



NANCY WALL (2004)

Nancy's dance "career" started at home. With six older siblings and one younger sibling and plenty of rock n' roll and Rhythm & Blues music, there was always bopping. Three of them frequented the Peppermint Lounge in Chester VA, where shag lessons were available in 1991. After hearing about the Richmond Shag Club (RSC), they all headed there for lessons with "Little Earl" Robinson (VSHOF, 1987) and Pat Henson (VSHOF, 1991). Nancy's progress was such that she was soon an instructor, and thereafter became involved in Club committee work (serving on numerous committees) and ultimately served on the RSC's Board of Directors.

The pure love of the dance and superior styling lead to Nancy's entering the competitive arena. Dancing with Joe Tedesco (VSHOF, 2001), they placed 2nd at the Premier Shag Contest at North Myrtle Beach. Along with her older brother (the late, great Dink Slaughter, VSHOF, 2010), she competed and placed in several competitions in the CSA Amateur Division from 2005-2012. When asked by CSA competitor John Philips to dance at Lynn's (Charlotte, NC) CSA contest in April 2012, Nancy accepted and they placed second, prompting them to dance the very next month at the 2012 USA Grand National Dance Championships in the Non-Pro division in Atlanta.

She was selected as a judge for the very first O.D. Arcade Rookies' Revenge dance contest at SOS, and has served as a judge for CSA and for the Virginia Junior Shaggers, Inc.. Over this period, she performed in regional shag exhibition dances and introduced her two nieces to the Junior Shaggers universe. Her mentoring and encouragement made it possible for her niece, Taylor Perkinson, to become a junior champion, advancing to Pro level in CSA. Nancy continues to support Junior Shaggers through the Virginia Junior Shaggers, Inc.

Due to her ceaseless contributions to the dance, Nancy was inducted in 2010 into the National Living Legends of Dance, and remains active in the universe of Carolina Shag.