead)

4 Runs back

Repeat all to front

**Want to see your
 choreography in
 CLOG Today?**

Send cue sheets for
 consideration to
 Mary Snyder,
marysnyder2@comcast.net
 PO Box 33
 Glen Gardner, NJ
 USA 08826.

Part C (32 counts)

Clog over vine left

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|----|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|
| Ds | Ds (xif) | Ds (ots) | Ds (xib) | Ds (ots) | Ds (xif) | Ds (ots) | R | S |
| L | R | L | R | L | R | L | R | L |
| &1 | &2 | &3 | &4 | &5 | &6 | &7 | & | 8 |

Slur vine brush right and left

| | | | | | |
|----|----------|---|----|----|----|
| Ds | Slr(xib) | S | Ds | Br | Hc |
| L | R | R | L | R | L |
| &1 | & | 2 | &3 | & | 4 |

Clog over vine right

Slur vine brush left and right

½ B (32 counts)

Buzz's step, 2 basics no turn, Triple hop angle left, 4 runs back, Triple hop angle right, 4 runs back

½ A (16 counts)

2 Cross over touch backs, 2 Rock steps, Fancy double

Intro (32 counts)

Heel rock, triple ¼ right, repeat 3 times in a box

Part B (64 counts)

Buzz's step, 2 basics ½ left Triple hop left, 4 runs, Triple hop right, 4 runs and repeat to the front

Part C (32 counts)

Clog over vine left, Slur vine brush right and left, Clog over vine right, slur vine brush left and right

Part D (32 counts)

Cowboy

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|----|----|----|----|----|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ds | Ds | Ds | Br | Hc | Ds (xif) | R | S | R | S | R | S |
| L | R | L | R | L | R | L | R | L | R | L | R |
| &1 | &2 | &3 | & | 4 | &5 | & | 6 | & | 7 | & | 8 |

2 Charleston brushes

| | | | | | | |
|----|------|----|------|----|----|----|
| Ds | T(f) | Hc | T(b) | Hc | Br | Hc |
| L | R | L | R | L | R | L |
| &1 | & | 2 | & | 3 | & | 4 |

Cowboy

4 Rock steps

Break (8 counts)

Heel rock, triple no turn

Bridge (24 counts)

Brush over Vine rock slur

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|----|----------|----|----|------|----|---------|---------|--------|------|-----|---|
| Ds | Br (xif) | Hc | Ds | T(b) | Hc | Ds(ots) | Ds(xib) | R(ots) | H(w) | Slr | S |
| L | R | L | R | L | R | L | R | L | R | R | L |
| &1 | & | 2 | &3 | & | 4 | &5 | &6 | & | 7 | & | 8 |

Buzz's step right foot lead

Push right

| | | | | | | |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ds | R | S | R | S | R | S |
| R | L | R | L | R | L | R |
| &1 | & | 2 | & | 3 | & | 4 |

Part A (32 counts)

2 Cross over touch backs, 2 Rock steps, Fancy Double, Samantha, 2 Fancy triple

Intro (32 counts)

Heel rock, triple ¼ right, repeat 3 times in a box

Key

Ds = Double Step

R = Rock

S = Step

Br = Brush

Hc = Heel Click

Hw = Heel takes weight

Slr = Slur

Dr = Drag

Xif = Cross in front

Xib = Cross in back

Ots = Out to side

T = touch

Dt = Double toe

K = Kick

Hop = Hop

Don't Lose Your Web Presence!

I know that many cloggers have their web sites hosted through Yahoo's Geocities, so I wanted to pass along the notice that Geocities has decided to discontinue their web hosting service later this year (more details to follow at www.geocities.com). Don't wait and let your web presence disappear...make plans now to move your site to a new web hosting service!

If you don't want to pay for one of Yahoo's web hosting plans, you might consider a free hosting service (note that "free" usually means you'll have ad banners that are placed at the top or on the side of your web pages). After typing "free web hosting" into my favorite search engine, some examples are:

- www.bravenet.com
- www.clogdancing.com (doesn't get any more apropos for us than that!)
- www.freeservers.com
- www.tripod.com

Once you've set up your new web site, don't forget to send the new URL to those who've linked to your web site. We all want to continue to enjoy the valuable clogging information that's available online!

Hope that helps! Good luck to you all, and happy clogging!

Kelli McChesney
<http://www.afn.org/~kelli/>



“Puttin' on the Ritz” at Nickel City

April 30 and May 1, 2009

By Barbara Elko

This years contest at Nickel City involved making an edible sculpture that included Ritz crackers. Barbara Elko and Darlene Coddington members of the Mon Valley Cloggers won “Best of Show”. Their edible sculpture was a stage made from marshmallows and cereal. It featured the Pioneer Cloggers made from potatoes, various candies and chocolate clogging shoes. The pioneer theme included a covered wagon constructed from the Ritz box and inside wrapper, pretzels, spaghetti and Ritz crackers. The sculpture also received the instructor’s award.



Upcoming Events

(see more listings at <http://www.clog.org/clogtoday/>)

JULY 10 & 11

Southwest US Clogging Championships
Scottsdale, AZ
Matt & Colleen Pearson
925-361-7105
azpride1@cox.net

August 14

Midwest Clogging Workshop
Drawbridge Inn
Ft. Mitchell, KY
Fonda Hill 859-760-8497
f.hill711@insightbb.com
<http://midwestcloggingky.com>

August 28 - 29

Mississippi Clogging Extravaganza
Gallman, MS
www.msclonextravaganza.com
Mississippi Clogging Council
Angie Miller
601-906-2882
angie@magnoliacloggers.org

September 25-27

22nd Annual NWCA Workshop
Vancouver, WA
Alberta Stamp
(360) 683-7487
astamp@olypen.com
<http://nwcloggers.com>

October 3

Illinois Prairie Clogging Assn.
Just For Fun Workshop
Decatur, IL
Judy Gagnon
clogdog73@yahoo.com
www.illinoiscllogging.com

October 17

Missouri Clogging Council Fall Workshop
Saint Martins, Missouri
Debbie Keeling 573-642-9825
debcclog@hotmail.com
<http://moclog.com>

Oct 23-24th, 2009

MN Goper-It Annual Halloween Clogging Workshop & Mini Competition
Chaska Community Center, Chaska, MN
Pam Portz
(651)462-3894

November 7

9h Annual Harvest Stomp Easton, PA
Mary Snyder
(908) 537-2564
[www://lehighvalleycloggers.com](http://lehighvalleycloggers.com)

November 21

Ohio Michigan Fall Festival Workshop
Toledo, Ohio
Barb Davenport
419-559-6333
bad54@woh.rr.com
www.rumblinrhythmcloggers.com

November 26-28

25th Annual National Clogging Convention
New Orleans, LA
David and Susan Phillips
(678) 889-4355
www.clog.org/convention

Check with event coordinators to confirm event details!

CLOG Welcomes New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to CLOG:

*Alma Jean Blosser, TX
Melonie Kilby, NC
Dean Williams, GA*

For information on joining CLOG and the benefits of becoming a member, fill out and send in the application in this issue or at our web site at www.clog.org, or contact us at 678-889-4355 or clog@clog.org.



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List membership in area, state, and/or national clogging associations

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Judges Training ~ Thursday
CCI Testing ~ Thursday

Pre-Convention Events:

Evening Dance ~ Wednesday
Open Teach Halls ~ Wednesday & Thursday
Dance Exposé' ~ Thursday

Convention Events:

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Exhibitions ~ Friday Evening
Showcase ~ Saturday Evening

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