

# C.L.O.G. Today™

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## "UNDER THE BIG TOP"

By: Barbara Elko

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Potomac Double Down, held at the Battlefield High School in Haymarket Virginia, provided all the action of a three ring circus. The Bull Run Cloggers were the Masters of Ceremonies. They successfully gathered all the elements needed for a great workshop; a variety of vendors, food on site, games, roomy classrooms, cool t-shirts and most of all an impressive list of versatile instructors.

Ring leader for this event was national instructor Andy Howard. This man radiates energy and warmth like the Florida sun shining on a July afternoon. Eager to share his passion of dance, Andy quickly captured the attention of all who attended his classes. The ease in which he conveyed the steps and routines was uncanny. He shared humorous stories about his dance adventures giving everyone a personal insight to Andy Howard. Most impressive was his ability to take a roomful of people, and circle them up for a Hoedown. The majority of the fun dance was spent this way. After several variations of this style of dance everyone was acquainted. At evenings end, many farewell hugs were shared among these new friends. Thanks Andy for all the excitement you created! We hope you survived the long flight home. It required several planes and directions north, then west, then east before he caught a plane south to his home state of Florida. That's the airlines running at their peak of efficiency.



Andy Howard

Talent is abundant in the Ward family. Colleen Ward's teaches are as captivating as her performances. This was her third year as an instructor at the PDD. She pays close attention to the needs of those attending her classes and meets them. Colleen began dancing at the age of 4 and this year took over as the director of the Hi-Horse Cloggers. Cherylann Ward, Colleen's sister, has taught at the PDD the past five years. She is the director of the clogging program at the Radford Dance Center. This past year she taught clogging in Nicaragua while on a mission trip. Congratulations ladies!



Instructors

RU Cloggers... Megan Moore, Kirsten Prime, Casey Foutz, Ellen Clarke, and Taylor Hathaway when they are not clogging they are busy earning their various college degrees. This enthusiastic group of young people are a positive addition to any workshop.

Other instructors included Joyce Guthrie, Mary Smith - Blue Ridge Thunder Cloggers, Kathy Moore - Calico Cloggers, Jayne Treadwell - Bull Run Cloggers, Dorothy Stephenson - Little Switzerland - Sundance Express - Rhythmic Alliance Cloggers.

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## Scholarships Available!

### Marilyn Hansen CCI Tuition Scholarship

*In Honor and memory of Marilyn Hansen*



#### What is the Marilyn Hansen Scholarship?

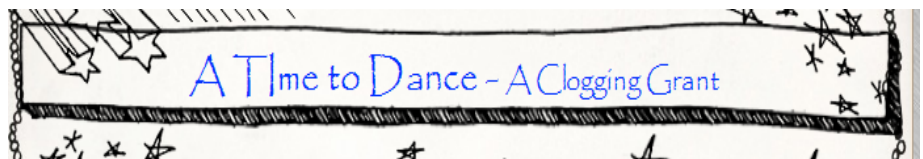
This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Marilyn Hansen, a woman who supported clogging through much of her life and was dedicated to the cause of education in the area of clogging instructors. This grant includes tuition scholarship for the Certified Clogging Instructor Program for two sessions and the application fee worth \$310.00.

- This scholarship does not include travel and lodging.
- The scholarship cannot be applied to franchise sponsored CCI Sessions, it can only be applied to CCI Sessions offered by CLOG such as sessions offered during the National CLOG Convention.
- The scholarship must be used in the same year it is awarded.
- The minimum age limit for CCI seminars and the scholarship is 16 years of age.

#### How To Apply:

Letters of Application will be accepted from January 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012. Applicants will be notified by May 31, 2012.

For more information <http://clog.org/CCI/scholarship.html>



*Time to Dance is a grant established in tribute to [Mary Snyder](#), a woman of grace and faith, who taught many people how to clog dance. Mary was the instructor for Lehigh Valley Cloggers and received her [CCI certification](#) in 2003. Upon her passing in 2011, her friends established A Time to Dance in order to carry on her legacy of encouraging others*

*to clog dance.*

CCI grants will be paid directly to CLOG on behalf of the CCI student.

Applications may be made via e-mail: [E-mail iClog](#)

For more information go see [A Time to Dance](#)

All of the instructors creatively juggled the basic steps and came up with some great new combinations. They were careful to properly name them... Ponies, Heart Attack, Helicopter, Hop the Dog, and Chicken in the Bread Pan are a few that come to mind.

For those of you who have never attended this workshop it is special, and is also held at a great location. If you add an extra day, our nations capital is just a short distance away. Even closer is the National Air and Space Museum. Closer yet is the Battlefield of Manassas. Make room on your calendar for the 2014 Potomac Double Down. Be sure to bring your smile you'll need it!



Mark, Barb, Wilyma, and Pete taking a break.

Thanks Bull Run Cloggers and all those involved in the task of putting this workshop together. It was a glorious day spent dancing and laughing with our clogging family!



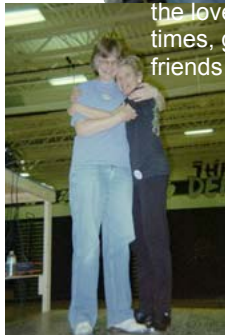
Andy surrounded by the Radford U girls..... jealous boys???



Barb and Andy share a 'moment'....



Cloggers sharing the love...good times, good friends....



Barb on her toes!

Photo by SousaSportPics



Hoedown fun!!



Photos by SousaSportPics



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### Potomac Double Down Clogging Workshop - Harlem Shake



Photo by SousaSportPics

## Are you covered??



C.L.O.G. Inc.  
*and*  
**MUSIC LICENSING**

### What you need to know about ASCAP, BMI & SESAC

- **What are BMI, ASCAP and SESAC?**

BMI (Broadcast Music, Inc.), ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers), SESAC, are the licensing organizations which were founded so that the creators of music would be paid for the public performances of their works.

- **Who needs a BMI/ASCAP/SESAC Licenses?**

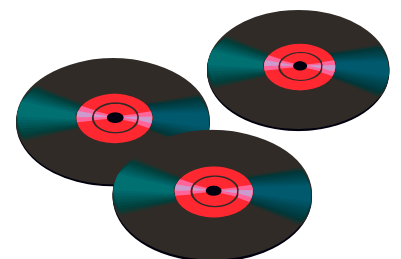
Any user of music who plays copyrighted musical works in public, and whose performances are not specifically exempt under the law, needs a license from BMI/ASCAP/SESAC or the members whose works the user wishes to perform. **As a clogging instructor, licenses are needed from BMI /ASCAP/SESAC to cover the music played at your classes, workshops, exhibitions, competitions, and dances throughout the year.**

- **Why should I go through CLOG to get my licenses?**

BMI/ASCAP/SESAC negotiate their fees with users who are often represented by national associations, like the National Association of Broadcasters. What better group to represent the needs of cloggers than C.L.O.G. who for over 20 years has worked to serve the needs of instructors and dancers nationwide. By negotiating with BMI/ASCAP/SESAC on behalf of all cloggers nationwide, C.L.O.G. can insure you that licensing rates will be fair and equitable for all cloggers. In addition C.L.O.G. will receive **NO COMMISSION** for the licenses purchased by its members.

- **How do I go about obtaining my license through CLOG?**

By joining the hundreds of cloggers from around the country who are members of this organization you can enjoy the low group rates for BMI/ASCAP/SESAC licenses. The membership fee is \$30.00 per year for the organization. We certainly hope all of you will join and support the organization. We need and welcome your membership. You must be a member of C.L.O.G. to be eligible for licensing by BMI/ASCAP/SESAC at these discounted rates. **Simply complete and return the Declarations Page with your fee to obtain your licenses.**



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## BMI\ASCAP\SESAC DECLARATIONS 2013

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Director     Instructor     Organizer of Clogging Events     Competition Interest  
 (Classes, workshops, exhibitions, competitions, or clubs that are related to clogging.)

C.L.O.G. Member

Note: You must be a current member of C.L.O.G. to obtain music licensing through the organization. License year is April 1—March 31 of the following year. Cost is not prorated and membership must be kept current.

I hereby authorize C.L.O.G. to enter a blanket licensing agreement with BMI/ASCAP/SESAC on my behalf.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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<input type="checkbox"/>	BMI License		\$69.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ASCAP License		\$58.50	
<input type="checkbox"/>	SESAC License		\$75.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Fee if not current member	Membership #: _____	\$30.00	
	Postage & Handling		\$ 5.00	
<b>Total Enclosed</b>				

### Choose Method of Payment and Mail (US Funds ONLY - Make Checks Payable to CLOG)

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<http://clogweb.powweb.com/store> Click on the Music License Link

### WHO NEEDS A BMI/ASCAP/SESAC MUSIC LICENSE?

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## Spotlight on.....Heart Joyce Guthrie

*Community News from around the  
clogging world*

### *THE GIFT OF LIFE*

By: Barbara Elko

I have had the privilege of meeting and spending time with the Blue Ridge Thunder Cloggers. Their club is located in Purcellville Virginia. They are an incredibly talented team. But...what shines more than their freshly polished clogging shoes is the generous spirit within the members. They are a small army of volunteers with a huge list of projects. Their helmsman, Joyce Guthrie, and the others are determined, as they set out to make life better for others. The club is active in so many things, often collaborating with other organizations. Making quilts for wounded soldiers - [www.JoshuasHands.org](http://www.JoshuasHands.org). A Time to Dance a tribute to the late Mary Snyder - donated funds are used to assist with CCI certification and/or start up cost for young workshops - [www.ATimetoDance.me](http://www.ATimetoDance.me). Setting up free websites for clogging club around the country - [www.iclog](http://www.iclog). I am choosing to elaborate about one of their efforts, organ donation, which is something that has effected some of the Blue Ridge Thunder Cloggers personally.



Pat Hayes is the BRTC veteran male dancer. He is married and has two daughters, who got him into clogging. Pat's father-in-law suffered for years with kidney problems. As his health further declined he was put on dialysis and knew his days were numbered. Pat, an avid runner and in excellent health, decided to see if he could donate a kidney to save his children's grandfather. Most people have two kidneys but only one is needed to survive. Knowing this, Pat checked to see if he was a suitable donor. In 2006, Pat gave the gift of life to his father-on-law. That's awesome!

The Guthries have seven children. Some are married, some still live at home, some live out of state, and some are attending school. In 1998, their son, Josh, made his way to his heavenly home. He was 16 when he died in a car accident less than a mile from home. When he died, his parents decided to donate his organs rather than have them "go to waste." Julie, received his heart. Josh's liver went to Roy, a man who was told to get his affairs in order because he was about to die. Five other people received the gift of life from Josh and two received the gift of sight.



Triumph out of tragedy.

As cloggers we gather to share the joy of dancing. We laugh and sweat and stomp and kick - we are full of energy and life... giving the gift of life seems natural.

For more information: [www.beadonor.org](http://www.beadonor.org)

April is National Organ Donor Awareness Month



## Upcoming Events

(see more listings at [www.clog.org/clogtoday/](http://www.clog.org/clogtoday/))

### March 23, 2013

Mason-Dixon Spring Stomp  
Westminster, MD  
Pam Smiley 410-504-5775  
[clogrpam@comcast.net](mailto:clogrpam@comcast.net)

### April 12 & 13, 2013

City Slicker Stomp  
Workshop & NCHC Competition  
Hartman Conf Center & Hilton Garden Inn  
Independence, MO  
Missy Shinoski 816-443-3030  
[kloghop@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kloghop@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.CitySlickerStomp.Info](http://www.CitySlickerStomp.Info)  
[www.MissyShinoski.Info](http://www.MissyShinoski.Info)

### April 18-20, 2013

Nickel City Clogging Festival  
Adams Mark Buffalo  
Buffalo, NY  
Linda Haley 716-537-9662  
[wnyca.com](http://wnyca.com)

### April 27, 2013

Clogging in the Natural State 11th year  
Ramada Inn Conv Hall  
Mt. Home, AR  
Kathey Wilson 870-243-8113  
[dancetymestudio@yahoo.com](mailto:dancetymestudio@yahoo.com)

### September 20 & 21, 2013

Fontana Clogging Jamboree  
Fontana Village, NC  
304-776-9571  
ccajeff@aol.com  
[fontanaworkshop.com](http://fontanaworkshop.com)

### October 11-12, 2013

Fall Grand Delight Workshop  
Rochester, MN  
Pam Heaton, CCI 612-991-3270  
[Smashingtoe@yahoo.com](mailto:Smashingtoe@yahoo.com)  
[www.PleasantValleyCloggers.com](http://www.PleasantValleyCloggers.com)

### October 19, 2013

OktoberClogFest  
Seasons Lodge and Conf Ctr  
Nashville, IN  
Naomi Fleetwood-Pyle 812-579-6979  
[Naomi\\_P@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Naomi_P@sbcglobal.net)

## Competitions

### March 22-23, 2013

Tennessee Clogging Classic  
Kingsport, TN  
Terry Glass [glassterrygenera@bellsouth.net](mailto:glassterrygenera@bellsouth.net)

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### May 31-Jun 1, 2013

Big Horn Mtn Showdown  
Holiday Inn Express  
Buffalo, WY  
Shanell Hatch (307) 620-0282  
[shanellhatch@yahoo.com](mailto:shanellhatch@yahoo.com)

### Jun 14-15, 2013

Grand Challenge of Champions  
Branson, MO  
Susan & David Phillips (678) 889-4355  
[gncclog.webs.com](http://gncclog.webs.com)

### Jun 22, 2013

Explosion Clogging Championships  
Charleston, SC  
Matt & Kelly Sexton (423) 282-5065  
[Event Flyer](#)

### Jul 26-27, 2013

Southwest US Clogging Championships  
Double Tree Paradise Valley Resort  
Scottsdale, AZ  
Matt & Colleen Pearson (925) 361-7105  
[www.azpride.com](http://www.azpride.com)

### Jul 27, 2013

R2k Clogging Invitational  
Rabun County Civic Center  
Clayton, GA  
Keith & Rhonda Brady (706) 892-6142  
[rhondakbrady@gmail.com](mailto:rhondakbrady@gmail.com)

*Have an event you want listed here?  
Send the information to:  
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## CLOG Welcomes New Members

Jamie Conyers Vincent, KY  
Sara Martin, TN  
Janis Rembert, TX

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

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CCI Testing ~ Thursday

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Dance Expose' ~ Thursday

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Hotel No. 1-407-351-5555

**Reservation Number:**

1-888-789-3090 or 1-407-351-5555 - Code: clog2013  
Register on Line - <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/clog2013>

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**Register Online** at [www.clog.org/convention](http://www.clog.org/convention)

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