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Smokey Mountain ENCORE

By: Barbara Elko

“Bravo” **Lynn Ogle** for putting together this outstanding workshop. Encore is a befitting name for this workshop because it is one you will undoubtedly want to experience again.

The convention center in Gatlinburg has a couple of colossal size rooms, along with several standard size rooms for classes. Located just outside the classrooms, hard working, vendors were on hand for your t-shirt and clogging shoe needs. There were about 20 to 30 instructors enlisted to teach. The variety of music and steps these folks brought with them endless.

Competition is a part of Encore. I took some time to watch these talented individuals and teams. Their routines, costumes, and smiles were wonderful! Congratulations to all those who participated.

The fun dances for the most part had **Andrew Perry, Shane Gruber,** and **Trevor DeWitt** at the helm. It is a bit dangerous putting this trio together, the fun just gets out of control! The showcase started Saturday evening around 7 with demos and by 8 the show began. This was a very elaborate production that spanned several hours. About forty different acts took to the stage. The showcase theme this year was movies. The groups performing had a little over a minute to convey their movie through dance. These folks were very entertaining. Of course, once again, **Naomi Pyle** stole the show! Naomi portrayed Baby from the movie *Dirt Dancing*, and brought the house down. This is an ideal workshop to take your non-clogging family members to.

Gatlinburg has many attractions, restaurants, all within walking distance. Best of all the town is the gateway to the great Smoky Mountains.



Thank you Lynn and the many folks that labor to put this remarkable workshop together!

Shane Gruber—photo bomber!

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CERTIFIED CLOGGING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM

Mission Statement

The Certified Clogging Instructor Program (CCI), begun in 1994 as a program of CLOG, was instituted to help increase the quality of clogging instruction for all levels of dancers nationwide. CCI provides a comprehensive educational program and a framework of solid instruction techniques, team management skills and choreography basics supported by an in depth history of the dance itself, for instructors wishing to become more informed, effective, confident, and professional members of the clog dance community. In addition, the program is designed to offer a wealth of information for those simply interested in becoming more knowledgeable of clogging as a dance form.

The CCI team recognizes the need for enlightened and professional instructors not only for young adult and competition teams on the cutting edge of modern clogging, but also for beginners, seniors, and recreational dancers as well.

This program is not intended to be an indicator of the most skillful dancers in our art form today, nor is it necessarily a vehicle to becoming a widely recognized workshop instructor. It is a professional designation for instructors who have spent many hours dedicating themselves to becoming the best leaders possible by learning from some of the most competent, qualified, and successful instructors in the clogging world today.

It is the goal of CCI to provide an educational program for individuals interested in clogging as a dance form and to serve as an asset to all dance instructors teaching all types of dancers.

Clog offers a variety of educational 'tracks' within the CCI program:

- ◆ [Certificate of Education](#)
- ◆ [CCI Designation](#)
- ◆ ["Fast Track" Certification program](#)
- ◆ [International Certification](#)



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For those who need this service, the rates for 2014 have been released .

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You can order or renew on-line at: <http://clogweb.powweb.com/store/page7.html>

If you have questions, contact us at CLOG@clog.org



WORLD OF CLOGGING

Clogging & Dance Workshops & C.C.A. Qualifying Competitions

Memorial Day Weekend May 23-25, 2014

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Friday and Saturday

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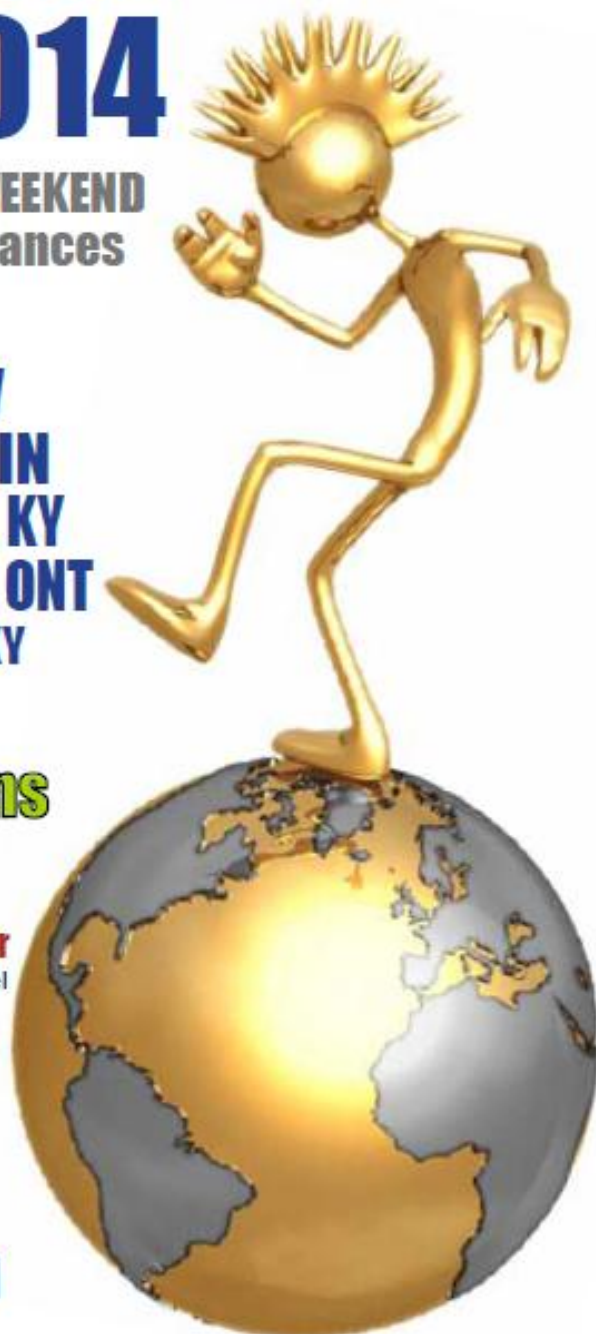


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www.worldofclogging.com



Sugar Foot Rag

Artist: Jerry Reed CD: Jerry Reed-Super Hits

Choreo: Melissa Pack, Lebanon, TN, 615-478-8184, rnmpack@gmail.comChristina Nobili, Charlotte, NC, 276-733-2564, ruclogging@gmail.com

Another Friend & Friend Routine

Intermediate Traditional

Music Type: Country

SEQUENCE: INTRO - A - B - A - C - A - BRIDGE- ENDINGINTRO: Wait 8 Beats & start with the left footPART A:Tennessee Mountain: ds, kick, ds, rs, kick, ds, drag, s, rs
L R R LR L L L R LRMtn. Goat w/pause step: ds, rs, rs, s, hl up, ds dbl flange, s hl up
L RL RL L L R L R LTaz, heel pull chug & a basic: ds k together, k together, k together, up, s heel chug, ds rs
L R BOTH L BOTH R BOTH L L R R R LRThe Sign: ds, rs, drag s, rs, drag s, rs ds rs
L RL L R LR R L RL R LR4 Scoots: dbl sct sct sct sct
L BOTH FEETPART B:Ida Red: dbl (b), br (up), ds(xif), s (xib), sl, ds rs ds br (up)
L L L R R L RL R L3-2-1: ds ds ds dbl up dbl up (turn 1/2 to back) ds rs chug
L R L R R R LR L

*Repeat Ida Red & 3-2-1 facing the back turn 1/2 to face the front on the dbl ups

*On the last 3-2-1 facing the front you will have a pause before the Samantha

Good Ole' Samantha: ds, ds (xif), drag, s, drag, s, rs, ds, ds, rs
L R R L L R LR L R LRPART C:Rooster Run: ds, ds, b(ots), b(behind), b(ots), b(xif)
L R L R L RHit-Hit: ds, touch right foot to left hand, then to the right hand, ds, rs *Turning ¼ to your LEFT
L R R R LRCharleston: ds, touch (in front) toe, heel, rs
L R R R LRCatawba w/ a Pause: d, heel, heel, heel, heel, heel, lift, PAUSE *Turning ¼ LEFT to face back
L R R L L R L L

-REPEAT ALL BACK TO FACE THE FRONT-

Good Ole' Samantha: ds, ds (xif), drag, s, drag, s, rs, ds, ds, rs
L R R L L R LR L R LRBRIDGE:Flip Vine w/ Rock-n-Chair: ds, ds (xif), ds (ots), step *turning 3/4 to your right to face wall, ds, brush up, ds, rs
L R L R L R R LRWagon Wheel: ds, d (over), d (out), make a circular motion with your right foot in back 3 times, ds, rs
L R R R R L

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-REPEAT 2 MORE TIMES TO FACE NEXT TWO WALLS-

*** ON YOUR LAST WAGON WHEEL ADD A PAUSE AT THE END

Good Ole' Samantha: ds, ds (xif), drag, s, drag, s, rs, ds, ds, rs
L R R L L R LR L R LR

**Turning 1/4 to your LEFT to face the FRONT

ENDING:

Tennessee Mountain: ds, kick, ds, rs, kick, ds, drag, s, rs
L R R LR L L L R LR

Shave and a Haircut w/ Heel Click: s, ds (xif), s (pause), click heels in air!
L R L RL

*As you click your heels in the air we want to hear a big: "HEE- HAW!"

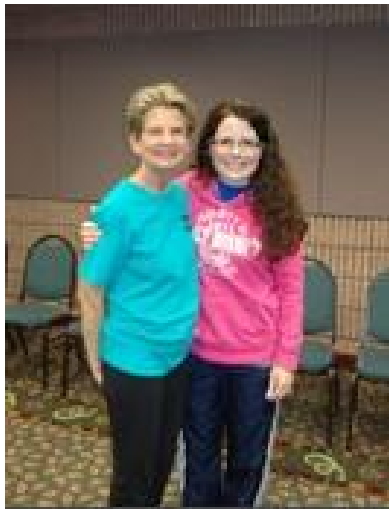
Abbreviations

- BR=Brush
- DBL=Double
- DS=Double Step
- HL=Heel
- K=Kick
- RS=Rock Step
- S=Step
- SCT=Scoot
- XIF=Across in Front

More Smokey Mountain Encore.....



Encore
Rocks!



Barb and Melissa
catch up



Look who showed up...Andrew Bieber!



On the Beat... News from around the clogging world

***International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Folk Arts
wants your team!***

Our good friends, Leticia Bulotano, North American representative on the CIOFF® Council, has called an unusual opportunity to our attention. As you may know, Leticia is a long-time resident of Canada, but she was born in the Philippines and has a great interest in helping our CIOFF® colleagues in her native country.

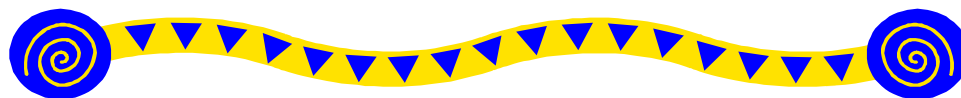
(Leticia founded and directed a Philippine/Canadian group in Montreal, and we first became acquainted with her when she brought this group to FOLKMOOT nearly 25 years ago).

The Philippines will be holding their first CIOFF® International Festival in the city of Koronadal on the island of Mindanao during the first two weeks of August 2015. The City of Koronadal would like to invite a folklore group from the USA to their inaugural Festival. This is very important to them in light of the close ties that have bound the Philippines to the USA for generations.

If you have an interest in exploring this unusual opportunity, please communicate directly with Leticia (Lettie) at lbulotano@recochem.com for additional information and the needed contact information in the Philippines. Please send me a copy of any such response.

Best wishes to all.

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Clogging Team Fundraiser



Please support the Hometown Cloggers as they make their way to Nationals in Tennessee by purchasing one of these cool clogging shirts.

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<https://www.booster.com/hometowncloggingfundraiser?share=1951398652442250>

Jaime Wake
HC Clogging Instructor/Director
www.hometowncloggers.com





Upcoming Events

May 23-25, 2014

World of Clogging Workshop
Radisson Cincinnati North
Cincinnati, Ohio
Hanna Healy (716)725-8415
www.worldofclogging.com

May 23-26, 2014

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

June 19-21, 2014

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

June 19-22, 2014

ECTA Clogging Convention
Suhl, Germany
Info: ecta.de

June 20-22, 2014

19th ACA (Australian Clogging Association
National Clogging Convention
Marrara/Darwin, Northern Territory Australia
Jenny Neal convenordarwin@gmail.com
cloggingaustralia.com

June 25-28, 2014

63rd National Square Dance Convention
State House Convention Center
Little Rock, Arkansas
www.63nsdc.com

July 18-19, 2014

Double Toe Jam
Waco Convention Center
Waco, TX
info@doubletoejam.org
doubletoejam.org

August 15-16, 2014

Sunshine State Clogging Jamboree
Daytona Beach, FL
Jeff Wood (850) 386-1263
wood@talstar.com
Naomi Pyle (812) 579-6979
Naomi_p@sbcglobal.net

August 15-16, 2014

Mississippi Clogging Extravaganza
Brookhaven, MS
msclogextravaganza.com

August 16, 2014

Stompin' in the Black Hills
Belle Fourche, South Dakota
Jackie (307) 283-2925
Jeri (605) 391-5374

August 29-31, 2014

28th Annual Kick Off
Tacoma, WA
Anne Mills (380) 710-1260
Annemills121@comcast.net

September 5-6, 2014

Florida Clogging Council State Convention
Eau Gallie Civic Center
Melbourne, FL
Floridacloggingcouncil.org

September 5-6, 2014

Clogging & Folk Festival
Mountain View, AR
870-269-3851
ozarkfolkcenter.com

September 26-27, 2014

Northwest Clogging Annual Workshop
Hazel Dell Grange
Vancouver, WA
Barb Guenette
bguenette@shaw.ca
Alberta Stamp
astamp@olypen.com
nwcloggers.com

Competitions

May 23-25, 2014

World of Clogging Championships (CCA)
Radisson Cincinnati North
Cincinnati, Ohio
Hanna Healy (716)725-8415
www.worldofclogging.com

May 31, 2014

Mars Hill University Championships (ACHF)
Moore Auditorium
Mars Hill, NC
Danielle B. Plimpton (828) 689-1113
dbuice@mhu.edu

June 6-7, 2014

Big Horn Mountain Showdown (NHC)
Buffalo, WY
Shanell Hatch (307) 620-0282
shanellhatch@yahoo.com

June 7, 2014

The Power All-Star Challenge
(NHC & Cadence Sanctioned)
Woodstock Baptist Church
Woodstock, GA
Ryan Rickard (770) 639-7285
www.powertapsclogging.com/allstarchallenge

June 14, 2014

Grand Challenge of Champions (NCHC)
Branson, MO
David and Susan Phillips (678) 889-4355
gncccllog@gmail.com
www.gncccllog.webs.com

June 28, 2014

United We Dance Championships (CCA)
Cherokee Cultural Arts Center
Cherokee, NC
Matt & Kelly Sexton (423) 676-1305
dancexploggers@aol.com

June 28, 2014

Carolina Fusion's Summer Shindig (ACHF)
Edward C. Smith Civic Center
Lexington, NC
Stefanie Grubbs (336) 918-6269

CLOG Welcomes New Members

Barbara Cochran, VA
Caroline Atkinson, CA

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 or clog@clog.org.



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~ Monday ~ Wednesday
Judges Training ~ Thursday
CCI Testing ~ Thursday

Pre-Convention Events:

Evening Dance ~ Wednesday
Open Teach Halls ~ Wednesday & Thursday
Dance Expose' ~ Thursday

Convention Events:

Parade of Colors ~ Thursday Evening
Evening Dancing ~ Thursday - Saturday
Workshops ~ Friday & Saturday
Seminars ~ Friday & Saturday
Exhibitions ~ Friday Evening
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