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“23rd!” Annual KICK-OFF 2009

Clogging Workshop in Tacoma, WA

Lezlee Moultrie, Independent
Clogging Reporter

**ANNE MILLS,
DOES IT AGAIN With
BARRY WELCH &
MATT ELLINGER**

Plus

• Barb Guenette • Janice Jestin • Cheri
Posedel • Alberta Stamp • Susan
Woods • Kay Velmire

And...

“New” Instructors from Canada

• Kerri Orthner • Darolyn Pchajek
**All in one location 3 dance halls:
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WOW!**

Cloggers trust Anne to provide a ‘top-of-the-line’ facility for dancing and **she always does it!** The clogger is **always #1** and cloggers always come back to give her their support! That’s just the way it works. Anne sets a very high standard which includes a terrific staff that work well together as a team. They work especially hard to make you feel welcome and trust me they definitely succeed at that! Way to go everybody!

**However, it’s not just about
Clogging - It’s also about the
Stories, Let Me Explain...**

Workshops are unique in the fact they bring lots of people from all walks of life together in a setting that promotes happiness, camaraderie, and family, **clogging family that is...**this story begins like this...

One of the instructors taught a couples dance at this year’s Kick-Off Workshop. At the Saturday Night Fun Dance this instructor was asked by a fellow clogger if she would cue it...this is the special part...would she please dedicate this dance to her sister who has cancer.

This might be the last time the two sisters would be able to dance to something they both love doing, clogging. The instructor so moved by this, made her announcement. Both sisters emerged onto the dance floor hand-in-hand to dance together with smiles on their faces. It’s stories like these that make workshops special...it’s like coming home again to spend time with your Clogging Family. Life is short, live every moment as if it was your last and dance while you can!

ALSO NEW TO KICK-OFF 2009

The Carol Colton Clogging Scholarship Award

Carol Colton passed away suddenly, only 52yrs. old this past year but her memory lives on in the clogging community. She had been a staff member of the Kick-Off Clogging Workshop since 1996. Carol contributed many great dances and was known

throughout for her creative and wonderful routines. She definitely had a special talent for choosing music and expressing it very dynamically. So the...



**It was awarded to an
11 year old girl,
Kohlby Jo Saylor**
Presenters: Anne Mills & Kay
Velmire

Her attributes represent everything positive and truly wonderful. She is a true role model in her community. Kohlby is a real go getter and as she grows will definitely contribute a great deal to the world of dance. She already does that! She is now part of a dance studio and plays a major role in helping others to live their dreams. We all need to take note, here is an 11 year old girl who gets it...camaraderie, spirit, sharing, creativity, friendliness, teamwork and has a passion for dance! Way to go! The scholarship includes an all paid for Kick-off Workshop for 2010, how exciting.

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Now Some Fun Stuff! Cloggers Go Bollywood Crazy with Director & Instructor, Shub-Chintan Gill

**That's what I said...What is it?
 The word Bollywood is a takeoff
 on Hollywood**

Bollywood dancing is a commercial name for modern Indian dancing. It's a combination of classical Indian dance (which is the base), folk dancing such as Bhangra and sometimes has a Latino and Arabic influence. It's fun and very expressive and there's a lot of deep meaning behind music in the films. You can actually express what the music means, through the graceful movements of the body. And that's exactly what everybody at the workshop did, maybe not quite as gracefully (ha,ha) what a crack up.

Saturday night is party time! Exhibitions and raffle table galore! The room and everybody in it, which by the way is totally packed with smiling faces and ready to party, party, party, dance, dance, dance! Another fun filled workshop with some really great instructors and fun dances!

Kick-Off Instructors - Do a Little Dance, Have a Little Fun! TOTALLY 'FIRST CLASS' ALL THE WAY BECAUSE...

**CLOG DANCER'S ROCK!
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
IN 2010!**



• Leadership • Camaraderie • Sharing • Family • Fun • Teamwork

CLOG Welcomes New Members

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

- Allen Snow, VA
- Nicole LaPradd, NY
- Sharolyn Sternberg, FL
- Roger Dzogola, MO
- Joan Rupert, FL
- Carol Gentzler, WA

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

On The Beat...**News from around the clogging world****Retired Stafford school leader dies**

Longtime Stafford school leader and community volunteer passes away

BY JEFF BRANSCOME

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Shirley Heim's motto was "Don't think why you can't--think how you can." Friends say she applied it to all she did, whether it was advocating for students or volunteering.

"There wasn't a lot that she didn't touch," said Vicki Lewis, who was friends with Heim for years. "She lived every day as fully as any person I have ever known." Heim died Wednesday at age 73 after several bouts with cancer. Last year, the Stafford County school system opened a middle school named after her.



Heim held several positions during her 36-year career with the division, including Head Start director and assistant superintendent of finance. She retired in 2003.

Russell Watson, who was Stafford's school superintendent from 1992 until 2002, said she made him look good. "She probably was the hardest-working person I ever worked with," he said. "It didn't make any difference whether it was 50 hours a week or 80 hours a week."

As assistant superintendent of finance, "she was probably about as close to perfection in that field as anybody has ever been," he said.

"She didn't make mistakes," Watson said. Heim was acting superintendent after Watson retired. She also worked on behalf of students as a member of the Stafford Rotary Club. For instance, she helped start service clubs at many high schools locally and elsewhere.

"Once she committed to something, it would be done," said Lewis, a former Rotary Club president. Heim also liked to have fun. She loved music and founded an Appalachian dance team called the Good Time Cloggers.

Even when cancer spread to her bones, Heim had a very strong desire to live, Lewis said. "The Shirley I knew didn't take no for an answer," Lewis said. "The Shirley I knew said we'll find a way--it's possible."

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic, 1301 Sam Perry Blvd., Fredericksburg, Va. 22401.

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Editors Apology

I must profusely apologize to **Barbara Elko** who's name was inadvertently left off her article 'Memoirs of a Clogging Addict' featured on the cover last month. It was a wonderful account I am sure most of us in the clogging family can relate to.

Sincerely,
Pam Smiley, CLOG Today Editor

MY MOUNTAINS, MY HOME, SMOKEY MOUNTAINS, THAT IS...

A Tribute to the 7th ANNUAL FONTANA VILLAGE CLOGGING JAMBOREE 2009 --North Carolina

Written by: Lezlee Moultrie, Independent Clogging Reporter
You Can't Sell it • You Can't Bottle it • You Can't Explain it
You Can Only Feel it Way Down Deep in Your 'Heart and Soul'

With everything that's going on in today's crazy world one pauses for thought and wonders how much of..God, Family, and Country are still alive...We're here to tell you it's alive and well! As 7 cloggers from Oregon traveled through Tennessee and North Carolina found out when they attended Fontana Clogging Workshop hosted by Jeff Driggs and Naomi Fleetwood-Pyle for the very first time.

Picture This...

Located way up in the heart of the Smokey Mountains cabins are nestled in the woods on green, green, grass hillsides with rocking chairs on every porch. You automatically know this is going to be a truly meaningful and memorable experience...**Oh My**. Everything at your finger tips, lodge, restaurant, store, air conditioning, and of course southern hospitality.

We had awesome instructors, Chip Summey, Elliot Skeen, Barry Welch, Matt Sexton. Also featured were Joe-Joe Barron, The Orr Family, The Grass Stains Bluegrass Band, and Drew Williams what a special treat! There were 3 halls totally packed with dancers all day and all night. Kids and families line the dance floors with energy and enthusiasm that was absolutely contagious...fantastic exhibitions with a special appearance by Rhythm N Motion. The Fun Dance on Saturday night featured a sports memorabilia auction to benefit Pyle High Hopes Outreach. Pick up those feet! and let her rip! Yeeha!

Automatically we felt part of it, walking around chatting, laughing, and even better the smile on our faces, now permanent, what a great feeling, **Oh My**...time to have a little rest in our rocking chairs on the porch! But not for long, too much dancing to do, don't want to miss a thing!

So when the dart flies, choose Fontana. We will never forget our experience and will return where mountain music and clogging got their start. So much to see and do, Dollywood, Dixieland Stampede, Gatlinberg, The Biltmore Estate, on and on. It stole the HEARTS of 7 OREGON CLOGGERS who will always remember an American Clogging Treasure called The Fontana Clogging Jamboree, in North Carolina.

Full of Spirit, Fun, Camaraderie, & Traditional Clogging!
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!



Mary Halter, Lezlee Moultrie, Linda Reynolds, Connie Howland, Jan McDonald, Carol Williams, Kathy Marston



Naomi Pyle welcoming everyone to the workshop
(photo courtesy of Barbara Elko)

More on Fontana.....

By Barbara Elko and Pam Smiley

Amidst the beautiful foliage of the Smoky Mountains sits Fontana Village. It is truly incredible location for a clogging workshop. The Cabins were cozy with all the comforts of home, including front and back porches. What really made these cabins so special, each one was filled with Cloggers! Can you imagine **a village full of cloggers?** After dumping the luggage we set out to find the main workshop hall. Inside this hall is the most breathtaking hardwood floor, inviting you to dance. And dance we did with help from Naomi Pyle, Jeff Driggs, Chip Summey, Barry Welch, Elliott Skeen, and Matt Sexton. These instructors came armed with a variety of routines.

Friday was full of afternoon workshops followed by a fun dance and a special performance of The Grass Stains with special guest Drew Williams! The music was also accompanied by songs with Jeff Driggs, always a treat! And some good old fashioned freestyling by the instructors and attendees.

Saturday was met with lots of rain! My goodness, the first time rain attended the Fontana Jamboree! We marched from hall to hall (one was a little trip up the hill) rain or no rain, we would not be denied the wonderful camaraderie of the weekend! Elliott Skeen treated everyone to some good 'ole traditional workshops and even threw in a little freestyle of his own. He has still got those rubber legs a goin'! So smooth, it was great to have him back. The evening festivities started with a special concert with The Grass Stains and Drew Williams, again Jeff joined in to add to the fun. The Fun Dance followed and featured a "Biggest Sports Fan" contest.

On a somber note. Scotty Bilz was not able to attend Fontana due to the passing of his beloved Father. Our hearts were with Scotty and his family that weekend. Everyone signed cards for him and we danced Bit by Bit (with all the Scottys) and Hold Your Horses in his honor. We are very grateful to Matt Sexton who was able to step in at late notice to help out.

If you missed this one, mark you calendar for September 24 & 25, 2010!



The Awesome wood floor!! Cloggers rarely get a treat like this!



The "Biggest Sports Fan" winners with some of the staff.
Barry, Chip, Matt, and Joe-Joe

Hubbin It**Intermediate**

By: Asleep at the Wheel/with Heuy Lewis

Album Tribute to the music of Bob Wills & The Texas Playboys

Choreo: John Pryor, North Star Cloggers - Texas, j.pryor@americantilesupply.com 12/08

Intro: Wait 16 beats and start on left foot.

INTRO: 16 Beats

DS TCH(if)/HL DT(b)/SL ST DS TCH(if)/HL DT(b)/SL ST
 L R L R L R L R L R L R
 &1 & 2 & 3 4 &5 & 6 & 7 8

Palomino Shuffle

DS DS Loop ST KK DS RS KK KK
 L R L L R R LR L L
 &1 &2 & 3 4 &5 &6 7 8

6 to 11**PART A: 16 Beats**

DS DR ST DS BA(xib) SL HL ST BR SL HL ST BR SL
 L L R L R R L L R L R R L R
 &1 & 2 &3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8

Yippie/2 Unclogs

DS DS(xif) DR ST DR ST RS DS DS RS (turning 360r)
 L R R L L R LR L R LR
 &1 &2 & 3 & 4 &5 &6 &7 &8

Samantha Turn**PART B: 16 Beats**

DS RS DS RS DS RS (turn 360l) TCH(if)/HL TCH(ib)/HL
 L RL R LR L RL R L R L
 &1 &2 &3 &4 &5 &6 & 7 & 8

3 Basics/Touch

DS DS(xif) DS DS(xib) DS DS(xif) RK HL Pull ST
 R L R L R L R L R R
 &1 &2 &3 &4 &5 &6 & 7 & 8

Vine Pull**PART C: 16 Beats**

DS DT(b)/HL RK ST ST SL RS BR SL HP HL Flap ST
 L R L R L R R LR L R R L L R
 &1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &5 & 6 & 7 & 8

Broken Turkey

DS TCH(f)/HL DT(b)/HL TCH(b)/HL DS TCH(f)/HL DT(b)/HL TCH(b)/HL **2 Toe Tappers**
 L R L R L R L R L R L R L R
 &1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &5 & 6 & 7 & 8

PART D: 16 Beats

2 DS DS(xif) DS Flip(½ r) ST DS DS RS RS
 L R L R L R LR LR
 &1 &2 &3 & 4 &5 &6 &7 &8

2(Vine Flip/Fancy Double)**ENDING: 12 Beats**

DS RS DS RS DS(xif) RS(xif) RS(xif) RS(xif)
 L RL R LR L RL RL RL
 &1 &2 &3 &4 &5 &6 &7 &8

2 Basics/Pushoff

DS RS Clap Hands, Slap Knee, STO STO Bow
 R LR R hand/L knee L R
 &1 &2 & 3 & 4 5

Basic/Stomp/Bow**SEQUENCE: Intro A B C D A B C D A B C D A B Ending**



Upcoming Events

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

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Bob Warner 1-616-374-8205

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Hickory Metro Center, Hickory, NC
AJ & Jill Kirby 828-396-2052
828-781-5920 (cell).

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www.clognc.com/hoedown.html

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Toledo, Ohio
Barb Davenport
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www.rumblinrhythmcloggers.com

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March 26-27, 2010
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Judy Gagnon
clogdog73@yahoo.com
www.illinoisiclogging.com

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Grand Island, NY
Linda Haley (716) 537-9662

August 27-28, 2010
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www.msclonextravaganza.com
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Dance Exposé' ~ Thursday

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