



CINDY BLACK (2012)

Cindy, originally from Mecklenburg VA, moved to Tidewater in 1968. She is both an accomplished dancer and teacher; proficient in Shag, country, ballroom and West Coast Swing. Cindy became a ballroom instructor in 1977 at International Dance Studio. She danced at The Round Room and Stage 54 on a regular basis in the late 70's and early 80's. While living in Columbus OH, Cindy taught for the Arthur Murray Dance Studio where she won the Region 5 Championship. She started Shagging in 1998, and has been teaching Shag on the Peninsula with her husband, Larry (VSHOF, 2012) ever since.

Cindy is a founding and lifetime member of the Colonial Shag Club. As a strong supporter of young shaggers, she is on the Board for and lifetime member of the Junior Shag Association and was responsible for the formation of Youth Shaggers of Hampton Roads.

In November 2011, Cindy was inducted into the National Living Legends of Dance.

In 2012, she traveled to Moscow, Russia with her talented son, Brennar Gorree (a multi-time national Junior and Adult dance champion in both Carolina Shag and West Coast Swing). In Moscow they introduced and taught Carolina Shag at the 2012 Moscow Christmas Dance Camp. Over the years she has continued to travel with Brennar to teach and DJ at dance events in Brazil, Australia and Paris, France.

In her early days of Shagging, she and her husband Larry competed a bit and even danced on a couple of Shag Dance Teams. She later continued to compete with her son at the USA Grand Nationals Dance Championships, won the Strictly Shag Division of the US Open Swing Dance Championships, and made her way up to the Pro Level in the Competitive Shaggers Association (CSA).

Over the years Cindy has continued to share her passion with dance, continuing to teach and DJ when the opportunities present themselves at shag club parties up and down the East Coast. Her favorite DJ spot to play is Fat Harold's and Ducks in North Myrtle Beach, SC.