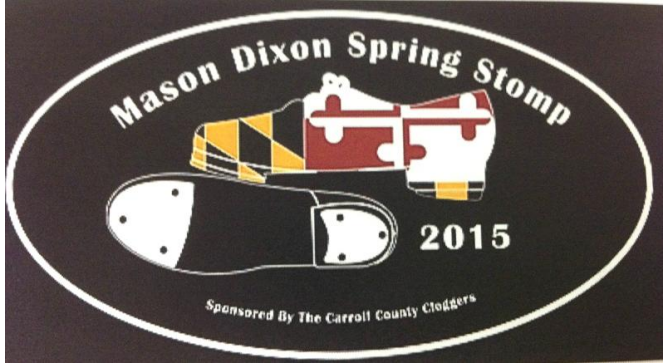


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The location for the Mason Dixon Spring Stomp was St. John's Portico, a absolutely beautiful building in Westminster Maryland. Due to the howling wind, and frigid temperature many thought the workshop should be renamed the Mason Dixon Winter Stomp.

However...once inside the door the dancers quickly warmed up as Barry Welch, a colorful instructor from California, started the workshop with "Fireball." The booty shake and let your butt catch up was comical, especially if your view was from the back line. Barry has a sizable physic...but it is his well worn black shoes rhythmically pounding the floor that command at-

tention. Those taking Barry's advanced teach to "I'm a Man of Constant Sorrow" can attest to this. Last class of the day Barry had everyone "Burnin' Up" an intermediate routine. At the fun dance he demonstrated his amazing History of Clogging!

Ginna Tarsi, a instructor from New Jersey gently greeted the dancers. She is a tiny woman who gracefully connects with the dance floor. Her strength is her music selections, fun up beat stuff, with moves to match.

Joyce Guthrie, Blue Ridge Thunder Cloggers instructor from Virginia, did an outstanding job with her advanced teach to "Beat This Summer". The slower tempo and Joyce's thoroughness ensured everyone in her class got it, including those new to advanced routines. Joyce rewarded those completing this class with a pair of sunglasses.

Mary Smith, also a BRTC instructor taught a duet to "Hot Rod Roadeo" This one has a lot of turns... left, right, half, full, face front, face back, I pretty sure I did not get them all correctly! Loads of fun, she rewarded the class with dum dums!(she assured us that her selection of candy had nothing to do with our ability to follow her directions)

Kathy Moore brought a couple of routines that were well received. Pam Smiley helped out with a beginners class.

It is always fun spending time with the energetic Jayne Treadwell. The room filled for her teach of "River Bank". Jayne had the eight year olds as well as the sixty eight year olds laughing. She also did a fine job assisting at the fun dance.

This workshop was hosted by the Carroll County Cloggers. It was well organized, and welcoming. They had an absolutely stand out hospitality table which remained full of various snacks, and cold water throughout the entire day. All this was provided free of charge, now that is real hospitality! Thanks to Diane Gehret and Lynn Grassi co-chairs, all the committee members, and instructors for a really fun day!



Instructors: Kathy Moore, Jayne Treadwell, Barry Welch, Mary Smith, Joyce Guthrie, Pam Smiley, and Ginna Tarsi (not pictured)



Ginna Tarsi struts her stuff



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Baltimore has a great transportation system. You can get around by train, bus, or car. Want to spend the day in our Nation's Capital? Hop on the MARC, easy on and off and it stops right near the hotel! Want to just explore the Inner Harbor or take in some of the local historical sites and museums? Lots are walking distance and others can be reached by the Charm City Circulator—oh yeah and it is FREE! So come out to Baltimore, explore the history of this great area!

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On the beat.....

Tyler, TX

Garden Valley Senior Cloggers staying active and having fun

Published on Tuesday, 14 April 2015 22:09 - Written by [Melissa McTee](mailto:mmctee@tylerpaper.com).
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The Garden Valley Senior Center Clogging Group has become a hit at the Tyler (TX) Senior Center. Even the employees are participating. Kay Odom, supervisor at the Tyler Senior Center, is now an active member.

"Dance is the total package," Ms. Odom said. "Being a dancer my whole life, dance is brain aerobics, flexibility, endurance, it's just everything."



Tyler senior Sheila Preddy volunteers her time to the group of active ladies weekly. Ms. Preddy instructs the 14-member clogging group. Clogging classes started with only three dancers, but the class has grown during the past three years. The members range in age from 50 to 80 years old.

"The ladies are wonderful and they are doing great," Ms. Preddy said. "As new people come, we teach them the steps and move right into the group and they do a beautiful job."

Preddy has been clogging for 15 years and has volunteered as the group's instructor for the past three years. The group performs at local nursing homes as well as events and luncheons.

"We like to do about a 30-minute show for performances," Ms. Preddy said. "We generally end with our patriotic number for the nursing homes because that is music that the 80- and 90-year-old population relates very strongly to, and it brings back memories and makes them converse."

The Garden Valley Senior Cloggers will be performing at the city of Tyler volunteer luncheon at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rose Garden Center. The luncheon will honor volunteers in Tyler and the clogging group will provide entertainment.

"We are always wanting more people to join," Ms. Preddy said. "Anyone that can clog would be an addition because maybe they could teach us."

Seniors interested in joining the clogging class can call Kay Odom at the Tyler Senior Center at 903-597-0781

Check out the video here: <http://www.tylerpaper.com/TP-My+Generation/217723/garden-valley-senior-cloggers-staying-active-and-having-fun>

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Compass

Advanced

By: Lady Antebellum

Choero : Pam Smiley, clogrpam@gmail.com (714) 273-4066

Sequence : Wait 16 – A – B – C – D - A – B – C – D – A* Break – C – D – End

Part A – 16 Beats

Nylenda DS-H(ots) S(xib) S(ots) H(twist) S(xib) S(ots) H(twist) S S S S DT Jp Tch SI
 Touch L R R L R L R L R L R L R R L R
 &1 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & a7 & a 8

Buck & Pull DS TB HS Sk H FI S T(b) PullBk Tch
 L RR LL R L R R L R L
 &1 e& a2 e & a 3 e &a 4

Double DS DS S DT(f) B FI B S (turn ½ L)
 Fastball L R L R R L L R
 &1 &2 & a3 e & a 4

***** Repeat above back to face the front *****

Part B – 16 Beats

Train DS DT(ots) Hp DT(ots) Hp T(b) B(b) DT(f) B DT(f) B(xif) T(b) B(b) DT(f) B DT(f)
 L R L R L R R L L R R L L R R L
 &1 e& a 2e & a 3 e& a 4e & a 5 e& a 6e
 B(xif) T(b) B(b) DT HOP Tch
 L R R L R L
 & a 7 e& a 8

Cowboy Pause DS DS DS BR S S Ba FI S Ba FI S Ba FI S Tch SI
 Rock &1 &2 &3 &4 & 5 e & a 6 e & a 7 & a 8
 L R L R R R L R R L R R L R R L R

Part C – 32 Beats

Gallop Kick DS B(ots) T B(xib) B(ots) T B(xlb) DT Bnc(Lxif) DT DT Tch Kk Tch
 Touch L R L L R L L R Both L R R R R
 &1 & a 2 & a e 3a & 4a &a 5 & 6

DT DT B-HT(f) SI
 R R R L R
 &a 7a & 8

Only Wanna DS DT H B B B SI (turn ½ L)
 L R L R L R R
 &1 &a 2 & 3 & 4

On the beat..... **Branson, MO**

Award-winning clogging team performs in Branson

Posted: April 15, 2015 - 5:44pm Reprinted from thecabin.net

The LTD Edition Cloggers are on the road to Branson. Members of the award-winning LTD adult competition team "LTD Express" — Angelia Bernhardt, C.J. Conine, Cyerice Martin and Megan Mellott of Greenbrier — will be joining forces with the Sunflower Stompers from McPherson, Kan., for two days of foot-stomping fun performances in Branson, Mo., this weekend. The combined 12-member clog dance team will be performing at the Boatworks Theatre in Silver Dollar City on Friday, April 17, at 10 a.m. with a traditional-style clogging venue of hoedowns and moving line dances, ending their performance with a salute to our armed forces during Worldfest at Silver Dollar City.



Megan Mellott, C.J. Conine, Cyerice Martin and Angelia Bernhardt

The LTD Edition Cloggers and the Sunflower Stompers will also open for the award-winning a capella group SIX at the Mickey Gilley Theatre on the Branson strip Saturday, April 18 at 6 p.m. The LTD Edition Cloggers and the Sunflower Stompers will dance together to a select group of numbers, and then separately to showcase each individual team's style and music, and then reunite on the stage together to end their performance with a group Military Medley saluting our armed forces



(Continued from page 4)

Perfect	DS	DS	DT	Hp	T(xib)	DT	Hp	T(xib)	SL
Double	L	R	L	L	R	R	R	L	R
	&1	&a	2e	&	a	3e	&	a	4

***** Repeat above back to face the front *****

Part D – 16 Beats

2 Slide Flutter	DS	S	Sk	Hp	S(ots)	S(B)-SI	DS	DT(f)	S	DT(f)	S	DT(f)	S	S	S
	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	L	R	R	L	L	R
	&1	&	a	2	&	3	4	&5	e&	a	6e	&	a7	e	& 8

Part A - Nylenda Touch / Buck & Pull / Double Fastball *Repeat*

Part B - Train/Cowboy Pause Rock

Part C - Gallop Kick Touch/ Only Wanna/ Perfect Double *Repeat*

Part D - 2 Slide Flutter

Part A* - Nylenda Touch / Buck & Pull / Double Fastball (no repeat, stay facing front)

Break - 4 Step & Clap

Part C - Gallop Kick Touch/ Only Wanna/ Perfect Double *Repeat*

Part D - 2 Slide Flutter

End - Gallop Kick Touch/ Only Wanna (no turn) / 2 Slow Steps

On the beat.....**News from around the clogging world**

Clogger retires after 25 years in the business

By Laura Broadley, Clinton New Record Weds, April 29, 2015

Norma Preszcator is retiring after having spent the last 25 years teaching and performing all over the county with the Carry on Cloggers. The group is based in Clinton but has members from the surrounding areas.

Preszcator got started clogging after her daughter introduced it to her in the 80s. She didn't want to give it up after her daughter moved on so she started the Carry on Cloggers in 1989.

Preszcator couldn't get enough, she fell in love with it. She liked being able to see her friends with the added bonus of exercising. Clogging is a folk dancing style that uses special shoes to create sounds along with the music. It is fast-paced and requires dancers to be fit.

The Carry on Cloggers put on a special performance every two years starting in 1991 until it's last one in 2012. The performances were done in benefit of different charities. Preszcator said that around \$6000 was raised each time, approximately \$60,000 in total throughout her career.

Members of the Carry on Cloggers know how much dedication it took to keep the group going for so long. Preszcator's energy was palpable, she was always giving 110 percent said Debbie Rathwell.

Preszcator's work ethic is something that her fellow dancers admired.

"She didn't stop until it was perfected" remember Pat Jewitt.

After 25 years together they fell less like friends and more like family, said Rathwell. The group experienced a lot together, including travelling to clogging conventions in the U.S.

At its height the Carry on Cloggers boasted a membership of over 100. Over the last few years Preszcator saw her retirement coming and has been slowly downsizing to 20 dancers.

Although Preszcator is officially retiring, she doesn't want to give up clogging altogether. She will continue to practice clogging at a more leisurely level. The group plans to still perform in nursing homes.

"I don't want to lose our family" she said.

Back row L-R: Deb Foster, Don Jewitt, Gary Black, Debbie Rathwell, Bernice Kemp, Gary Martin, Pat Jewitt. Front row L-R: Jane Ladd, Marj Hayter, Judy Israels, Norma Preszcator, Gary Preszcator, Leisa Stephenson, Donna Martin, and Pat Taylor





Upcoming Events

May 16, 2015

Dallas Clogging Workshop
Sterling Hotel
Dallas, TX
Glen McCrary (214) 455-1716
dallascloggingworkshop@yahoo.com

May 22-24, 2015

Memorial Weekend Workshop
Circle 8 Ranch
Elum, WA
Jeri Staheli (425) 353-0656
www.countrycloggers.org

May 22-24, 2015

World of Clogging Workshop
Cincinnati Airport Marriott
Cincinnati, OH
Jeff Driggs or Hanna Healy
304-776-9571
worldofclogging@aol.com
worldofclogging.com

May 30, 2015

Florida Clogging Council Clogger's Clinic & Mini Workshop
First Christian Church
Melbourne, FL
Andi Farlow Hume (321) 604-0230
andicat14@yahoo.com

June 6, 2015

Thundering Feet Clog Workshop
Coronation Seniors' Centre,
Niagara Falls, Canada
jdurrant1@yahoo.ca

June 18-20, 2015

BYU Cougar Clogging Classic
Provo, UT
801-422-4851
<http://ce.byu.edu/cw/dancecamps/clogging.php>

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Springfield, MA
<http://64nsdc.org/>

July 17-18, 2015

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Waco, TX
[Info: info@doubletoejam.org](mailto:info@doubletoejam.org)
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Clyde Muse Center
Pearl, MS
Angie Miller (601) 906-2882
msclogextravaganza.com

Competitions

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Beach Blast (ACHF)
Cape Fear Middle School
Rocky Point, NC
Jessica Larson (910) 604-0879
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June 6, 2015

Big Horn Mountain Showdown (NCHC)
Buffalo, WY
Shanell Hatch (307) 620-0282
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Jun 6, 2015

Mars Hill University Championships (ACHF)
Moore Auditorium
Mars Hill, NC
Danielle B. Plimpton 828-689-1113
Bailey Mountain Cloggers
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June 20, 2015

Grand Challenge of Champions (NCHC)
Oak Ridge Boys Theatre
Branson, MO
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June 20-21, 2015

Carolina Fusion's Summer Shindig (ACHF)
Stompin' Grounds
Maggie Valley, NC
Stefanie Grubbs 336-918-6269

June 27, 2015

Cherokee Clogging Challenge (CCA)
Cherokee Cultural Arts Center
Cherokee, NC
Matt & Kelly Sexton (423) 282-5065
& (423)-676-1305
DanceExpCloggers@aol.com

June 28, 2015

Explosion Clogging Championships (NCHC)
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[Competition Flyer](#)

Check with event coordinators to confirm event details!

July 11, 2015

The Power All Star Challenge (NCHC)
Woodstock High School
Woodstock, GA
Ryan & Marci Rickard (770) 639-7275
ryanrickard@comcast.net
www.powertapsclgging.com/allstarchallenge

July 19, 2015

Fusion Fest (NCHC)
Newton, NC
Stefanie Grubbs, 336-918-6269
thefusionfest@gmail.com

July 25, 2015

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Orange, VA
Allen & Kim Snow 540-222-6372
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