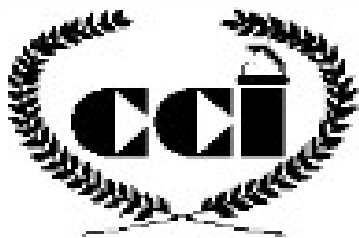


C.L.O.G. Today™



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Certified Clogging Instructor Program becomes CLOG University!



Have you ever wanted to pursue your Certified Clogging Instructor designation but don't have the ability to travel to all the courses? Well, welcome to CLOG University, a blended learning format featuring electronic learning via online media and traditional face to face instruction.

Enrolling in this new program is your first step in improving your instructional skills. You'll join a select group of individuals who have committed themselves to the pursuit of clogging and teaching knowledge. We are committed to bringing the best education and training to instructors and directors worldwide to preserve a true American Folk Dance—Clogging!

The CCI curriculum has a balance of online and face to face instruction. Once you have completed all the course work you will receive your certificate of education and this is the first step in achieving your instructor certification. If candidates choose to complete the certification, they will complete a series of practical application activities and complete final testing..

Online (pre-requisites) **

- ◇ History
- ◇ Marketing
- ◇ Management
- ◇ Leadership
- ◇ Q&A Session



Face to Face session

- ◇ Teaching
- ◇ Choreography
- ◇ Writing Cuesheets
- ◇ Sound/Voice production



** must be completed prior to the face to face session

Face to face classes will be held in conjunction with the National Clogging Convention in New Orleans, LA. July 21st—July 22nd, 2021

Online prerequisite classes to be held July 6—17, 2021

Start the CCI education process by registering online: <http://www.clog.org/cci/>

- ◆ Fees: \$200.00 + a one-time \$50.00 Registration fee (U.S. funds) must be received by July 1, 2021.
- ◆ Online class requirements will be provided after registration is processed.
- ◆ For general information about CCI visit www.clog.org or contact us as cci@clog.org or contact
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CCI Showcase



"Many can teach, but only a precious few can reach"

Enroll today to experience the education of the Certified Clogging Instructor Program and the teaching tips from more than 50 established clogging instructors.

When you apply for CCI you'll be on your way to improving your instructional skills. You'll join a select group of men and women who have made the ultimate commitment to excellence in clogging instruction, career advancement and the ongoing pursuit of knowledge.

Upcoming Sessions:

July 21-22, 2021—New Orleans, LA

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 July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Applicants will be notified by January 31, 2021.

For more information visit: Clog.org



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

See you July 22-24, 2021

New Orleans



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

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Why should you come to the National Convention?

National Instructors
 learn from the masters

Choice of Material
 Over 60 classes, all levels

Certifications
 Teaching, Judging

Nighttime Dances
 3 nights straight nights of fun!

Vendors
 Shoes, apparel, and more!

Universal Clogging Championships
 See top teams compete

Tours

French Quarter Ghost Tour

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

New Choreo....



STUCK IN THE MIDDLE WITH YOU



Artist: Stealers Wheel

May 2020

Available for download on iTunes

Level: Intermediate

#Lockdown2020

Choreography: Josh King (josh@theclogdog.com) & Darolyn Pchajek (Darolyn@daretoclog.com)

WAIT 16 BEATS

INTRO/BREAK

Chacha (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ left)

Triple

Repeat both steps to front

VERSE

Clamato Clap (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ right)

Step Clap Combo (moving diagonal right)

Stomp Basic Brush

Repeat all steps to front

Clowns to the left of me

Jokers to the Right

Over the Stick

VERSE

Clamato Clap (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ right)

Step Clap Combo (moving diagonal right)

Stomp Basic Brush

Repeat all steps to front

Clowns to the left of me

Jokers to the Right

Over the Stick

CHORUS

Spider

Stomp Double (full turn right)

Charleston Kick

Spider

4 Pivot Turns (turn $\frac{1}{4}$ left each & hit the Cowbell)

Slur Rock Combo

INTRO/BREAK

Chacha (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ left)

Triple

Repeat both steps to front

VERSE

Clamato Clap (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ right)

Step Clap Combo (moving diagonal right)

Stomp Basic Brush

Repeat all steps to front

Clowns to the left of me

Jokers to the Right

Over the Stick

INSTRUMENTAL

Samantha (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ right)

Triple Kick (turn $\frac{1}{4}$ left)

Triple

Repeat all steps to front

Heel Chain (moving diagonal right)

2 Basics (moving back)

Repeat last 2 steps with opposite footwork

CHORUS

Spider

Stomp Double (full turn right)

Charleston Kick

Spider

4 Pivot Turns (turn $\frac{1}{4}$ left each & hit the Cowbell)

Slur Rock Combo

INTRO/BREAK

Chacha (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ left)

Triple

Repeat both steps to front

VERSE

Clamato Clap (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ right)

Step Clap Combo (moving diagonal right)

Stomp Basic Brush

Repeat all steps to front

Clowns to the left of me

Jokers to the Right

Over the Stick

ENDING

3 Over the Twigs (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ right each)

Back Cross & Turn (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ left)

Video teach is available on DareToClog on YouTube found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PL8gTc5yoW4>

STEPS TO "Stuck in the Middle"

ChaCha	<u>Step(f)</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Ball</u> <u>Ball</u> <u>Step</u> (turn ½ left on the Ball Ball Step or Cha Cha Cha) L R L R L
Triple	<u>DS</u> <u>DS</u> <u>DS</u> <u>RS</u> <u>Stomp</u> <u>Basic</u> <u>Brush</u> <u>Stomp</u> <u>DS</u> <u>RS</u> <u>Brush Up</u> R L R LR L R LR L
Clamato Clap	<u>DS</u> <u>Slur</u> <u>Step(xb)</u> <u>DS</u> <u>DS(xf)</u> <u>Step(xb)</u> <u>Step</u> (turn ½ right) <u>RS</u> <u>Clap</u> <u>Clap</u> L R R L R L R LR
Step Clap Combo	<u>Step</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Clap</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Clap</u> <u>Clap</u> L R L R
Clowns to the Left of Me	<u>Step(os)</u> <u>Step(tog)</u> <u>Step(os)</u> <u>Touch(tog)</u> Point with both hands at someone to the left of you! L R L R
Jokers to the Right	<u>Step(os)</u> <u>Step(xb)</u> <u>Step(os)</u> <u>Touch(tog)</u> Point to the right with right hand, and circle left hand (while pointing) counter-clockwise R L R L
Over the Stick	<u>Step(f)</u> <u>Step(f)</u> <u>Clap</u> <u>Step(b)</u> <u>Step(b)</u> <u>Clap</u> <u>Step(b)</u> <u>Step(b)</u> <u>Clap</u> <u>Heels Out</u> <u>Heels In</u> <u>Chug</u> L R L R L R BOTH BOTH L
Spider	<u>Stomp</u> <u>Skuff Up</u> <u>Heel</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Tap(b)</u> <u>Slide</u> <u>Skuff Up</u> <u>Heel</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Tap(b)</u> <u>Slide</u> <u>RS</u> L R R R L R L L R L RL
Stomp Double	<u>Stomp</u> <u>DS</u> <u>DS</u> <u>RS</u> (turn full right) R L R LR
Charleston Kick	<u>DS</u> <u>Kick</u> <u>Toe</u> <u>Heel</u> <u>Touch(b)</u> L R R R L
4 Pivot Turns	<u>Pivot</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Pivot</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Pivot</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Pivot</u> <u>Step</u> (Turn ½ left on each 'Pivot' & pretend to hit the cowbell on each 'Step') R L R L R L R L
Slur Rock Combo	<u>Step</u> <u>Slur</u> <u>Step(xb)</u> <u>Rock(os)</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Slur</u> <u>Step(xb)</u> <u>Rock(os)</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Slur</u> <u>Step(xb)</u> <u>Rock(os)</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Slur</u> <u>Step(xb)</u> R L L R L R R L R L L R L R R
Samantha	<u>DS</u> <u>DS(xf)</u> <u>Drag</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Drag</u> <u>Step</u> <u>RS</u> <u>DS</u> <u>DS</u> <u>RS</u> (turn ½ right) L R R L L R LR L R LR
Triple Kick	<u>DS</u> <u>DS</u> <u>DS</u> <u>Kick</u> (turn ½ left) L R L R
Heel Chain	<u>DS</u> <u>Heel</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Heel</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Heel</u> <u>Step</u> (moving forward facing diagonally left) L R L R L R L
2 Basics	<u>DS</u> <u>RS</u> <u>DS</u> <u>RS</u> R LR L RL
Over the Twig	<u>Pivot</u> <u>Step</u> <u>Step(f)</u> <u>Step(f)</u> <u>Clap</u> <u>Step(b)</u> <u>Step(b)</u> <u>Clap</u> <u>Heels Out</u> <u>Heels In</u> <u>Chug</u> (turn ½ right on Pivot) L R L R L R BOTH BOTH L
Back Cross & Turn	<u>Rock(b)</u> <u>Pivot</u> ½ left to Front & put out Jazz hands L BOTH

Our thoughts are with the families.....

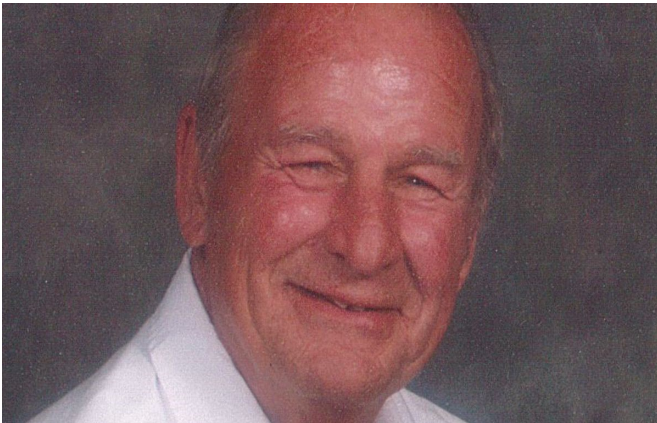
Goodbye to a legend - Big John Walters (1927-2020)

Millard "Big John" Walters, 93 years young peacefully passed away on Friday, August 7, 2020.

Big John was a fixture in the early years of the CLOG organization and responsible for a great deal of the growth of modern clogging. John learned to clog from Bill Nichols while vacationing in Fontana Village. Big John taught hundreds to clog in the Atlanta area, including first daughter Amy Carter and Violet Marsh who founded the National Clogging and Hoedown Council and who helped to spread clogging to the West. He also was a big clogging influence for JoAnn Gibbs, Tandy Barrett, Scotty Bilz and many more.

In the photos shown here, Big John dances with a very young Simone Nichols Pace, the daughter of Bill Nichols. Simone visited with Big John and his wife earlier this year researching clogging for a project honoring her father and those who share his story.

That is me and my cousin Beth with Big John. He was 6' 5" tall - so tall I used to clog through his legs! He was a wonderful person. Prayers for Shirley and his children. - Simone Nichols Pace. Photo by Bill Nichols.



Robert "Bob" Miller (1942-2020)

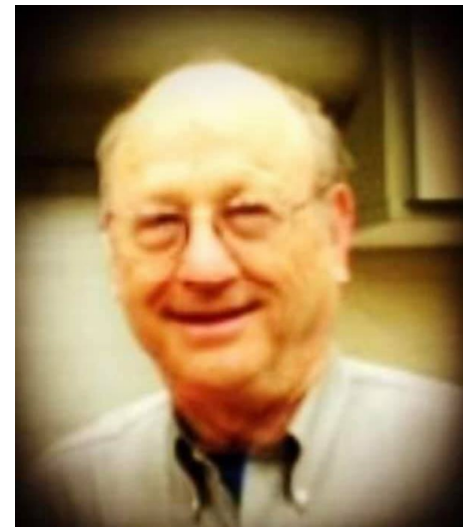
Robert "Bob" Miller, 78, of Jane Lew, WV awakened to Eternal Life on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

Bob graduated from Charleroi Senior High School in Pennsylvania. He then joined the United States Navy in May 1960 and served on the USS Independence during the Cuban Missile Crisis. After settling in Lewis County, Bob found he enjoyed clogging and was very good at it. He was a member of the Mountaineer State Cloggers for ten years and enjoyed

participating in their events at Stonewall Resort.

Bill Moeller (1937-2020)

We join cloggers in Texas and around the clogging world in mourning the loss of Bill Moeller. Bill passed away in the early hours of August 27. Bill and his beloved wife Jean have been an integral part of the clogging community over the past several decades. Bill served as an officer and board member of the Texas Clogging Council as well as Allemande Hall. Please keep Jean, their family, and their clogging family in your prayers.



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



Upcoming Events

January 22-24, 2021

Oregon Mid-Winter Festival
Linn County Expo Center
Albany, Oregon
Aaron & Linda Gibbens (541) 344-8433
a_gibbens@msn.com

March 26-27, 2021

City Slicker Stomp
Independence, MO
Missy Shinoski 816-443-3030
kloghop@sbcglobal.net
www.CitySlickerStomp.Info

April 23-24, 2021

Clogging in the Natural State
Hilton Garden Inn
North Little Rock, AR
Kathey Wilson 870-243-8113
dancetymestudio@gmail.com
www.arkansascloggingscouncil.com

June 25-26, 2021

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

July 22-24, 2021

37th Annual C.L.O.G. National Clogging
Convention
Sheraton New Orleans
New Orleans, LA
David & Susan Phillips 678-889-4355
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Competitions

March 26-27, 2021

City Slicker Stomp Competition (NCHC)
Independence, MO
Missy Shinoski 816-443-3030
kloghop@sbcglobal.net
www.CitySlickerStomp.Info

March 27, 2021

Winter Clogging Invitational(NCHC)
Polk County High School
Columbus, NC
Chip Summey Ncjcs@aol.com

April 3, 2021

Southern Junction Clogging Championships
(NCHC)
Wren County High School

Piedmont, SC

Gwen Stamp (864)299-8601
clogfan@yahoo.com

May 8-9, 2021

Dollywood Clogging Classic(NCHC)
Dollywood
Pigeon Forge, TN
David & Susan Phillips
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<http://dwccclog.webs.com/>

June 19, 2021

Grand Challenge of Champions(NCHC)
Silver Dollar City
Branson, MO
David and Susan Phillips
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June 26, 2021

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

July 3, 2021

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

July 22-24, 2021

Northeast Clogging Competition
Nashua, NH
Beth Kendall 802-439-3349
bkendall@tops-tele.com

July 24, 2021

Universal Clogging Grand Slam Invitational
& Competition
Sheraton New Orleans
New Orleans, LA
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August 14, 2021

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

September 4-5, 2021

USA National Championships (NCHC)
Gaylord Opryland Hotel
Nashville, TN
Registration Information:
ALANIER821@AOL.COM
Opryland Hotel Reservations
ON-LINE Reservations

October 2, 2021

Georgia State Clogging Festival (NCHC)
Anderson Music Hall
Hiawassee, GA
David and Susan Phillips
clog@clog.org
<https://gscfclog.wixsite.com/gscfclog>

October 16-17, 2021

Carowinds Clogging Classic (NCHC)
Carowinds
Charlotte, NC
Ashley Hensley
thedancefactory2016@gmail.com

November 6, 2021

Mars Hill Match-Up (NCHC)
Mars Hill University Moore Auditorium
Mars Hill, NC
Danielle Plimpton dplimpton@yahoo.com
<http://baileymountaincloggers.yolasite.com/cadence.php>

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Wednesday-Thursday	Optional Tours
Evening	
Thursday	Workshops- Up and Rising Instructors
Thursday	Welcome Fun Dance
Friday	Workshops- National Instructors
	Featured Instructors
Friday Evening	Exhibitions and Fun Dance
Friday Evening	Optional Riverboat Jazz Dinner
Saturday	Workshops- National Instructors
	Featured Instructors
Saturday	Universal Clogging Championships
Saturday Evening	Fun Dance

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[Online Convention Registration](#)

INFO: 678-889-4355 convention@clog.org

Schedule Subject to change



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