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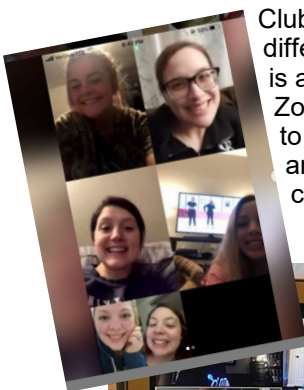


With all that is going on in our world today, we are learning to connect in many different ways in order to still do what we love with friends near and far.

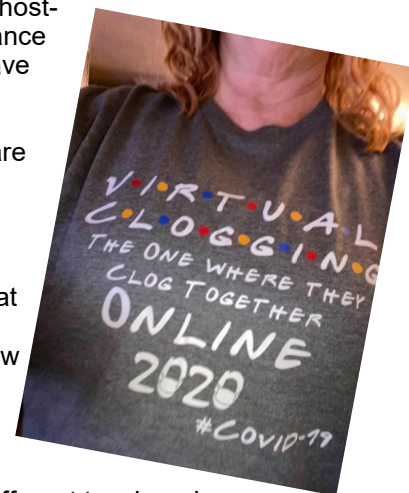
Eric and Michelle Bice hosted a 'virtual' dance with their club, Apple Creek Cloggers, in California on March 14 via Facebook Live. Hanna Healy, Jeff Driggs and Trevor DeWitt took that idea global. We now are getting to dance every Saturday Night/Sunday Morning via YouTube Live with our friends all over the world. We had over 1300 devices join that first week and continue to have great attendance week after week. We have had our challenges with technology and Trevor is continually working on those things to improve the experience.

Week 1 saw us actually live with dances hosted from Kentucky, Minnesota, and California. Week 2 took us international as we were hosted from West Virginia, Ontario, Canada, and Texas. Week 3 took us to Canada and Australia. Week 4 brought us to North Carolina, Tennessee, and New York, Week 5 was a beach bash from California. Week 6 was brought to us from Indiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Manitoba, Canada. Week 7 took us to Germany with the ETCA hosting. Who knew that a pandemic would allow me to dance with cuers/teachers I probably would not otherwise have had the opportunity to visit. Silver linings :).

The live chat during the dance keep us all in touch and laughing, you'd almost never know we are not in the same room. T-shirts have evolved, zoom side chats of different groups of friends are happening, and for just a bit on a Saturday night our souls are complete.



Clubs and teams all over the world are finding ways to keep dancing using different platforms. We are all definitely learning about more technology that is available and how to make it all work for us. Andy Howard has hosted Zoom calls with team directors and studio owners/managers to discuss how to keep their dance programs going. This is giving hope to all of us that are discovering our 'new normal' and wanting and needing that human connection with our dancers and to keep businesses going as well.

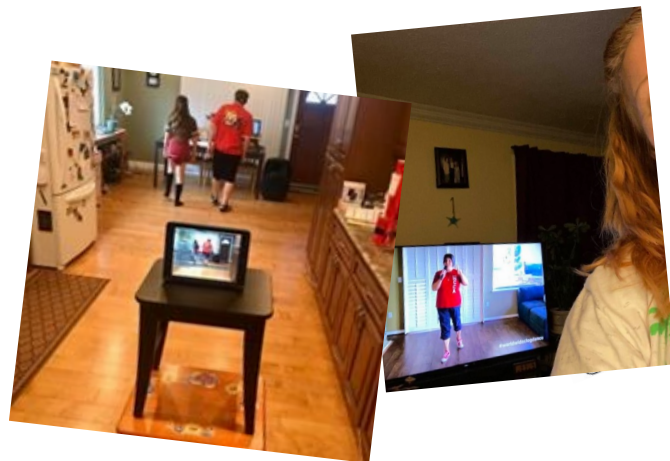


You can dance virtually every day of the week. Different teachers have made their classes available so we can all keep dancing. It is fun to go to a 'class' from an instructor you may not see regularly.

We are definitely not the only community facing this challenge head on. But I think we are one of the only global communities connecting on this level for fun and friendship. I personally have needed this. Saturday nights are the best! I may not be face to face with those friends, but I still feel connected. Live chatting on YouTube is not the same as live chatting in a dance hall, but for now, it is the best part of my week. As we continue to see events cancel, this is the one place I find solace in this chaos. I know I'm not alone in that sentiment.

There are cuesheets to the dances available ahead of time and some great new dance experiences are happening as we all get to dance with instructors around the world. Check out Clogdancing.com or double-toe.com for the link and the cuesheets. You will also find all the previous weeks cuesheets and videos are available as well so you can enjoy dancing any time! #Worldwideclogdance

Stay safe until we can all meet back on the dance floor my friends.....



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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, 2021 through April 30, 2021. Applicants will be notified by May 31, 2021.

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We listened to your Comments!! For the first time in 37 years the National CLOG Convention moves to the Summer!

Postponed! See you July 22-24, 2021



C.L.O.G.—37th National Convention * July 22-24, 2021

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Experience Spooky NOLA with the Whole Family!
 The Ghost Tour of NOLA is one the whole family can enjoy. All ages of chill-seekers will love this guided tour of the French Quarter, a neighborhood brimming with eerie secrets and supernatural activity. As you walk to some of the most haunted locations in the city, experience spooky stories and unexplained events—all made appropriate for adults and kids alike

Cemetery Tour
Visit our Oldest and Most Famous Cemetery!
 New Orleans' Cemeteries offer more than beautifully ornate tombs—they are steeped in history. At St. Louis Cemetery #1 you will see the tombs of New Orleans notables Marie Laveau, Homer Plessy, and even the empty tomb of Nick Cage. No one should leave New Orleans without visiting one of our "cities of the dead." But it's more than just the dead—on this tour you will learn the about the burial customs, traditions, and people that made New Orleans what it is today. Take a walk with us through New Orleans history seen through the eyes of those that have left us.

Riverboat Dinner Jazz Cruise
 Friday, July 23 6-9p

Tentative Schedule July 22, 23, 24

- Certified Clogging Instructor Seminar—Wed, Thur
- Judges & Directors Seminar—Thur
- Nightly Fun Dances—Thur, Fri, Sat
- Workshop Halls— Fri, Sat
- Universal Clogging Championships—Sat
- Exhibitions—Fri
- Open Teach Hall—Thurs
- Riverboat Dinner Jazz Cruise—Fri

To register for all events visit
CLOG.ORG

Clogging Around the World....



1st CANADIAN NATIONAL CLOGGING CONVENTION THE WOODSTALK OF CLOGGING WORKSHOPS *A WEEKEND OF PEACE MUSIC AND DANCING*

By: Barbara Elko

It is beyond my ability to truly describe the 1st Canadian National Clogging Convention, but here is my attempt. This long awaited convention far exceeded everyone's expectations. The Inn of Waterloo & Conference Center, was the location for the convention. The hotel rooms were spacious, great pool, the offerings at the breakfast buffet were delicious and abundant, a huge shopping mall was just across the street, most importantly seven halls were available for the dancers. I must mention the Regent. It was a spectacular ballroom two levels! A total of 1049 wrist bands were issued. This count did not include instructors, vendors, or volunteers. In the same fashion that she choreographs and teaches Judy Waymouth put this event together part by part until she achieved the result she wanted, a fantastic, memorable, convention. Leaving nothing to chance she enlisted Colleen Zubrigg to take this journey with her. Colleen solely looked after registration, and the making of the syllabus. Judy's and Colleen's better halves, Mark and Wayne, were occupied all weekend, as were their entire families, taking care of a variety of tasks. Countless volunteers pitched in to make this stupendous convention happen. Thank you!

It was obvious at the cocktail party Thursday evening that this would be a special gathering of folks from many different countries. It was noisy, the rooms filled with conversations, hardy laughter, happy reunions, and numerous introductions. Aro and Gem Quilley and Anna Smilek provided live entertainment. As the night wore on Nathan Ballard was seen letting his hair down. Yes, this was to be a weekend of clogging like no other!

There were 14 highlighted instructors. Jim Naylor, Birgit Blizzard, Colleen Zurbrigg, Judy Waymouth, Barb Guenette, Janet Justin, and Darolyn Pchajek from Canada. Represented the United States Jeff Driggs, Shane Gruber, Andrew Perry, Morgan Hudson, Eric Bice, Andy Howard, and Missy Shinoski, plus 40 other instructors from all over. It was a grand experience learning steps and entire routines from Germans, Australians, and Czechs. Exchanging terminology, style, and deciphering accents was completely engaging. The Nicholson family, Jason, Leanne, and Georgia from Australia had several teaches. They were amusing, quirky and very likeable. Angelika Kromer a German instructor had a very lively routine to a German song *Mir geht es gut*. She refused to translate the lyrics, which added to the laughter in the room. Andrew Pchajek made his debut sharing the stage with his mom Darolyn during her teach to Best Adventure. All the instructors were incredible as were their routines! Everyone wanted to spend time with the instructors and fellow dancers. In fact this convention was like a big family reunion of long lost relatives, everyone wanted to get better acquainted! One lady in particular wanted to know all the dancers before returning to Australia, Monika with a K.

Volunteers that handled the Chinese Auction were busy. Every country attending contributed, a total of 86 baskets were donated. The contents of the baskets were fascinating, because of the international flare. Ticket sales for a chance at winning a basket were brisk!

Colleen Zurbrigg made a queen size afghan, of the convention logo. All weekend folks posed next to it and took photos. It was a professional work of art, absolutely beautiful. It took Colleen approximately 170 hours to complete the afghan which was raffled. A funny thing the winner of the afghan raffle never came forward to claim their prize. The afghan was given to Judy. Truth be told we all wanted Judy to have it. Judy said "I am honored and am using it as a bedspread on our bed. What a treasured memory and keepsake of our National Clogging Convention."

Another brain storm was having the Canadian College of Massage and Hydrotherapy present. The aching cloggers welcomed the services of the students. Two tables were set up and the massages were free of charge.

The buffet dinners Friday and Saturday evening both sold out. The food was fabulous. There were numerous local restaurants and the quaint town of St. Jacobs was nearby.



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Getting a photo of all the dancers wearing the convention t-shirt was difficult. Originally, the photo shoot was set to take place in the Regent Room, a large hall. Too many of us to fit in the camera lens, although it was great fun looking around the room at all the folks wearing the same shirt. I am not sure whose idea it was but we were asked to go outside to the back parking lot. Of course cloggers used to following directions quickly filed out of the hotel. The Waymouth's RV was parked in the lot. Mark, Judy's husband climb to the roof of the vehicle and began snapping photos. What a Kodak moment, it was awesome to be part of the picture!



Friday night the Canadian Fiddle and Step Dance Show was magnificent!! Shane Cook the fiddler is a three-time Canadian Open National Champion, a three-time Canadian Grand Masters Champion, and is the only foreign fiddler to win the US Grand National Championship, he accomplished this at age 17. This show was packed with talent... Kyle Waymouth guitar player, step dancer, Emily Flack keyboard, step dancer, vocals, Melika Lemelin bass, keyboard, Paul Lemelin fiddle, mandolin. A huge thank you to these people for sharing their amazing abilities. So noted are these talented folks 111 spectator tickets were sold to see the show.



Saturday evening, a teary eyed, Colleen Zurbrigg thanked, the pioneers who brought clogging to Ontario, Jack and Dorothy McCulloch. This is a short history. In 1977 this couple seen a clogging demonstration in Atlantic City. They went to Houston Texas and learned as much as they could about clogging. October 24, 1978 the Ontario Rhythm Cloggers group was formed. It was a very successful group. In December 1995 the name Ontario Rhythm Cloggers retired along with Jack and Dorothy. In 2002 Dorothy brought the Ontario Rhythm Cloggers



name out of retirement and passed the name to Colleen Zurbrigg, a huge honor that is well deserved!

Fifteen different clogging groups put on exhibitions with each country represented. The following groups were fantastic, Ontario Rhythm Cloggers, Nathan Ballard & Amanda Lim, Active Lifestyle Centre Double Steppers, Klepeto's Czech Republic, Kick Up A Fuss Cloggers, Shane Gang, German Cloggers, Huron County Cloggers, WNYCA & Friends, Canadian Country Cruiser, Cold Creek/Quinte Bay Cloggers, and Judy School of Dance. Twist And Shout was an hilarious skit performed by Jean Burnett and Darolyn Pchajek, great job ladies! The folks performing in the exhibitions truly enjoyed themselves as did those watching!

The fun dances both nights were a blast. It was special having the German and Australian groups hosting part of the fun dances. After the fun dance Saturday, a social time with games took place. There was equal hysteria among the observers and participants. Miranda Dewetering kept things moving, by organizing relay teams, and equipment. Her competitive winning spirit was contagious and there were some tough battles. Thanks Miranda you are the definition of FUN!

Late Saturday evening, when the SWAT trucks pulled up to the Waterloo Inn many thought they were there to arrest someone. Surprise, the SWAT trucks were actually food trucks. Judy Waymouth, a stickler for details, knew the cloggers would be starving after all the dancing and social games. This was her solution. Not only feed the hungry masses but let everyone get a taste of the local cuisine. Popular on the menu was Poutine - French fries topped with cheese curds and gravy and Beaver Tails - Fried dough pastries top with various sweet condiments. Umm

Judy and Colleen remained energetic and patient the entire weekend. Both of these ladies were so excited to present the 1st Canadian National Convention. They should be proud...it was perfection!



On the beat.....

And the Band Played On The 41st Annual TCC Rally 2020

By Kristin Wendel

The 41st Annual TCC Rally was one I doubt any of its attendees will soon forget. Amid the chaos of the impending Coronavirus, Texans opted to “keep calm and clog on.” And clog on, we did.

The convention began on Friday, March 13th, without a hitch at the Waco Convention Center. However, in the middle of our fun dance, it was announced that all public facilities in Waco were to be closed as of Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m.



The TCC president, Debora Duckett, and the on-site facility chair, Aaron Hodge, rushed around to solve the problem. Before the fun dance was even over, the WCC stepped in and helped us secure rooms at the Hilton, a privately run facility, to host the remainder of the convention on Saturday. We are all so grateful that we get to work with such a fantastic facility. Thanks to the Hilton & the Waco Convention Center!

Josh Phillips and Bobby Butzke began relocating the sound equipment from the seven, already set up rooms, to their new location at the Hilton. Debora Duckett quickly rewrote and reprinted our schedules to accommodate fewer rooms. Everyone stepped up to help the transition, including our guest instructors, Matt Koziuk and Gary Larsen.

Saturday ran smoothly. Many fantastic routines were taught, including an advanced dance with a Latin flare to the song “Como Venga,” where we were introduced to Gary Larsen’s appropriately named “Monster” step. Matt Koziuk kept his group laughing through some of his amazing numbers, including “Cheeseburger in Paradise”, “Everybody,” and “Good Vibrations.” He also transformed what was supposed to be a beginner class to “Gettin’ Jiggy With It” into a “How to Improv and Have Fun on the Dance Floor” class.

The evening ended with our usual exhibition. Though downscaled to a much smaller stage, the talent was still on par with all other exhibitions. Gary Larsen and Matt Koziuk led a team of Texas instructors in an acapella performance, showcasing the fluidity and rhythm of clogging. Gary Larsen followed it up with an amazingly detailed history of percussive dance, leaving the audience in awe of his skill and knowledge of the Irish Jig, Canadian Step Dancing, tap, and many others.

Also at the convention, our Clogger of the Year award was presented to Kathy Rickett of the Shufflin’ Shoes. We presented two \$1,500 scholarships to Lindsay Lee and Keslie Cook. We also inducted Gloria Driver Emmert, Allen Zion, Nancy Beihler, Ron Hodge, and Dee Dick into the Texas Clogging Hall of Fame. The evening ended with an amazing, yet hilarious, performance by the Yellow Rose Cloggers to a “Beetlejuice Medley.”

In the halls of the convention, you never would have known the world was falling apart outside. We laughed, we learned, we ate, but most importantly, we clogged on.



Things are changing quickly and we are trying to keep up. Please reach out to events for specific information



Upcoming Events

May 22-24, 2020

World of Clogging Workshop
 Holiday Inn Eastgate
 Cincinnati, OH
 Hanna Healy 716-725-8415
worldofclogging@aol.com
worldofclogging.com

June 26, 2020

NCCA Clogging Competition
 Crowne Plaza Hotel
 Sacramento, CA
NCCA-INC.com

***New Date* June 26-27, 2020**

City Slicker Stomp
 Independence, MO
 Missy Stanski 816-443-3030
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July 17-18, 2020

Double Toe Jam
 Waco Convention Center
 Waco, TX
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July 24-26, 2020

37th Annual C.L.O.G. National Clogging Convention
 Sheraton New Orleans
 New Orleans, LA
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***New Date* July 23-26, 2020**

Northeast Clogging Convention
 Nashua, NH
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August 7-8, 2020

Sunshine State Clogging Jamboree
 Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort
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August 28-30, 2020

SoCal Shindig Clogging Convention
 La Mirada Holiday Inn
 La Mirada, CA
<https://socialcloggers.org/>

September 18-19, 2020

Fontana Clogging Jamboree
 Fontana Village Resort
 Fontana Village, NC
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June 13, 2020

Riverfront Clogging Class (NCHC)
 Savannah Civic Center
 Savannah, GA
 Quinn Stansell (704)418-8047
qstansell@gmail.com

June 19-20, 2020

Grand Challenge of Champions (NCHC)
 Silver Docks City
 Harrison, MO
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***New Date* June 27, 2020**

City Slicker Stomp (NCHC)
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July 11, 2020

Let the Sparks Fly (NCHC)
 Cabool, MO
 Rebecca Peterson (417) 254-3168
matbec@centurytel.net

July 18, 2020

Mississippi State Showdown (NCHC)
 Petal—PAC
 Petal, MS
 Sarah Hughes (770) 519-2015
sardarby@gmail.com

***New Date* July 23-26, 2020**

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July 25, 2020

Universal Clogging Grand Slam Invitational & Competition (NCHC)
 Sheraton New Orleans
 New Orleans, LA
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August 15, 2020

Wilson County Fair (NCHC)
 Wilson County Fair
 Lebanon, TN
 Grace Pack gpack33@aol.com

***New Date* August 22, 2020**

Cherokee Clogging Challenge (CCA)
 Cherokee Central School
 Cherokee, NC
Ccaclog.com

September 5-6, 2020

USA National Championships (NCHC)
 Gaylord Opryland Hotel
 Nashville, TN
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Thursday	Welcome Fun Dance
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Friday Evening	Exhibitions and Fun Dance
Friday Evening	Optional Riverboat Jazz Dinner
Saturday	Workshops- National Instructors
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Saturday	Universal Clogging Championships
Saturday Evening	Fun Dance

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